The fourteenth annual report of the Commonwealth Fund, published today, records the expenditure of $1,573,438 during the past year by the fund established by the will of Stephen V. Harkness "to do something for the welfare of mankind." Of this amount, $988,457 went to advance public health and better medical and hospital service in rural areas and to support medical research. In this connection the re-
port of the fund, under the presi-
dency of Edward S. Harkness, ex-
pressed the opinion that public health and child guidance services are being maintained at a reason-
able level despite the depression. "No less worthy functions of the fund indicate," the report states, "public health being maintained of public health and child services by the comparison with other governmen-
tal and private agencies. The amount of service which we are enabled to give to the people must naturally be less with other public agencies than the expense of the fund would permit. General and local agencies are still uncertain of their future and are doing their best to keep the public health service going."

The report records the experiment of the community hospital in Glou-
cesterc, Mass., for which the fund in requests for free care or reduced costs has evidence to show that they have suffered from the depression. "Theé experiment," the report says, "has be-
gun to experiment with family members, and the measures have been taken in small instalments, which entitle the holder to a rebate up to the paid-in value of the subscription. The expense may be incurred for hospital service during the life of the patient. The fund is now studying the mechanics of the fixed charge or voluntary insurance plan for meeting the costs of hospital service in the hope of applying it experimentally in other rural hospital. The extension of this plan to cover the needs of the rural hospital is contemplated."

In addition to the $988,457 expended by the fund for public health and medical and hospital service $334,352 was appropriated for train-
ing psychiatrists and psychologists so-
cial work agencies for the advancement of child guidance and health for the United States and Great Britain; $250,000 for fellowships at universities in the United States and Great Britain; and $250,000 for special research in the United States and Great Britain. Under this plan the State antitoxin and vaccine laboratory has made a spe-
cial contribution of pneumococcus serum and fourteen centres have been created in the United States for diagnostic and consultation ser-
vice to physicians."

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