

Social Inadequacy as seen in the Defective Delinquent. (Proc. Amer. Assoc. for the Study of the Feeble-minded, 1926.) Branham, V. C.

This is an exhaustive study of 135 cases at the New York State Institution for Defective Delinquents. The author recognizes four well-defined groups, and classifies them as follows :

- I. *Community-conscious type (social).*
 - a. Good conduct group.
 1. Socially adjustable in community.
 2. Socially adjustable in confinement only.
 - b. Unstable group (psychopathic traits not well developed).
- II. *Community-indifferent type (asocial).*
 - a. Unplanned disorderly childish conduct (active low-grade feeble-minded group).
 - b. Highly suggestible and easily led (especially for sex offences—passive low-grade feeble-minded group).
- III. *Community-antagonistic type (anti-social).*
 - a. Marked aggressive resentment against authority.
 1. The assaultive type.
 2. The acquisitive type.
 3. Pre-paranoid states.
 - b. Feebly-expressed resentment against authority.
 1. The pilfering type.
 2. The disorderly, destructive type (planned).
- IV. *Community-irreponsible type (irresponsible).*
 - a. The toxicant group (alcohol, drugs).
 - b. The psychopathic group.
 1. Fairly constant abnormal behaviour.
 2. Inconstant abnormalities (cross index with I.b).
 - c. The episodic group.
 1. Subject to marked emotional upsets.
 2. Epileptics.
 3. Transient delusional states.
 - d. The actively psychotic group (insane).

The author believes that any of the members of these groups with suitable training and treatment might be able eventually to find his way back into the community, but the largest numbers of those most likely to do so are to be found in the community-conscious or social class, even as the psychopathic and least adjustable of these cases he places at the bottom of his list, in Class IV. Further, Dr. Branham contends that as each of these groups demands special methods of occupational activities, housing and treatment, his classification scheme ensures a practical working plan for group segregation.

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The Eugenic Sterilization of the Feeble-minded. (Proc. Amer. Assoc. for the Study of the Feeble-minded, 1926.) Laughlin, H. H.

Twenty-three States in America have enacted laws to provide for the sexual sterilization of certain degenerate individuals, and