

parents might maintain has reached its sixteenth year, but which may obviously be in need of such protection as the law gives, though it applies chiefly to children whose exact age cannot be determined.

The act provides for dealing with offending children summarily in courts where the proceedings are private. It is unlawful for any newspaper to publish the name of the child or parent or guardian without special leave. Courts shall not be held where adult offenders are being tried and the child awaiting trial must not be placed in a jail or other place where adults are or may be imprisoned.

The children's court may be divested of the customary majesty and rigid formality, which usually attend the administration of justice in the tribunals of record. A provision of the act, dealing with this point, says: "The proceedings may, in the discretion of the judge, be as informal as the circumstances will permit." The testimony of a child may be received, though not given on oath, but such evidence, uncorroborated, is not sufficient to convict a person.

Several means are provided under the act for the child proved to be a juvenile delinquent, but the action taken must in every case be that which the court believes is for the child's own good and the best interests of the community. The offender may be fined, or placed under probation, either in its own home or with a suitable family, or committed to the charge of any duly organized children's aid society or the superintendent of neglected and dependent children.

It is also provided that a child over the age of 12 years may be committed to an industrial school, but it shall not be lawful to commit a child under 12 years, "unless and until," to quote from the act, "an attempt has been made to reform such child in its own home," or in the ways named in the foregoing paragraph.

Another section provides that the expense of maintaining a child in the industrial training school may be collected from the parent or guardian, in the event they are able to pay. The idea is to prevent any one from swearing his charge is intractable, in