

2. *Family Supervision Division.*—Supervises all cases of dependent children and delinquent girls, placed on Probation, to live in their own homes or other homes designated in the Court order.

3. *Delinquent Boys' Division.*—Supervises all cases of delinquent boys placed on Probation.

4. *Child Placing Division.*—Supervises all cases of dependent children or delinquent girls in which the Head of the Division is appointed legal guardian with right to place in a home.

5. *Aid to Mothers' Division.*—Investigates all applications for funds under Aid to Mothers and Children's Act and supervises families receiving the funds, also Police Probation officers.

The Act under which they operate is not a criminal one.

2. Joint Probation Bureau for other Courts, that is, Municipal Court and Criminal Court.

Ex-Judge Houston is the chief Probation officer and has fifty-one assistants, both men and women.

This system is not so large or extensive as the Juvenile Court but is founded on practically the same principles.

After conviction, and before sentence, a prisoner should be referred to the Probation officer for report, but in fact it is done in only 25 to 30 per cent. of the cases.

There is no Probation Court.

PAROLE.

The parole system has its headquarters at Springfield, the State Capital.

I was informed by an officer in charge of the branch office in Chicago that there are now 273 out on parole in District No. 1, which covers eleven counties besides Cook County (twelve in all), which includes Chicago, and that last year 87½ per cent. of the paroled prisoners made good.

I have heard considerable criticism of the system as operated, it being said to be inadequately equipped with staff, etc., and therefore unable to fulfil all its important duties.

PLACES OF CONFINEMENT.

1. Police cells.
2. Detention Homes.
3. Gaols.
4. Penitentiaries.

There are:

- 36 Police Stations.
- 3 Women's Detention Homes.
- 1 Juvenile Detention Home.
- 1 Cook County Gaol.
- 1 City House of Correction—Bridewell.
- 1 Gaol Farm—fifteen miles out.
- 1 State Reformatory—Boys under twenty-five—at Pontiac.
- 1 State Penitentiary—at Joliet.
- 1 Southern Illinois Penitentiary.
- 1 Penitentiary—Crime, Insane—at Chesley.