

REPORT OF TESTING OF A GROUP OF FAMILIES
GIVEN RELIEF IN 1929.

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When I was secretary of the Central Office of the United Charities in St. Paul, which is the rooming house district and where the lower grade people naturally congregate, we decided to give mental tests to every client on our lists. We had 180 names which we listed alphabetically. I took Dr. Rockwell's course in mental testing and after considerable experience we decided we would get as many appointments from Dr. Kuhlmann's office, that Miss Singleton, one of the district workers and experienced tester, and I would find out what percentage of the people we were helping were sub-normal mentally and how many mentally competent and what the characteristics of these groups were. It was impossible to test 100% and I think the chief thing I have to say is that the place to make such a study is not in a relief office, but in some institution such as the school where you can get your people when you want them.

I have just been telling Dr. Kuhlmann that his office does not know how hard it is for us to keep our appointments at the Research Bureau. We made a very great effort to carry out our plan but our methods were haphazard and there was no method or reason in the way we went about it. If I was not busy when a man made his first application to our office, I gave him a mental test; if Miss Singleton was not in a hurry when she made a visit she gave a test in the home. When we had appointments at the Research Bureau we got twice as many clients lined up as we needed, called for them at their homes because the people would not be ready when we called or went out just before we came and we quite often got to the Research Bureau an entirely different group of people from those on which we had planned. Generally provided we got in touch with our clients. We had little difficulty in getting them to the tester but if a person did not want to take the test he could evade doing so very easily and no manner of force can be used in a relief office.

When we found we could not get the man and woman tested in the whole 180 families Dr. Kuhlmann suggested we take every tenth family which would make a fair sample. We looked over our list but found that before we could even accomplish this too many families would have disappeared, we could not manage even to get tests on every tenth couple who made new applications to our office.

I am still interested and wish that children tested in the schools could be followed up after they leave school. The Social Agencies could then give what social history they have. We do not know at present how many of the defective children leaving our schools become community problems. The workers in our office were surprised that many of the families who seemed most inadequate were not below par mentally or were at least above the feeble minded level. Our general impression was that the feeble minded people were more willing to follow the workers suggestions and with close supervision were more easily handled than those in the high levels. Since we could not get every tenth family tested we felt that we did not have a fair sample and did not continue with this study altho the tests were a great advantage to the workers in deciding their approach on the individual problems. I have my figures with me, the K. beside the name means that the person was tested by the Research Bureau, S. means Miss Singleton and D. myself.

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FAMILIES ACTIVE IN OFFICIAL OFFICE, UNITED CHARITIES, ST. PAUL

IN 1929 WHEN TESTS MADE

	M.	W.		M.	W.
1.	69S	72S	52.	Out of town	
2.	56K	64D	53.	96D	853
3.	closed	-	54.	Old Age	
4.	-	-	55.	(d)	78K
5.	79D	71D	56.	Colored	
5.	Mental		57.	-	80D
7.	des.	Cancer	58.	-	-
8.	71D	60D	59.	-	-
9.	Colored		60.	-	61K
10.	99D	58K	61.	Insane	79D
11.	63K	divorced	62.	73K	79D
12.	des.	62K	63.	58K	81K
13.	(d)	Insane	64.	-	56D
14.	-	-	65.	81S	-
15.	-	-	66.	90D	-
16.	-	-	67.	-	-
17.	-	-	68.	-	-
18.	Colored		69.	102D	52D
19.	112K	63K	70.	-	-
20.	-	-	71.	86S	90K
21.	-	-	72.	88K	66K
22.	-	-	73.	69S	87S
23.	69S	84D	74.	Out of town	
24.	84K	67K	75.	-	88K
25.	-	-	76.	-	-
24.	76K	62K	77.	Insane	Goiter
25.	Colored		78.	-	62D
26.	-	-	79.	57K	72K
27.	-	-	80.	Des.	62K
28.	71D	67D	81.	(d)	73K
29.	Old age	Old age	82.	54K	49K
30.	-	-	83.	Des.	-
31.	-	-	84.	-	-
32.	refused		85.	77D	61K
	illiterate	77D	86.	(d)	62K
33.	(d)	86D	87.	Out of town	
34.	Language	59D	88.	54D	68K
35.	66K	57K	89.	73K	64K
36.	Insane	-	90.	66K	61
37.	des.	58K	91.	104D	-
38.	-	-	92.	-	-
39.	55K	49K	93.	-	-
40.	-	-	94.	Des.	88K
41.	-	-	95.	72K	-
42.	77K	58 school	96.	-	-
43.	des.	65K	97.	-	-
44.	87K	divorced	98.	Out of town	73D
45.	-	-	99.	-	-
46.	-	-	100.	-	-
47.	83K	-	101.	84D	-
48.	colored		102.	65S	-
49.	105D	107K	103.	-	-
50.	98D	(d)	104.	-	-
51.	66K	55K	105.	111D	75D

