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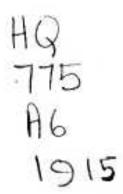


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INTRODUCTION

TRAINING BOYS

There was a time when men were willing to keep on doctoring the sick without attempting to abolish the pest-hole whence all the sickness came. A familiar example was the constant drugging for malaria, until in a quite recent day they learned to drain the ponds where the malaria was bred; another—for years they vainly invented elaborate treatments for the ever-increasing victims of yellow fever; now we cut off the plague by a simple quarantine. In a word, the modern method is prevent not cure—innocence is better than repentance.

This was put in practice among matters physical long before it was generally adopted as a method for the treatment of crime.

All authorities today admit that the boys of fundamentally criminal instincts are rare, and 99 per cent of those that go wrong, need not have done so, had we applied the simple laws of medical science. The prac-