

such as we have in our city court, with a boy on the prisoners' bench, some distance away, my words had little effect on him; but if I could get close enough to him to put my hand on his head or shoulder, or my arm around him, in nearly every such case I could get his confidence." In many places in Canada a judge or magistrate will no doubt be found to be already in office who is fully qualified to act as Juvenile Court Judge in addition to his other duties. Wherever such is not the case, however, and the place is large enough to permit of such a course being followed, the appointment of a special Children's Judge should be secured.

Another important element, perhaps after the probation officer, the most important of all, is the Juvenile Court Committee. It is in fact essential to the success of the system. In Ottawa and Montreal the committees meet once a week. It was predicted that it would be impossible to secure weekly meetings, but the work proved so interesting that no difficulty was experienced in that respect. In Ottawa the average attendance at these meetings has been between eight and nine. The Montreal Committee is under the presidency of a Judge, and the Ottawa one under that of a lawyer, and other lawyers work on them. The committees are made up of Protestant and Catholic, French and English, clergymen and laymen and women of all denominations, for the work is strictly non-denominational, or rather inter-denominational. It is moreover wise to let it be known that anyone interested, even though not regularly elected to the Committee, will be welcome at the meetings. This policy secures many recruits. At the meetings the list is gone carefully over, the Probation Officers reporting on each case. When a case of special difficulty arises the Committee put their heads together and endeavour to decide what is the best course to pursue in the case of that particular child. The advantages of this are manifold. The Probation Officer is not left to her unaided judgment and effort; her work is supervised and kept up to the mark, and the danger of its being neglected or becoming perfunctory is minimized. Should probation once become perfunctory or degenerate into a mere routine, it might almost as well be abandoned. The system, merely as such, cannot succeed. It is the loving and unsparing personal effort, fresh with every new case as with the first.