

girls in employment has actually decreased from 320 to 314, although the total number of cases reported on has grown from 902 to 1,001. During the war, and for some time afterwards, no difficulty was experienced in procuring situations for such mentally defective persons as were capable of employment, but under the present conditions of industry considerable difficulty arises. The earnings of those, however, who have remained in employment show the general upward tendency which wages had during 1920, and three men are each reported as able to earn £5 per week, while two others in business on their own account are reported to be making comfortable livings. The percentage of cases in institutions again decreased last year, and the committee says it finds that institutional accommodation for the mentally defective continues to be deplorably inadequate throughout the country as a whole.

#### BUREAU OF SPECIAL EDUCATION IN OHIO

THE eighty-third General Assembly of Ohio appropriated \$10,000 "for the training of teachers for subnormal and delinquent children." One sentence in an appropriation bill provided that this sum should be transferred to one of the state colleges of education "to be designated by a committee composed of the director of juvenile research, the president of Ohio University, the president of Miami University, the superintendent of Bowling Green State Normal School, and the superintendent of Kent State Normal School for such purposes." On December 30, 1920, the committee decided to place the work under the administration of Miami University. Practically all the initial appropriation was used for the purchase of psychological, anthropometric and medical apparatus, intelligence and educational test blanks, office and classroom furniture and equipment, material for special class work, a piano, a victrola, a portable projector, a Burroughs adding machine, etc., and the payment of salaries up to the end of the fiscal year, July 1, 1921.

Instruction was first offered in the summer

session under the temporary direction of Dr. J. E. Wallace Wallin, who has been director of the psycho-educational clinic and special schools in St. Louis during the past seven years, and who during the preceding four years was director of laboratories of clinical psychology and anthropometry in the State Village for Epileptics in New Jersey and the University of Pittsburgh, and who has offered courses for the training of teachers and examiners of abnormal children during the last eleven years in the Vineland Training School, the Universities of Pittsburgh, Iowa, California and Montana, and the Harris Teachers College of St. Louis.

Dr. Wallin has been retained as permanent director of the department, which is known as Bureau of Special Education. The present staff includes, in addition to the directors, one assistant to the director, one stenographer on part time, and two critic teachers, a part of whose salaries is paid by the local school districts in which are the observation and practise centers. The main practise center during the present year is in Hamilton. It is hoped to locate the bureau eventually in a large city, which will afford, in connection with the public-school system, ample opportunities for observation and practise teaching in many kinds of special classes and which will also afford superior clinical advantages.

#### A FOREST EXPERIMENTAL STATION AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

THE continued steady depletion of the timber supply in the Appalachian region has led the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture to establish a new forest experiment station at Asheville, North Carolina. This is the first organization of its kind to be established in the eastern United States.

The staff will be engaged mainly in silvicultural research to secure information greatly needed for the proper management of forest lands in order to insure a continuous supply of timber and other forest products. E. H. Frothingham has been appointed director. He comes to the station with a background of over twelve years of investigative work with the Forest Service throughout the east-