

In the same city that winter and on the same street a boy of thirteen was arrested and charged with "wandering abroad." When asked by the Judge about his people he replied: "They're all in jail."—Father, mother, two brothers and two sisters all in jail for different offences. The juvenile court took him in hand and had him placed in a boarding school with the best of results.

Another member of the same gang, a boy of fifteen, was arrested on the charge of breaking into a wholesale warehouse, and on this occasion was brought before the Juvenile Court Judge. Charged with him was an older boy whose acquaintance he had previously made in jail. The writer recalls the following as part of the boy's evidence:

"Were you ever arrested before?"

"Yes, I did a month."

"What for?"

"Swimming in the canal without my clothes on."

"What is your father doing?"

"He is doing seven months"

"What about your mother?"

"Oh, she's all right."

"Well, go and get her and come back to me. Will you do that?"

"Yes."

This illustrates, not only the new method of dealing with such boys, but illustrates too, the failure of the old methods which often made criminals in the very effort to prevent crime.

The following case came under the writer's observation: A boy from a splendid Christian home and with a previously clean record had in three brief weeks recorded against him two charges of forging cheques, three charges of theft and one of housebreaking. Upon investigation it appeared that just previous to this outburst of delinquency he had become intimate with a boy older than himself and with a record. In the lad's pocket were found two things (and I leave the reader to infer their significance)—(1) A case of dice with the compliments of a certain pool room with the injunction to stick to that particular pool room; (2) A clipping from