	M.	W.		M.	W.
106.	-	-	163	74K	78D
107.	Old Age	-	164.	-	56D
108.	Colored	-	165.	-	80D
109.	-	-	166.	62D	86D
110.	-	-	167.	Old Age	-
111.	-	84D	168.	-	71S
112.	Des.	60K	169.	62K	56D
113.	(a)	Old Age	170.	-	-
114.	-	-	171.	84D	-
115.	-	-	172.	-	63K
116.	-	-	173.	88	Insane
117.	-	-	174.	82D	84S
118.	-	-	175.	87K	-
119.	90D	-	176.	111D	-
120.	-	-	177.	Language	-
121.	-	-	178.	Language	-
122.	-	-	179.	-	-
123.	-	-	180.	70K	58K
124.	-	-			
125.	-	-			
126.	-	-			
127.	Colored	-		M.	W.
129.	Closed	-	181.	-	-
130.	95S	-	182.	83D	-
131.	-	-	183.	(d)	78K
132.	-	-	184.	57D	62D
133.	-	-	185.	97D	-
134.	81S	Language	186.	-	-
135.	62D	59D	187.	73D	84D
136.	-	-	188.	99D	97D
137.	-	82K	189.	91D	93D
138.	69K	63K	190.	-	81D
139.	Old Age	-	191.	80S	-
140.	Closed	-	192.	-	-
141.	68S.	70K	193.	-	74D
142.	75D	-	194.	-	-
143.	58S	Deaf	195.	-	92D
144.	Closed	-	196.	-	-
145.	84S	-	197.	Mental	mental
146.	70D	-	198.	77D	-
147.	Colored	-	199.	-	-
148.	-	-	200.	-	-
149.	79D	-	201.	-	-
150.	58K	73S	202.	64K	-
151.	Des.	-	203.	Out of town	-
152.	58K	69K	204.	-	-
153.	-	70K	205.	-	-
154.	Old Age	-	206.	49D	56D
155.	-	-	207.	-	-
156.	72D	-	208.	94D	88S
157.	Des.	99K	209.	-	-
158.	62S	(d)	210.	73D	76D
159.	-	-	211.	-	-
160.	-	-	212.	-	-
161.	Des.	63K	213.	Colored	-
162.	74K	-	214.	-	-

	M.	W.		M.	W.
215.	-	-	244.	-	-
216.	-	-	245.	-	-
217.	-	-	246.	-	-
218.	-	-	247.	-	82D
219.	-	-	248.	83 Y	87 ?
220.	63D	-	249.	96D	-
221.	59D	-	250.	-	-
222.	-	-	251.	Colored	-
223.	34D	81D	252.	-	-
224.	-	-	253.	-	-
225.	71D	74D	254.	-	-
226.	Old Age	-	255.	72D	88K
227.	-	-	256.	-	-
228.	-	-	257.	59K	62K
229.	100D	-	258.	-	-
230.	-	-	259.	-	-
231.	Closed	-	260.	-	77D
232.	Colored	-	261.	-	-
233.	Colored	-	262.	-	-
234.	-	-	263.	-	-
235.	-	-	264.	-	-
236.	Des.	81D	265.	-	-
237.	Insane	-	266.	-	-
238.	-	55S	267.	-	-
239.	-	-	268.	-	-
240.	79D	98D	269.	-	-
241.	Old Age	-	270.	-	-
241.	(d)	-	271.	-	-
242.	79D	-	272.	74D	60D
243.	-	-			

SUMMARY OF TESTS

	M.	W.
Average	77-4	75-3
100 & over	7	1
90 to 99	11	6
80 to 89	18	21
70 to 79	26	20
60 to 69	15	25
50 to 59	12	14
40 to 49	1	2
Total	88	82