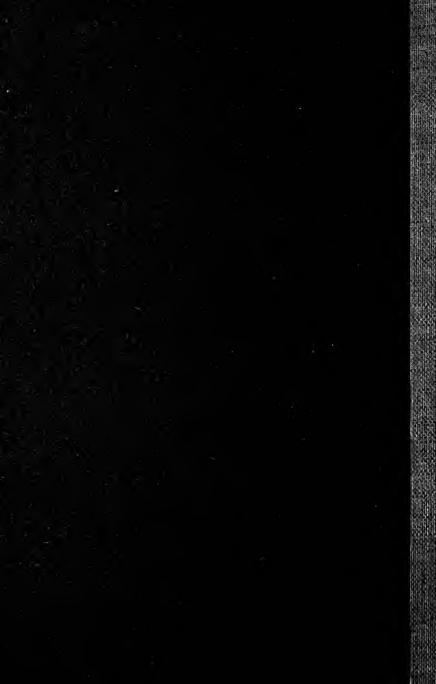
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The scientific study of the educationally exceptional child should follow a definite plan of procedure and should be sufficiently comprehensive to include an investigation of all the important intrinsic and extrinsic factors which may mar his development. A complete investigation should include the study of the child's developmental, family, hereditary and school histories, an investigation of his past and present social and physical environment, and an examination of his present physical condition and anthropometric, educational and psychological status. A completely satisfying investigation thus requires the cooperation of the social and hereditary worker, the teacher, the medical expert and the psycho-educational clinician.

The following schema is offered as a guide to the scientific examination of mentally abnormal children. It may be used in either of two ways. First, the various forms may be reprinted on separate blanks with appropriate vacant spaces, to be filled in by the investigator. The chief objection to this plan is probably financial: blanks are expensive, and in few cases will it be possible to fill out all the spaces, while in many cases it will not be necessary to do so. Second, the investigator may thoroughly familiarize himself with the contents of the various forms,

and follow them as a systematic and comprehensive guide to his investigation; but instead of entering the data on printed blanks he may write up a 'running history,' giving the essential facts of the case, on blank sheets. Whether the one plan or the other is followed, it is desirable that every investigator should append a brief summary of his findings and recommendations.

and laboratory investigators of children that parents and relatives or any from whom bio-social data are sought—must be approached with much tact and judgment. Gathering hereditary, personal and social data is, at best, a very delicate undertaking, subject to many errors, and many investigators fail utterly to secure, or otherwise they pervert, the significant factors, either because they do not know how to approach parents so as to win their confidence and put them in a communicative attitude, or because they suggest answers by their indiscreet use of leading questions. While, therefore, a 'guide' will prove of the greatest value to child investigators, they must know above all else how to use the guide with tact, common sense and discriminating intelligence.

Social and hereditary investigators must also be cautioned against drawing premature or unjustifiable conclusions from hearsay evidence. They must accustom themselves to weigh reports very carefully, and to verify them in every way possible. There is a large amount of work done today in heredo-biology, heredo-psychology and social investigation which is careless, unscientific and worthless. Do not conclude that someone was feebleminded or insane simply because someone reported him to be 'slow,' 'stupid,' 'feebly-gifted' or as acting 'queerly.' Do not conclude that a child is feeble-minded simply

because he appears stupid or feeble-minded to you, or because he happens to test three years, or even four or five years, retarded. Science cannot be founded on guesswork. Gather all possible facts bearing on your case, and avoid hasty generalizations. It is rather for the trained specialist to supply the diagnoses.

It need scarcely be said that when the same person gathers the developmental, hereditary and school data, it is not necessary to re-record on each blank the identical facts called for in the different blanks unless there is a discrepancy in the statements.

