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#### **PREFACE**

HIS volume is intended to serve as a handbook for the use of those who are interested in the care of crippled children. It undertakes to give concrete information respecting 37 hospitals, convalescent institutions, and asylum homes whose work is so standardized as to permit of statistical treatment, and to give a brief outline of about the same number of institutions, schools, and societies which devote only a part of their effort and resources to crippled children, or whose work is less definitely developed and standardized.

The rapid growth of work for crippled children since 1891 indicates an increasing recognition of the need, and the facts here given suggest the ways in which that need is to be met.

It is hoped that the book will be especially useful to those who are considering the question of organizing work for crippled children. To this end the work is freely illustrated by plans and photographs, accompanied by comparative statistics of the cost of lands and buildings and the expenditures for maintenance.

Especial attention is called to the work of the state institutions for crippled children in Massachusetts, New York, Minnesota, and Nebraska. These are the only institutions which are meeting adequately the needs of children in rural communities. It is doubtful whether the needs of these children can be met in any other way, and it is a significant fact that the states of Illinois and Ohio are contemplating the establishment of similar state institutions.

In the Introduction and in the descriptions of particular institutions the effort has been made to bring out the spirit of courage and optimism which animates the crippled children themselves and all who work for them. In particular, too high praise cannot be given to the orthopedic surgeons whose technical skill and personal devotion have furnished the basis for all effective efforts in behalf of crippled children.

The Department of Child-Helping of the Russell Sage Foundation will take pleasure in answering inquiries for information not covered by this volume.

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(Information given in response to letters in March, 1910, by graduates from the school)

Occupations	Weekly earnings	Physical difficulty
Monotype casting operator .	. \$20.00	Amputation of leg
Lunch cart tender Manufacturing jeweler	20.00	Amputation of leg
Manufacturing jeweler .	. 20.00	Hip disease
Cashier , , , ,	, 17.00	Hip disease
Cashier	. 15.00	Tumor albus
Bookkeeper	, 14.00	Hip disease
Town weigher	. 13.50	Hip disease
In charge of sample departmen	it	•
for manufacturer's agent .	. 12.00	Hip disease
	. 12.00	Hip disease
Office giri	12.00	Spinal curvature
Sales girl in department store	. 10.00	Spinal curvature
Sales girl	. 10.00	Pott's disease
Printer	. 10.00	Pott's disease
Office girl	. 10.00	Hip disease
Secretary	, 9.00	Spinal curvature
Stenographer	. 9.00	Hip disease
Printer	9.00	Cured hip case
Clerk	. 8.00	Pott's disease
Stenographer	. 8.00	Hip disease
Shank-tacking operative in sho	e e	
factory	7.00	Hip disease
Press feeder	7.00	Lumbar caries
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Bookkeeper Fruit and vegetable dealer .	, 5.00	Pott's disease
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