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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### FURTHER REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE RELATIVE TO THE NUM- BER AND CARE OF CRIPPLED CHILDREN.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE,  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, June 2, 1931.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.*

The Department of Public Welfare was authorized by the general appropriation acts of 1929 and 1930 to make an investigation and survey to ascertain the number of crippled children in the Commonwealth who were not receiving the benefit of treatment at the Massachusetts Hospital School.

Incidental to this survey, a report was authorized to be made to the Legislature, and we desire to have such report printed as a legislative document soon after the adjournment of this session. We believe that the report will be widely read and we respectfully request that an order be introduced for the printing of an additional 2,000 copies. The report will probably not be larger than 100 pages.

The last date set for filing this report was the first Wednesday in June. Although we have made every effort to complete this survey at this time, it would be valueless for us to file a report on the first Wednesday in June for the following reasons:

In order to have the survey made uniformly and economically, one skilled investigator was employed to decide on the facts in each of the 6,000 cases which were reported.

During the progress of the survey the Legislature enacted a law providing for a continuing census of crippled children and for home teaching of crippled children, giving this investigator a considerable amount of additional work in the administration of the new law. It has, therefore, been impossible for the investigator to do more than to complete the tabulation. We shall need a few weeks to study the findings, develop conclusions and write the report.

We respectfully ask, therefore, that the Legislature authorize the printing of 2,000 additional copies of the Special Report of the Department of Public Welfare relating to Crippled Children when said report is filed.

RICHARD K. CONANT,  
*Commissioner.*

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1    *Ordered*, That there be printed as a House document  
2 twenty-five hundred copies of a further report to be  
3 made by the Department of Public Welfare relative to  
4 the number of crippled children in the Commonwealth  
5 who are not receiving the benefit of treatment at the  
6 Massachusetts Hospital School.

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