FORM I

DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY

No.	Diag	nosis	Source	of data	Date
Full na	me		Ag	e: date of b	irth
yrs.	mos.	Address	(with	'phone)	Father's
name		Moth	er's na	me	Guardian's
name		By whom r	eferred	for investig	ation

(Underscore appropriate words, and fill in other data)

CONCEPTIVE CONDITIONS: diseases, syphilis, gonorrhea, tuberculosis, scrofula, alcohol, drugs, health, overwork, starvation, fright, accidents, anxiety, excitement, aversion, etc., before or at time of conception in mother in father

PREGNANCY CONDITIONS: above data for mother during pregnancy. Also pelvic diseases, attempts at abortion, 'maternal impressions,' legitimacy of child

BIRTH CONDITIONS: premature (how much) full term, weight labor normal, prolonged (how long) or difficult; delivery with instruments or anesthesia; difficult animation, breathing or crying, cyanosis; injury or deformity (especially of head) or paralysis; inability to suckle

GROWTH CONDITIONS: nursed (by whom, how long)

Bottle fed (how long, what)

What fed when weaned

Sickly as baby or child

First

teeth, when (any fever or illness) Second teeth, when Fontanel, closed when First crawled, when Stood alone, when Walked (unsupported steps), when Walked well. when Ran well, when Supported head, when Talked-single words correctly applied, when Short phrases, when Complete sentences, when Specific speech defects, what, since when, circumstances Able to hold or grasp well, when Control of fundamental reflexes (acquisition of tidy habits), when Beginning of puberty Of menstruation (difficult)

DISEASES AND ACCIDENTS (age, attributed cause, severity, subsequent effects, recovery): measles, smallpox, whooping cough, scarlatina, scarlet fever, mumps, diphtheria, cerebro-spinal meningitis, infantile paralysis, rickets, malnutrition, inanition, scrofula, swollen glands, adenoids, enlarged tonsils, nose, eyes, ears, nervousness, muscular twitches, where chorea, periodical headaches, fainting spells, convulsions (infantile or epileptic, with data) enuresis (nocturnal or diurnal), falls, injuries, orthopedic deformities, pubertal or menstrual troubles Vaccinated, when, effects Hospital or surgical record

M. D.'s by whom examined or treated

Diagnoses by different M. D.'s

Habits: sleep (past and present): hours of retiring and arising sound, restless, insomnia (cause). Drinking: tea, coffee, wine, beer, whisky; drugs (how much, how frequently)

Appetite: hearty, poor, capricious, gluttonous, food preferences, usual menu

Chews or smokes: cigarettes, cigars, pipe. Excessive indulgence in sweets

Masturbates, sexually immoral or perverse.

sexually immoral or perverse. MENTAL AND PHYSICAL PECULIARITIES IN INFANCY AND CHILDHOOD (age first observed, parents' explanation): queer or bizarre ideas, action, behavior, speech, disposition Fits of crying or laughing, with or without cause Outbreaks, tantrums, continuous or periodic Night terrors, sleep-walking Morbid fears Criminal, intemperate, immoral or destructive tendencies Running away Solitude or company preferred Shut-in, solitary disposition Playing or seeking younger or older persons or opposite sex Dull, stupid, lazy, indifferent, bright, talented, precocious (with facts)

RECORD OF DELINQUENCIES (with ascribed causes, institutional, court and probation records):

AGENCIES which have previously been interested in this child:

Additional Remarks:

RECOMMENDATIONS (by whom):

RESULTS OF FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS (as reported later): SIGNATURE:

FORM II

FAMILY AND HEREDITARY HISTORY

No.	Diagnosis	So	urce of da	ta	Date	
Full name		Born,	where		Age: da	te of
birth	yrs.	mos.	Lives	with		at
(street, wit	h 'phone)		Name, wi	th birth	place, nation	nality
and religion	of father		of	mother	•	-
Language s	poken at home	1	1		Order of c	hild's
birth	no. of	sisters,	alive	dead	of bro	thers,
alive de	ad Age of	father	at child's b	irth	of mother	
Blood relat	ionship between	n parei	nts		Parents :	living
apart, toget	ther, divorced.	Occupa	ation and v	veekly e	arnings of f	ather
of	mother	of othe	er children		of child	
Health, mo	rals, habits, dis	eases, s	exual habi	ts, etc.,	prior to bir	th of
child, of fat	ther	of moth	er (see Fo	rm I)	_	

