

child must pass through all stages of human development, from the savage type to the more advanced. In this process the child will necessarily violate many of the laws that express the mature life of a complex civilization. If the child is not nurtured, trained and guided, the best must go astray. What is needed is not strict discipline on the basis of court justice, but forbearance and patient training, that sees the fault from the viewpoint of the child. In childhood we are all at some time, and nearly always to some degree, delinquent from the point of view of mature life. Primarily delinquency is abnormal and normal. When neglected and allowed to develop and determine habits of life, then it is serious and dangerous. It is found that delinquency increases with the advance of our civilization. In our great cities we see modern life at its highest stage. "Twenty per cent. of the boys living in American cities become delinquent between the ages of ten and sixteen."

into despondency, and eventually into delinquency. When wages are far below the living wage, and families are forced to live under insanitary and immoral conditions, how can we expect any other result than criminality? Their children have no chance to see and live clean, self-respecting lives. They must play on the street, and are forced into associations that tempt them to crime. Many children are compelled through the economic conditions to go to work at too early an age. In a Refuge Home for Juveniles in New York the average age at which they began work was eleven years and nine months. Eighty-three per cent. of them had no childhood. From the report we read: "One of the causal factors of delinquency is the factory and street employment of young children; children sent to work so early limit their horizon. The standard of living, health and vitality, intelligence and the forces that oppose delinquency and crime are constantly lowered."

house is a wholesome unit; is, in a word, organized." The child is so dependent on the parents to instruct and train him in the principles of life. By imitation he soon follows the trail of the parents. By outside influences, not interpreted for him by the home, he will be led astray. The impulses that are awakened, uncured and untrained will drive him into wrong avenues of activity. The boy, passing through the savage stage with a strong imagination, may do some terrible things. But if he is treated with patience, and intelligently and sympathetically tided over, he may become a strong and capable man.

QUESTIONS FOR SERIOUS STUDY.

1. When parents consider it a joke to take apples from a neighbor's tree, to what extent will that influence the children?
2. If the standard of honesty in the home is that nothing is wrong till we

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Again, the past system of correction as organized by the state has been very defective. Police courts have not been able to give individual cases proper attention. "In five minutes the decision is made which starts the child on the career of criminality. I have seen over eighty cases of children decided by a judge in one session of the court." Judge Lindsay says, "I have been five years trying a case and have not finished it yet." No judge can do justice to these plastic characters in five minutes. To put a boy or girl of sixteen in a jail with deeply involved criminals awaiting trial is one of the best methods of breeding criminality. To commit the boy to a prison or reformatory with adults means his ruin.

Economic Causes.—Our present industrial system creates social classes or castes as detrimental to our social welfare as are the castes of the East. This means that the unfit are thrown down, and a gulf is formed, which becomes so impassable that they lose hope. Their wretched will and crushed hope push them

Dispositional Causes.—Many amenable practices of children arise from the adventurous spirit of youth. One group of juveniles expressed the motive as "just to be chased by the ginney" (police). Some boys take pride in being "tough." They have been poisoned by dime novels, detective stories and such literature. So much of this lawlessness is not inherent criminality. Some only "play robbery too realistically." The gang spirit will account for many a boy's downfall. Gangs unguided and undisciplined by community supervision will inevitably lead to trouble. Innocent fun may be transformed into crime, when allowed to continue free from adult control. The number of children who inherit criminal tendencies is very small.

Home Influences.—The home is the predominant factor which determines the results of all other causes. The home is the root of most of the social evils. "By a well-organized home is meant healthy parents, healthy children, with such physical, mental and ethical ability that the

are caught, will that unconsciously lead the adventurous boy into delinquency?"

3. If parents consider that the end justifies the means, and any method is permissible to obtain the end, will the children develop the unscrupulous spirit more intensely than their parents, and fall into the snare of the law?

4. When parents take the money saved by the children without any scruple, how can they expect the children to consider other people's money as sacred?

5. When a parent boasts that he beat his neighbor in a trade, how can he expect his boy to be honest?

6. If the making of money, keeping up of a swirl of social engagements, are of more value in the home than the boys and girls, what can hinder these children drifting out into the world and becoming our delinquents?

7. Which is the worse, the poor washerwoman who lets her children go where they like, or the society woman who leaves her children to their own whims, or in the hands of an irresponsible maid?