

To Care For The Erring

(Jane Barclay, in Toronto Globe.)

From all sides comes the appeal for improvement in methods of dealing with the man, woman and child commonly called a criminal or a delinquent. Some anti-social act, or maybe the mere outburst of animal energy, brings the individual face to face with courts, judges, lawyers and into institutions which he must enter for a period of discipline. The kind of process by which the courts, judges and lawyers arrive at a decision and at a disposal of the individual is what we are all clamoring about. The legal profession has had the benefit of Judge Coatsworth's review, the juvenile court of Toronto has had the survey or "paper" of the Bureau of Municipal Research; the newspapers have presented various addresses of individuals directly connected with the courts of the city.

The Causes Fundamental

When an expert speaks we are inclined to take his statements with the assurance that they are correct. It may be that a judge is too far removed from commonplace detail to appreciate its application. Judge Coatsworth's statements do not emphasize the fact that a social diagnosis is fundamental whenever we deal with human entanglements. The law pays no attention to the little things which gradually created in the individual the habit of stealing, deserting wife and children, wife-beating, cruelty to children, etc., or whatever the habit may be. It deals with the act and the results, and measures out what is mistakenly called justice. Judge Coatsworth may not have been properly informed concerning the territory covered by the juvenile court in Detroit. This court is a county court. It was not, as he states, established for Detroit at the time when Detroit was the size of Toronto. It serves not only Detroit but the whole county of Wayne.

Detroit's Method

It is urged by persons interested in the establishment of an institution by the city of Toronto for the observation, training and discipline of delinquents that we follow the plan and purpose of the Detention Home in Detroit. This institution is maintained by the county, which also maintains the juvenile court under the same roof. It merely detains children the shortest possible number of days until the case is heard by the court. It aims to release the child inside of a few days. It is not a training or observation centre. It has been reported that

the psychiatric clinic is under the management of the Detroit court. It is, instead, an extension of the State University of Michigan, and is maintained partly by the state and partly by private funds. Is the Medical Department of the University of Toronto or the psychiatric clinic of the Toronto General Hospital not capable of a similar extension of work?

The Clamor for Institutions

This is an age fast upsetting the old idea that institutions are needed for children and adults. Toronto is a city of institutions, and the citizens hang on firmly to the belief that a child can be made normal in an institution. Every group of philanthropic individuals clamors for a building.

The Boston Juvenile Court offers us a marvelous example of good work done without a detention home. Judge Cabot's letter should reach everyone interested. It will steady the strenuous effort which some devotees of the juvenile court are making for an institution for juvenile delinquents. The delinquent child of Boston—a city of 800,000—finds his way into a carefully selected private family, and is in the midst of a normal family, instead of making time in an institution. The court has the services of trained school workers from many private and semi-private organizations, who select the homes and supervise them. Justice Frederick P. Cabot of the Boston Juvenile Court states as follows:

How Boston Does It

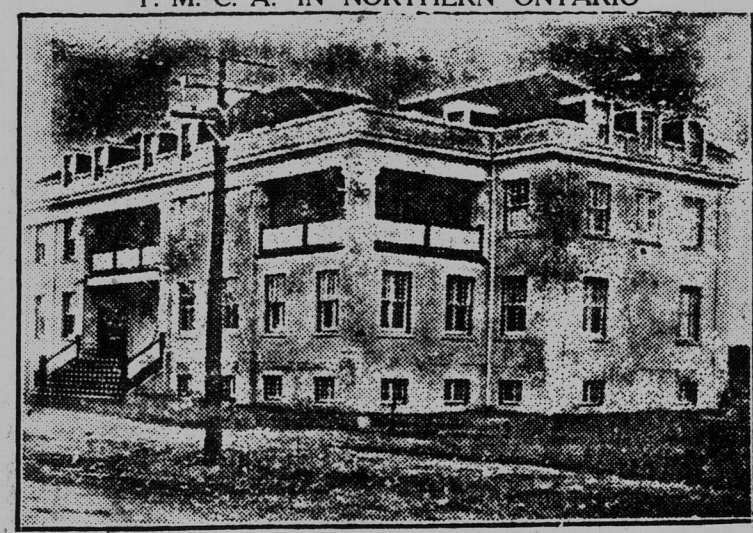
"The practice in reference to the detention of children is as follows: 'When arrested the police notify the parents and boy or girl is released to parent, unless the child is known to be a runaway or a warrant has been issued directing the detention of the child except in marked cases of sex-offending by girls. The ones not released to parents are released to probation officers, and for that purpose probation officers in telephone connection with the police throughout the day and night, and goes for the boy or girl in event of his or her not being released to parent. The boy or girl is then taken to a private family whose home has been investigated and selected for the purpose of receiving children for temporary care, and remains there until the case is heard the next day. In the case of girls a matron, usually the lady to whose house the girl is to be taken, goes during the night with



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ing of the interest of the people. The use of an institution is always an easy way out, but it can never develop and test out a growing boy or girl. Segregation of certain mentally and morally abnormal children may be essential, but the average delinquent boy or girl is capable of redirection provided he is given carefully selected environment in which to overcome his bad habits. The effort must be his own. We need a careful and unprejudiced review of the whole field of delinquency and very sane judgment on the part of enthusiasts who would remedy our social ills.

A PROFITABLE PIG.

London, Eng., Oct. 20.—Harry G. Cole, of Colford, purchased a sow for \$85 a year ago. For one of its offspring the lucky purchaser has just obtained \$1,688 at a sale of pedigree pigs.

APPLY FOR WORK

Halifax Bureau, Just Opened. Is Busy Early — Branch at New Glasgow.

The experience of the employment service office in the government annex building, Halifax, which opened last week, has well justified its existence, judged by the number of applicants for employment, says the Halifax Chronicle. The office opened on Monday and for the first five days concluding on Friday Mr. Cotter, the superintendent, had in all 260



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Mr. Christie, of the clearing house, Moncton, was in New Glasgow on Friday and opened the employment service office there, with the result that in an hour or two several applicants for employment had registered. This week he will consult with municipal authorities in New Brunswick, where the offices are to be opened on the municipal plan, and at an early date he will open the branches in Amherst and Sydney.

HAVE 57TH HONEYMOON.

New York, Oct. 20.—Every year and Mrs. Charles A. Childs, of 1 Mass., enjoy another honeymoon. T year it was their 57th. The couple drove to Hudson, N. Y., and took a b to New York. This is the same route their first honeymoon.

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