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# Reformation of Offenders in India

A Handbook for the use of Workers  
amongst Delinquents in India

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## PREFACE

Having been engaged for over twenty years in the reformation of Criminal Tribes in the Bombay Presidency and also more recently in the care of lads released on license from the Dharwar Borstal School, I have felt the need of an Indian handbook for the use of Magistrates and others who come in contact with offenders against the law. Such a book seems specially needed for the guidance of those who have any responsibility for juveniles or adolescents who have broken the laws of the land or need its protection. Of books concerning the laws of India there are plenty, but on the more important subject of the reformation of those who have offended against the laws of the land very little has been written. Yet surely it is very important for the Magistrate, or for any one who has to deal with offenders in any other capacity, to know something of the psychology of delinquency, and the ways in which the delinquent can best be treated to further his reform. This little handbook with all its weaknesses has been reluctantly written and published since no one else has attempted to meet this particular need.

I would acknowledge my indebtedness to the classic work of Dr. Cyril Burt—“*The Young Delinquent*” and would urge any one who desires to pursue the subject in detail to study this work. I would also express my gratitude to the English Borstal Association, to Miss M. K. Davis of the Children's Aid Society, Bombay, and to Mrs. L. F. Bradbury of Hubli Industrial Settlement for the help given to me by them.

There is I believe a strong sense of social service in India which needs to be aroused, and directed into useful channels. If this book serves the purpose of guiding any one to help more effectively an offender against the laws of India I will be well repaid.

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## APPENDIX.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Works recommended for those who desire to make a more complete study of the subject :—

## PUBLISHED IN ENGLAND—

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**Children's Courts** by CLARKE HALL. Published by George Allen Unwin. Price 7/6.

**Report of the Departmental Committee for Young Offenders.** Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, London. Price 2/6.

**Borstalians** by J. W. GORDON. Published by Martin Hopkinson, London. Price 7/6.

**Boys in Trouble** by Mrs. LE MESURIER. Published by John Murray. Price 6/- net.

**Report of the Departmental Committee on Persistent Offenders, 1932.** Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, London. Price 1/6.

**Latest Report of the Work of the Children's Branch of the Home Office.** Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office.

The above books can be obtained through any big Indian bookseller.

## PUBLISHED IN INDIA—

**Imprisonment** by Lt.-Colonel BARKER, I.M.S., Inspector-General of Prisons, Punjab. Published by the Christian Literature Society for India, Madras. Price Rs. 1-8-0.

**Annual Reports of the Children's Aid Societies and Reformatory and Borstal Schools** such as those from the Children's Aid Society, Umarchadi, Bombay, the David Sassoon Industrial and Reformatory Institution, Bombay, the Reformatory School, Yeravda, Poona, Bombay Presidency Borstal Association, Dharwar, and similar reports from other Presidencies.