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FOR years it has been generally agreed that women suffering from severe cardiac disease, nephritis, tuberculosis, etc., should not run the risk of pregnancy, yet very little effort was made, either by hospitals or private doctors, to give these patients advice necessary for the prevention of conception. Because of the conviction that there was important need for providing such patients with adequate contraceptive advice and because of the necessity for clinical study of the subject, in 1926 an outstanding group of physicians, scientists and laymen formed the committee which established the Bureau for Contraceptive Advice in Baltimore.

The Bureau was formally opened and the first patient treated on November 2, 1927. The results of the first five years' work, during which time 1152 women were referred for treatment are set forth in *Contraception as a Therapeutic Measure*, a Williams & Wilkins publication, by Dr. Bessie L. Moses, medical director.

→ Dr. Bessie L. Moses was born in Baltimore, in 1899. She studied at Goucher College (A.B. 1915), at the Johns Hopkins University (graduate study in biology), and at The Johns Hopkins Medical School (M.D. 1922). Doctor Moses also did special work in biology at Woods Hole Biological Laboratory, was instructor in Biology at the Sophie Newcomb College, Tulane University, and instructor in zoology at Wellesley College, and held internships in obstetrics at The Johns Hopkins Hospital and in gynecology and surgery at the Women's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Since 1924 she has been engaged in the private practice of obstetrics and gynecology. At present Doctor Moses is instructor in obstetrics at The Johns Hopkins University and assistant visiting obstetrician at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. She is also in charge of the Maternal Health Clinic (Contraceptive Clinic), Johns Hopkins Hospital, assistant in gynecology at the Sinai Hospital, and medical director of the Baltimore Birth Control Clinic (formerly the Bureau for Contraceptive Advice). Doctor Moses is a member of the National Medical Council on Birth Control.