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EDITOR'S PREFACE

THE emphasis of Professor Henderson upon the fact that crime is not a disease is refreshing in view of many recent utterances, and indicates the sane view of the author upon the cause and cure of crime. This little book is offered in the expectation that it may present an outline of the problems and at the same time offer some suggestions to police officers, students, and members of courts on the matter of jails, influences of surroundings, and lack of education and right home conditions upon the creation of criminals. The well-known work of the author, *Prison Reform and Criminal Law*, should make this book equally welcome.

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THE invitation to publish this book furnishes an occasion for urging afresh the improvement of our city police stations and county jails, which were so severely condemned by the last International Prison Congress. The nation which originated the Reformatory and the Juvenile Court, and which has developed the parole system and probation of adults, has yet to learn and feel how its honor is sullied by our local prisons. Recent discussions and experience require new emphasis on psychological laboratories in schools, courts, reformatories, and prisons; on work colonies for alcoholics and degraded misdemeanants; on a better legal basis for prison regulations; on reform of the police to save them from corruption in unholy alliance with the social evil, and to train them for the fine calling of prevention of crime; and on the readjustment of the criminal law and procedure to make them conform to the requirements of modern knowledge of the criminal character.

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