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The spread of the juvenile court idea is one of the remarkable developments in the field of jurisprudence during the last two decades. Among the juvenile courts of the country the Boston Court has ranked high chiefly on account of the eminent service of its first judge—Harvey Humphrey Baker.

Shortly after Judge Baker died, his friends and associates sought to establish a memorial of him and of his work—something that would help in fostering the growth of the juvenile court movement. A fund was raised; but before any definite steps were taken as to the form of that memorial, those interested realized that the practical test of their loyalty to Judge Baker was to focus all their energy towards the appointment of a fit successor in his work. Their efforts were successful when Governor McCall appointed Frederick P. Cabot. Because of Judge Cabot's vision, the problem as to what form the memorial to Judge Baker should take was most satisfactorily solved by the establishment of the Judge Baker Foundation, made possible through the further contributions of friends, relatives and a wider group interested in the idea to which Judge Baker had given impetus. Such a memorial could not have been established under the leadership of any less resourceful man than Judge Cabot. Here under the skillful direction of Dr. William Healy and Dr. Augusta F. Bronner and their assistants is carried on precisely that kind of scientific study of problem cases of delinquency which Judge Baker so clearly saw was necessary and which he regarded in fact as the next step in the development of