

INTRODUCTION.

Boys have been very generally misunderstood. It used to be supposed that a boy is just like an older person,—a man, only smaller in size. Of course, the boy was supposed to grow in size, proportionately, until he became large enough to wear a man's clothes, and strong enough to do a man's job.

It was taken for granted that the only difference between a boy's body, was that there is more of a man's body,—more of the same kind. In short, it was assumed that the difference between a boy and a man was a quantitative one only.

In a similar way, it was assumed that a boy's mind differs from the mind of a man quantitatively only: That the boy has *reason*, only that it is not as keen and clear as a man's; that he has *Judgment*, only it is not as sound as a man's; that he has *Will Power*, only it is weaker than a man's. Furthermore, that all his emotions are like a man's, only weaker. In short, that as a boy develops into a man, all his mental powers enlarge proportionately, until they are as strong as those of a man.