

that alone can save. The work of the Committee has another great advantage; it gets a number of good people interested in child saving, into actual touch with children needing to be saved, and the result is bound to be, and should be, personal work with those children. A Probation Officer has fifty or sixty cases to deal with (she cannot effectively undertake more), and a certain number of these will probably need more attention than she has time to give. Moreover while there is scarcely a child, who, if taken by the right person in the right way, cannot be reformed, the Probation Officer may not be the right person or hit on the right way in some particular case. A member of the Committee may succeed where the Probation Officer would have failed. This work of acting as volunteer Probation Officer is being carried on by several members of the Montreal and Ottawa Committees. It is being carried on by hundreds of men and women in the large American cities. You there see a busy professional man or merchant finding time to take a delinquent boy to a baseball game or into the country for an outing, and even taking him to his own home to shew him what home life should be. You see high class women acting similarly towards wayward girls. What they are doing we in Canada can and should do. It looks at first like making a great sacrifice; and all are not so situated as to be able to undertake it, nor are all fitted by temperament and disposition for doing so with success; but it will be found to take up far less time than might be imagined, and it is certainly worth while. It is generally admitted that a hobby is an excellent thing for everyone. What better or nobler and what more interesting hobby than that of making a good citizen and a good Christian out of one who might, without the help thus given, grow up an enemy to Society and a stranger to God!

Comments on some of the sections of the Juvenile Delinquent Act may be useful.

Section two defines "child" as any girl or boy apparently or actually under the age of sixteen years.

It defines "juvenile delinquent" as any child who violates any provision of the Criminal Code or of any Dominion or Provincial statute, or any by-law or ordinance of any municipality for which violation punishment by fine or imprisonment may be awarded: or who is liable by reason of any other act to be committed to an Industrial School. The