

part of the Boards of Managers of the various institutions in realizing the seriousness of their problem and giving to it that human touch and consideration which had theretofore been lacking. They have awakened to a knowledge of the importance of the trust in their keeping, and now approach the questions in a generous way, as well as with an increased knowledge of the subject. It has ceased to be a perfunctory performance and is now one fraught with thought and kindness, with due regard to the welfare of the prisoner and his reclamation as an asset to society, as well as the State's interest in the punishment of offenders.

ADVISORY BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLE.

The Advisory Board of Pardons and Parole while of great assistance to the Governor in cases coming before him for pardons and parole, is so limited in power as to prevent it being the real factor for service which would be possible were its functions enlarged and its powers increased. The success of a Board of this kind is dependent largely upon the ability of its investigators and their knowledge of the subject with which they are called upon to deal.

I would suggest that the appointment of the members of the Board, as well as their investigators, should be vested in the Governor, because it is the result of their investigation which must come to him for final determination, and he should feel a confidence in the character of their labor, which must necessarily be lacking if they are answerable to others and not to him for the reliability of their report.

INDETERMINATE SENTENCE.

In this connection, it might be well to call the attention of the General Assembly to the importance of permitting the courts to have the power of exercising what is known as the indeterminate sentence, or a general law which would make all sentences indeterminate.