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RECOMMENDATIONS: SIGNATURE: headache, diphtheria •Mental tr standing,

FORM III

HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD ENVIRONMENT

No. Diagnosis Source of data Date Full name Age: date of birth vrs. Address (with 'phone) Lives with Parents' address, if different Father's name Mother's name Parents alive Parents living together Ιf separated, divorced or deserted. Guardian's name and address Child's birthplace Language spoken in home Referred for investigation by Successive places of residence (with sanitary, hygienic and moral conditions of each)

PRESENT HOME INFLUENCES

(Underscore appropriate words, and fill in other relevant data)

FINANCIAL: rich, moderate, poor, impoverished, proverty-stricken, charity case. Weekly earnings of father mother children Breadwinners, who Influence of financial conditions on child's care

FOOD: quantity quality DRINKS: what how often how much No. of meals (typical menus)

CLOTHING: ample, insufficient, shabby, soiled, tasteless, immodest (effect on child)

BATHING: frequency

Housing: flat, tenement, house; no. of rooms of bedrooms bathroom no. of lodgers in family of boarders
Clean, bright, sunshiny, artistic, attractive, dark, dingy, damp, filthy, disordered, well or poorly ventilated. Garbage Sewerage
Child's bedroom: quiet, good ventilation, light, sleeping companions, no. in room Hours of retiring and arising

HOME LIFE: excellent, tranquil, religious, moral, refined, upset, disturbed, boisterous, raw, quarrelsome, brutal, fighting, vulgar, degrading irreligious, immoral, bad.

Home Treatment: excellent, good, kindly, good care, indifferent, neglectful, poor care, parents away, petted, coddled, well or poorly disciplined, ridiculed, rebuffed, irritated, maltreated, whipped, frightened, abused, by father, mother, stepmother, siblings, guardians, etc. Overworked

CHILD'S DEPORTMENT AT HOME: excellent, good, average, poor, bad; obedient, disobedient; mischievous, quarrelsome, fights, cruel to animals or siblings or playmates, incorrigible, destructive; cheats, steals, squanders money, pawns, gambles, plays craps, deceives, lies, untrustworthy; neat, careless, indolent, immodest, immoral; runs away. Attitude toward parents, siblings, playmates, strangers

Toward reprimands and punishment How punished

Deportment of siblings at home

AMUSEMENTS AT HOME: what, cards, games, plays, singing, music, reading, proper, improper. How does child spend leisure time?

Chief interests at home

Vacations.

when where spent

WORK: complete record of jobs, with dates, how long held, hours, pay, success, reasons for changes or discharge

Age on taking first job

Religious Disposition: religious, irreligious or indifferent. Attends church, where, how often, willingly or reluctantly Attends Sunday school, where, how often, willingly

NEIGHBORHOOD INFLUENCES

PHYSICAL SURROUNDINGS: sanitary, insanitary, dark, smoky, filthy, slummy, densely populated, foreign population, saloons, dance halls, gambling joints, picture shows, immoral resorts.

Social Environment: character of chums or associates (boys, girls, adults), good, bad, vulgar, gamblers, crap players, immoral, corrupt, criminal, thieves. Belongs to clubs or gangs, as leader or follower, what kind (social, amusement, literary, predatory, criminal, etc.), effects of on child

Tendencies toward loafing, vagrancy, migration. Recreation facilities of neighborhood: playgrounds, public, private, supervised, unsupervised, streets, home yard, athletic field, gymnasium, social settlement house. Seeks what kinds of amusements (games, plays, loafing, running around, ball, gambling, crap playing, immoral practices, selling papers, theaters, picture shows, etc.). Plays with boys or girls, older or younger. Attends picture shows or theaters, how often

What kind of shows preferred

Effects of on child

RECOMMENDATIONS:
RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS (from later investigations):
SIGNATURE:

FORM IV

SCHOOL HISTORY

TEACHERS' REPORTS ON PEDAGOGICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND
MORAL TRAITS

No. Diagnosis Reported by (with position)

Date Full name Sex

Age: yrs. mos. Birthday Address (with

'phone) Parents' or guardian's name (and address, if different from child's) Nationality, language

and religion of father mother

Language spoken in child's home By whom referred

(Underscore appropriate words: once for 'moderate,' twice for 'marked,' and thrice for 'extreme' degree. Also fill in data in blank spaces.)

