

**West, Mary S. Excerpts from “Efficiency Committee Meeting, Saturday, December 9, 1916.”
Chicago History Museum. Chicago Woman’s Club Records. Box 25, Folder 1.**

“...Mr. Will Davies spoke on ‘Conditions in the Jails.’ Mr. Davies stated that over twenty years ago the Chicago Woman’s Club established a school in the county jail for boys, and paid for a teacher until the Board of Education took over the work, and there is now no other school for boys from seventeen to twenty-one years of age in the County Jail.

The County Jail has not facilities for Physical or Psychopathic examinations, and no Social Service Department for the 1500 boys between seventeen and twenty-one years of age that pass through the county jail each year. Mr. Davies emphasized the need of records being kept of sub-normal children from kindergarten up, that special care be given them. A new institution is needed to care for such cases and to affect a cure when possible. The co-operation of the Chicago Woman’s Club was urged in regard to the Jail Schools and in urging a complete revision of our Penal Code in Illinois.”