



Good Companions

Today's Problem—

JUVENILE delinquency control is the supervision and care of boys and girls under the age of 16 years. There are generally two types of delinquents—dependent children and neglected children. Dependent applies to a child whose parents are unable, for various reasons, to provide proper care for him; neglected implies either some fault or omission on the part of the parents in supervision and training, or some overt action which might impair the child's welfare.

The neglected child is the most difficult of the two to deal with, as it necessitates measures entirely different from

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those to which he has been accustomed and incurs separation from his parents. This separation is permissible under law—in fact one section of the criminal code deals entirely with this matter—and when it takes place the child becomes a ward of the Government. In such an event the social agency handling the case has undisputed control or jurisdiction over the child, yet the right of par-