ATTENDANCE RECORD: Age on entering first school (kindergarten included)

Names of schools attended, in correct time order	Location of School	Time, from to	No. of months in attendance	Grades completed	Grades repeated
(1)					
(2)					
(3)			1		
(4)					

Repetition: number of months spent in each grade child has repeated

Total time (years or months) spent

repeating work Retardation: grade in which child

should be according to age Present grade

Amount of pedagogical retardation (yrs. and mos.)

Attendance, regular or irregular, during past or present time (ascribed causes of irregularity)

PAST RECORD: character of work, conduct, disposition, traits, etc., as reported from previous teachers or specialists

PRESENT PEDAGOGICAL STATUS: School efficiency in general: excellent, good, fair, poor, very poor, total failure. Prospects of promotion: excellent, good, fair, poor, none. Poorest work in which branches

Best work in which branches

Greatest interests, or likes, in Special aptitudes, what Greatest dislikes school work Pedagogical traits in which strongest In which Learning capacity: is child good most deficient to concentrate or poor in ability to observe to memorize (mechanically, logically, understandingly) to express orally or in writing to retain form habits to adapt self to new or changing situations, conditions or emergencies to think, judge, reason, underto do independent work to lead stand to direct to originate, invent to keep a level Learns best by repetition, rote, head (easily confused) memorizing, reasoning, imitation, reading, being told, doing or experimenting for self (hit or miss). Accomplishments: in reading: knows alphabet (letters not known) reads in what reads at sight, syllables, short how well In arithmetic: words, long words, spells out words subtraccounts, how far Ability in addition, tion multiplication division How far advanced Best in problems In spelling: sample words concrete or abstract work Words child cannot spell In child can spell In writing In drawing In grammar In speaking, dramatizing language work In manual train-In kindergarten In music In shop work In domestic science ing In school gardening In gymnastics, games Ability of brothers history In geography of sisters

Reported defects or capacities of mother of father

ATTITUDE TOWARD SCHOOL WORK: interested, willing, tries, industrious, energetic, cheerful, trustworthy, lazy, slovenly, careless, shirking, despairing, diffident, non-persevering, easily wearied or fatigued, grows sleepy, dopey, disinterested, bored, inattentive, complaining.

ATTITUDE TOWARD CORRECTION, REPROOF OR PUNISHMENT: heedless, resentful, headstrong, obstinate, talks back, abusive, sensitive, cries, indifferent. Very responsive, tries to improve, takes it with good grace.

ATTITUDE TOWARD PLAYS AND GAMES: seeks or avoids games. Plays much or little. On playground Plays with boys or girls with younger or older children

Fond of what games or plays Plays make-believe plays ability to plan or lead games

Gets confused in games Loses self-control

Behavior in games

MENTAL, MORAL AND SOCIAL TRAITS: Circumspect, deliberate, thoughtful, thoughtless, impulsive, careless, slothful, slovenly, lazy, inert, slow, dull, stupid, apathetic, unresponsive, taciturn, reticent, diffident, retiring, bashful, quiet

Bright, talented, precocious, quick, responsive, talkative, loquacious, communicative, entertaining, boring

Cheerful, good-natured, gay, humorous, kind, affectionate, sympathetic, helpful, generous, frank, obedient

Moody, sensitive, despairing, fretful, cranky, resentful, malignant, defiant, angry, meddlesome, complaining, quarrelsome, trouble maker, brutal, fights, kicks, scolds, nags, spiteful, jealous, sullen, selfish, self-centered, proud, domineering, bossy, changeable moods, capricious disposition or character

