

and the Rotary Club takes a great interest and pride in this useful field of helpfulness where they have been able to do so much good and render most valuable assistance in solving the industrial problems of the Court.

3. *The Criminal Court of Cook County.*

Jurisdiction—Felonies.

Judges are assigned out of the twenty Circuit and eighteen Superior Court Judges.

All trials by Jury.

4. *The Appellate Court.*

5. *The Supreme Court of Illinois.*—Both Courts of Appeal only.

Broadly speaking, therefore, misdemeanors are tried by the Municipal Court of Chicago, and

Felonies by the Criminal Court of Cook County.

And there is an agitation to give the Municipal Court jurisdiction in all felonies.

6. *The Boys' Club.*—(Not a Court.)

No record of this description would be complete without some account of the Boys' Club.

In the 11th Ward, Chicago, in a radius of one square mile, are about 80,000 people, mostly foreigners, and largely Poles with families of five to seventeen children. This ward last year (1919) furnished nearly 1,400 delinquents to the Juvenile Court.

Under the auspices and at the expense of the Union League Club (a Club similar to the Canadian Club in Toronto), in the heart of this ward a Boys' Club was established early this year (1920), not for religious work but simply to teach the boys good citizenship and lead them into it. A large building (small picture herewith) formerly a saloon and dance hall was purchased, and under the management of Mr. Robert D. Klees, the club was instituted and has already 1,000 boy members, and the lads are taking to it and its success is assured. The direct and indirect benefits of this club are expected to be so great as to uplift that whole community and keep the boys out of the Juvenile Court. It is certainly a great preventive movement worthy of imitation.

PROBATION.

There are two separate Probation Bureaus.

1. Juvenile Court.

2. Joint Probation for other Courts.

1. *Juvenile Court Probation.*

This is the larger and more successful of the two. Has about 100 Probation officers (of whom nearly 75 per cent. are women), twenty clerical assistants, and thirty Police officers (three of them women), set apart for this great work.

Probation officers before appointment have to pass a Civil Service examination and now also a special examination of merit and fitness for the duties.

The chief officer is Joseph L. Moss, appointed 13th March, 1918, after a competitive examination.

The general purpose of this Probation Bureau may be stated as follows:

1. *Investigation Division.*—Investigates all cases of dependent and delinquent children coming before the Court except cases filed by the Police Probation officers and Mothers' Pension cases.