

Intelligence of Mental Defectives with Congenital Syphilis. (*Proc. Amer. Assoc. for the Study of the Feeble-minded*, 1926.) Dayton, Neil A.

The writer finds that "when congenital syphilis initiates the pathological process resulting in mental deficiency, it is less severe because a higher average of intelligence is attained than in cases with other ætiology."

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The Neuropsychiatric Import of the Personality Reactions of Mental Defectives. (*Proc. Amer. Assoc. for the Study of the Feeble-minded*, 1926.) Heldt, Thos. F.

The significance of the personality reactions of aments is only partially understood, and all too common is the habit of regarding their actions and reactions as simple and obvious. There are similar reasons for delinquency in aments as there are in the normal. Psycho-pathologists lay much stress on our instinctive urges, yet, Dr. Heldt complains, when confronted with mental defectives in whom sex-urge, aggression and fear may stand out prominently, many are the psycho-analysts who exclaim "We can analyse only the intelligent." Without desiring to be unduly critical, Dr. Heldt would "emphasize the need of ways and means of interpreting the behaviour of the mental defective. Motivation and rationalization studies are sorely needed."

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Defects in the Zone of Language (Word-deafness and Word-blindness) and their Influence in Education and Behaviour. (*Proc. Amer. Assoc. for the Study of the Feeble-minded*, 1926.) McCready, E. B.

The aphasias of childhood, while they occur in children of normal and even superior intelligence, are far more common in aments. Such conditions, especially word-blindness, leading to backwardness in school are frequent sources of behaviour difficulties, while inevitably the emotional life of the individual is affected. Their recognition, therefore, as the writer points out, is of tremendous importance not only in avoiding an unjust diagnosis of amentia, but also in the application of proper educational methods to the training of such mental defectives. "Even the minor degrees leading to delayed and impaired speech and difficulties in reading and number work should be recognized in order that appropriate special training may be given." It is the writer's opinion that the conditions of juvenile aphasia in varying degrees of severity are quite common in aments, and that teachers and others should know this and modify their methods of instruction accordingly.

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7. Sociology.

The Classification of Delinquents. (*Medico-Legal Journ.*, New York, July, 1926.) Richmond, Frank C.

The Psychiatric Field Service of Wisconsin came into being in July, 1925. It aims at making a physical and mental examination