Graceful, artistic, neat, awkward, clumsy, poor gait, poor motor control, stumbles, falls, injures self

Bold, reckless, heedless of danger, venturesome, blustering, noisy, fearsome, cowardly

Restless, fidgety, nervous, scowls, twitching movements (of what) excessive movements, emotional, excitable,

impulsive, passionate, violent

Strange or peculiar actions, habits, speech (what)

Sudden or capricious outbreaks of passion, anger, fear, destructive tendencies, love, gaiety, laughing, crying, tantrums, fits, fainting spells. Automatic actions (when excited or otherwise)

Suspicious, solitary, seclusive, shut-in, avoids company, dreamy, observant

Honest, truthful, pure, modest; dishonest, untruthful, steals, lies, profane, swears, obscene, lewd, masturbates, immoral

Any sense of shame, of difference between right and wrong, of guilt, remorse, sorrow, reverence, religion

Speech: stutters, stammers, lisps, lalls, indistinct, inarticulate, sluggish, mumbling, thick, incoherent, halting, jerky, rambling, pointless, labored; clear, fluent, logical, sensible, braggadocious, egotistical, gossipy; declaims, recites, sings

Headaches, eyestrain, holds eyes near work, mouth open, poor hearing, takes cold easily, running nose, gets sick, tired

Smokes, chews. Data from school medical record:

What special measures have been taken to overcome the child's pedagogical deficiencies?

To overcome his physical defects

His moral or social shortcomings

RESULTS OF THESE MEASURES:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

RESULTS OF FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS (from later inquiries): SIGNATURE:

FORM V

PHYSICAL AND ANTHROPOMETRIC EXAMINATION

No. Diagnosis Examiner Date

Full name Sex Birthday

Age: yrs. mos. Address Parents' or guardian's name (and address, if different, with 'phone)

Brought by Referred by

(Underscore appropriate words: once for 'moderate,' twice for 'marked,' and thrice for 'extreme' degree. Supply all relevant data in blank spaces,)

DEFECTS, DISEASES, DISORDERS AND STIGMATA (Anatomical, physiological, neurological)

General Appearance: Expression nutrition Fat, corpulent, lean, emaciated, fair, normal.

SKIN: complexion; pallid, sallow, ashen, oily, moist, dry, leathery, wrinkled, baggy, florid, scars, birthmarks.

TEETH: carious (number, degree) roots, tartar, impacted, irregular, malocclusion, rachitic, serrated, pointed, Hutchinson's Gums

Tongue: thick, pointed, large, small, furrowed, enlarged papillæ.

Throat: tonsils, enlarged, atrophied, submerged, pitted, soft, removed. Pharyngitis. Laryngitis. Mouth breather. Lymph glands. Thyroid, enlarged, atrophied. Adenoids.

Palate: cleft, V-shaped, arched, narrow.

Lips: normal, hare-lip, thick, thin, everted, fissured.

Nose: deflected septum, enlarged turbinates, polipi, rhinitis, broad base, sunken bones, squat, mongoloid, cretinoid.

Exes: acuity, R L Astigmatism Small palpebral fissure, exophthalmos, choked disc, scotoma, hemiopsia, irregular or eccentric pupils, ptosis, oblique mongolian, epicanthus.

Nystagmus, strabismus, diplopia, accommodation to light to distance

Argyll-Robertson

Iris, color, R

L

Wearing proper or improper glasses

EARS: acuity, R

L

Rinné

Otitis media,

R

L

Impacted cerumen, perforated drum, otorrhea.

Large, small, Darwinian tubercle, lobule absent, fossæ absent or irre-

FACE: immobile, mobile; forehead, Bombé, receding, low or narrow; prognathous jaws, asymmetries

asymmetries

Head: hydrocephalic, macrocephalic, microcephalic, rachitic, syphilitic, cretinoid, asymmetries. Hair: color coarse, dry, oily, scant, brittle. Pediculosis.

