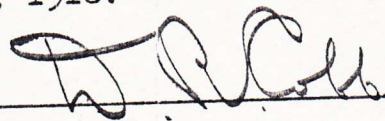


COMMISSION AS PROBATION OFFICER.

By virtue of the power vested in me by Section 11-A of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of New York I hereby appoint MARGARET J. DOWNES, whose address is 509 Park Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y., a salaried Probation Officer for both adults and juveniles in the County Court, in the County of Onondaga, New York. Said appointment to take effect April 1, 1918, and to continue until December 31, 1918. Dated, Syracuse, N. Y., March 29, 1918.



Onondaga County Judge.

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## Earning the First Dollar

MRS. MARGARET DOWNES.

Mrs. Margaret Downes, county probation officer, "knows young people." She has six children of her own, was the oldest of a family of 10 and for six years has had charge of young people from 16 to 21 years sent to her by the courts for assistance.

She early showed her sense of responsibility to others when she found that she could make the first payment on a sewing machine for the family by learning to make buttonholes for the sewing machine people. She had \$1.10 coming to her after she had made enough buttonholes to get the machine delivered. There were lots of things her girlish heart yearned for but she was tired of seeing her mother dressed in black so she took the money and laid it out on sufficient brown satine with a yellow figure in it for a dress for her mother.

While in high school she worked afternoons keeping books for an instalment firm and contributed from that sum to the comfort of the family. After she had taken a commercial course and worked for a time, she married.

Mrs. Downes finds that most of the boys who come under her supervision are obsessed by the idea that they can't be a favorite without an automobile. The idea of passing up girls of expensive tastes until they can save up enough money to make a first payment on a car doesn't seem to occur to them, so they borrow one that is handy and find themselves in an unpleasant situation. She says the exercise of patience and application of common sense to these situations help 75 per cent. of such young people to realize that waiting—and hustling while they wait—will eventually accomplish their heart's desire.

Her philosophy of life is summed up in her teaching to her children when they are driving through traffic. She tells them: "All that congestion will straighten out when we get to it. Perhaps we may have to have patience and wait a little bit but we will get through all right. Life is that way. Ahead sometimes the obstacle looks insurmountable but when you reach the spot there is always a way through."



MRS. DOWNES.

## What People Think

Dr. Francis J. Beall, physician: "The greatest charity is to give a man work, and then see that he does it. Handing him things without making him work for them is an insult, and does not spur him on to better education."

The Rev. Rolfe C. Grunni, pastor St. Mark's Church: "The Good Fellow movement is a fine thing. I am glad to see it started here and am sure it will carry the spirit of Christmas more than anything else."

Mrs. Margaret Downes, county probation officer: "It is within the power of society to mold the character of children under 16 years of age by the proper education and environment."

## WOMAN RECALLS FORMER EMPLOYEE AS MISSING GIRL

Brother of Esther Trotter  
Finds Sister Through Probation Officer.

The missing Esther Trotter, whose brother, J. Trotter, of Limehouse, London, E. C., England, wrote to Thomas E. Kennedy, city clerk, to locate because Mrs. Morris Campbell, of Memphis, N. Y., in 1910, according to information from Mrs. Margaret Downes, county probation officer.

Reading in the Herald that Mr. Trotter wished to communicate with his sister, from whom he had not heard in 11 years, Mrs. Downes recalled that Miss Trotter had been in her employ until her marriage to Mr. Campbell. Mrs. Downes was also able to give assurance that the young woman is well and has a fine young family.