Shoulders: round, square, stooped, asymmetrical. Scaphoid scapula Spine: scoliosis C D L lordosis, C D L kyphosis

CHEST: flat, rachitic, pigeon, funnel, barrel-shaped, asymmetrical.

Lungs Respiration, rate character

UPPER LIMBS:

gular, pinna (size, shape)

LOWER LIMBS:

Flat foot

CIRCULATION: good, poor. Heart: dilation, murmurs, displacements.

Pulse: volume rate rhythm pressure Veins

Arteries Blood examination: red corpuscles
white corpuscles hemoglobin color index

Widal Wasserman

ALIMENTATION: appetite digestion abdomen stomach intestines

GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM:

NEURO-MUSCULAR: tone, relaxed, flabby, tense. Corrugation, overaction of frontals. Tremors, coarse, fine, unilateral, spastic, jerky, Hand balance: intermittent, rhythmical, of what parts relaxed, tense, drooping, asymmetrical, finger twitches Station: relaxed, unsteady. Head balance Gait: normal, lively, clumsy, shuffling, spastic, ataxic, waddling. Paralyses Fainting spells Contractures Tics Habit spasm Convulsions -Chorea **Epilepsy** Hysteria Headache, migraine Anesthesias Reflexes: patellar, R L Clonus Babinski

Other reflexes Defective speech

OTHER DEFECTS OR STIGMATA:

ACTIVE DISEASE PROCESSES: record the diseases, and indicate whether slight or serious, of the integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, nutritive, respiratory, circulatory, lymphatic, excretory and reproductive systems.

HISTORY OF DISEASES, DEFORMITIES AND ACCIDENTS, WITH PREVIOUS MEDICAL DIAGNOSES:

NAME OF EXAMINER:

PHYSICIAN'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS (as later ascertained): Physician or hospital recommended:

ANTHROPOMETRIC MEASUREMENTS

Weight: lbs.	kg	5 .	Statu	re, net	standin	g (mm.)	
Sitting	Pond	leral in	dex		Statural	index	
Statural type			Sp	read o	f arms		
Spirometry: 1	2	3	Chest	girth	(below	level of	axillæ):
maximal inhalati	on	exhal	ation	norm	al	Vital in	dex
Dynamometry: I	R 1	2	3	L 1	2	3	Head
measurements: c	ircum	erence		height		length	(antero-
posterior diamet	er)	b	readth		cephalic	index	
Other measurem	ents						

FORM VI

PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

It has been deemed wise to omit a schema for conducting psychological examinations for the following reasons. First, a considerable number of graded scales for testing intelligence (particularly versions of the Binet-Simon scale) are now easily accessible in English. Second, hundreds of different psychological tests and experiments are equally accessible in the standard books dealing with psychological tests (e.g., the manuals by Whipple, Franz, Titchener, Sanford, Starch, Scripture). It would be futile to attempt to print a selected list of such tests here, because the expert experimental psychologist is qualified to make his own selection, while the inexperienced psychologist (physician, nurse, teacher) would scarcely be able either properly to conduct the experiments without technical training, or elaborate explanations, or correctly to interpret the findings. Third, there is little profit in outlining a comprehensive series of tests until reliable clinical norms are available. Unfortunately such norms are not yet available. The fact that this is so makes it all the more

necessary that the clinical psycho-educational examiner should possess very extensive first-hand experience with many types of mentally unusual children, so that he will be able to diagnose cases fairly accurately with the aid of a minimal number of tests.

FORM VII

PEDAGOGICAL EXAMINATION

Until we have available a series of clinical pedagogical age-norms, in various school studies, established by objective tests given under standard and controlled conditions, possibly to individuals rather than to groups-such as the Courtis scores in the fundamental mathematical processes, though these are group norms-it would be of little avail to outline a schema for the pedagogical testing of the child. We have, to be sure, the pedagogical scales by Vaney and Holmes, but the former is very limited in range and not entirely appropriate to pupils trained by American school methods, while the latter has not been experimentally derived by objectively testing individual children of various ages (the method of derivation is not revealed). It is merely an abbreviated course of study for grades two to five which, it is assumed, represents the pedagogical accomplishments of normal children. Until we possess satisfactory pedagogical age scales of development, it will be necessary to use (but with discriminating judgment) the school record of the child (Form IV).

FORM VIII

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT FINDINGS

It is very desirable that social or field workers epitomize for the busy examiner the chief findings. This blank should be comprehensive, yet very brief: it should contain only the data which seem to have an important bearing on the case, which are important for diagnosis and prognosis. It may also include the chief results of the physical, anthropometric and psychological examinations, the final (or at least the provisional) diagnosis, the recommendations, a record of treatment, the results of treatment, and the final disposition of the case.

The question naturally arises whether it is necessary or indeed desirable to make such an exhaustive investigation of each case as that contemplated by the above schema. The answer is that it is usually desirable, but not always necessary or possible to do so. Unless the clinicist has at his command the necessary staff of assistants he must content himself with a far less thorough investigation. He should, however, at all times attempt to secure a certain minimum of data which bear significantly upon psychoeducational cases. Such a minimum is represented, I believe, by the following abbreviated record blank. It is reproduced from the routine blanks which have been in constant use in my clinic for several years.

FORM IX

ABRIDGED RECORD BLANK

Child's name (with street and city address and 'phone)
Parents' names (with address and 'phone, if different)
Referred by Brought by Date
Data secured from Recorded by
Exact age: date of birth Age in yrs. and mos.
Place of birth Nationality of father of mother
Language spoken at home

I. PEDAGOGICAL RECORD

School now in All schools attended, in correct time order, with dates Age on entering first school (including kindergarten) Number of years (or months) in school Present grade In what grade should child be according to age Years Number of years (or months) in each grade retarded (including kindergarten) Grades repeated (indicate whether one, two or three years) Will child be promoted this year Attendance Greatest capacities, abilities or talents shown in school work (best subjects) Greatest interests Greatest deficiencies, worst faults, poorest school subjects Physical, mental and moral characteristics, disposition, deportment Other comments by teachers

School medical inspection record School record of brothers and sisters

II. HOME AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Living together Breadwinner Parents alive Financial conditions Home sanitary. (who) well ventilated, clean In house, tenement, shack, apartment In good or bad (slummy or immoral) neighborhood Social or moral conditions in home Home treatment (child neglected, cruelly or kindly treated, well cared for) What does child usually eat What does child drink Hours of retiring and arising Does child keep bad company

III. CHILD'S DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY

Birth conditions: on time premature (how much)

Labor, how long With instruments Birth injuries How nursed (length)

Health as babe Infant and child diseases (state age, severity, after effects): Croup Whooping cough Measles Diphtheria Scarlet Chicken-pox Typhoid C.-s. meninfever Pneumonia gitis Infant paralysis Spasms (describe) Accidents Enuresis By whom previously examined

and diagnoses given
First teeth, when (any illness)
Fontanel closed
First stood alone
First sat up
ported
First walked unsupported
First used single

Short phrases or sentences

words

Mental and physical peculiarities in infancy and childhood (age first observed): queer or unusual behavior, talk or ideas; emotional fits or outbreaks, fears, night terrors, destructive, disobedient, vagrancy, truancy, veracity, delinquencies, bad sex habits, social traits, play tendencies, stupid, sluggish, quick, bright

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Health, habits, diseases, drink, etc., of father and mother before and during conception

Pregnancy conditions (overwork, poor health, infection, drink, abuse, starvation, etc.)

Age of mother at child's birth of father Parents related

	Alive	Dead (causes)	Prema- ture	Still- born	Order of child's birth
Number of Sisters Number of Brothers					1

Give facts in regard to the following defects, conditions or diseases found in the child's brothers, sisters, mother, father, maternal and paternal great-grandparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, first and second cousins, etc.:

Relation- ship to child	Nervous	Mentally queer	FM.	Epileptic	Insane	Alcoholic	Criminal	Sexually immoral.	Diseases (what)	Death Cause Age	Normal



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