PROBATE COURT'S WORK DOUBLED

New State Laws Have Augmented Judicial Tasks.

Owing to the fact that the work in the judge of probate's office has nearly doubled, Judge Graham has addressed the following communication to the board of supervisors:

Gentlemen—I desire to make application to your honorable body for a stenographer for the juvenile division of this court.

Since I became judge of probate there have been a great many additions made by the law to the duties of the judge of probate.

In 1903 the present state inheritance tax law was passed by the legislature, which has added a great deal to the work of the probate office, and shortly thereafter the supreme court adopted a rule of practice over probate courts which entirely changed the practice as to making and copying of the record of orders and decrees of the court. It is now required that the original order be made out, signed by the judge, and placed in the files, and that the order be also copied into the bound records of the court. It also provides that each file shall be enrolled when the estate is closed. This extra copying makes a great deal more work for a stenographer than was required by the old method of merely entering the order in the bound record volume and signing the day's orders by the judge.

Two years ago what is known as the "juvenile court law" was passed by the legislature, which placed all delinquent and dependent children under the jurisdiction of the probate court. Prior to this time the juvenile offenders had been taken before the justice court, police court and circuit court, the same as other violators.

Owing to the probation features of this law and the fact that all petitions and paper pertaining to each case are prepared in the probate office, a very large volume of business has been added, and it is particularly on account of this juvenile work that another stenographer is needed. During the past nine months there have been 110 delinquent and dependent children brought into this court. This does not include about seventy-five children who have been brought in and their cases investigated and testimony taken and put on their honor to behave themselves without any formal record being made.

The last legislature also added to this court jurisdiction of the feeble-minded and epileptic persons whom it is desired to send to the home at Lapeer. These were formerly handled directly by the institution at Lapeer. The last legislature also provided that the testimony in all insane cases of feeble-minded and epileptic persons relating to the financial condition of those legally liable for the support of the patients must be taken and reduced to writing and placed in the file, and monthly reports made to the auditor general, all of which adds materially to the stenographic work required for the proper dispatch of the business.

Aside from the work in the juvenile division of the court, I also desire to call your attention to the fact that ten years ago the average number of files opened each year was 225. For the first nine months of the present years the total number was 250. This does not include the juveniles, and a conservative estimate of the number of files that will be opened this year, including the juveniles, will be upwards of 450.

From this you will see that not only has the number of cases greatly increased but the work of each individual estate has increased owing to the new rules of procedure which we are obliged to follow.

During the past year it has been necessary for the present court stenographer to work holidays and two or three nights a week.

It has also been the custom of this office to draw up whatever papers were necessary for the widows and orphans who are interested in small estates and to assist the guardians, administrators and executors of the smaller estates with their accounts. This work is all done without any charge whatsoever. If it is the desire of the board of supervisors that this office discontinue the work of assisting these widows and orphans, possibly we may be able to get along without hiring another stenographer. It is certain that the work of this office cannot be efficiently done, including the assisting of widows and orphans, unless more help is provided, owing to the large amount of work that has been added of late years by the laws of the state.

In order to get the matter before your honorable body, I therefore request that you provide a stenographer for the juvenile division of this court.

I shall be glad to furnish any information that I have to your honorable body, or to any committee you may appoint. Very truly yours,

STEPHEN A. GRAHAM,
Judge of Probate.

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THE MAKING OVER OF A SPOILED MAN.

By MARY P. WINSTON.

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A boy from seven to twelve tied to a nurse's apron string is always an object of pity to me. I have seen one of these boys looking wistfully at a group of romping children, longing to join in their play, but deterred by the woman who had him in charge. They, dressed in corduroy or gingham, are without fear of soiling their clothes; he, rigged out in a white "wash" suit, knows that one speck of dirt on it will bring down the anathemas of the she dragon hired to keep him clean.

Tommy Burch and I would have been friends in our childhood had we been permitted. But Tommy was always immaculately dressed, and a middle aged lady tutor-nurse had him in charge to elevate his mind. I was always dirty, and my mother seldom put good clothes on me, for she knew I would tear them to tatters climbing trees. If Tommy had had a common nurse he might have occasionally got away from her, but with his governess it was another matter. He was never permitted to be out of her sight for a moment.

The worst of it was that Tom was not born a milksop. He became one because he couldn't help himself. When he had got rid of his governess he begged me to take him gunning and fishing and all that. A love of such sports was born in him, but he had been so delicately reared that he was unable to stand the hardships they involved and couldn't keep pace with me in anything. Nevertheless I was fond of him, and we became quite chummy. So after a first effort at tramping all day through a wood and eating bacon and hardtack for supper he gave it up and devoted himself to drawing pictures, for which he had considerable talent. If he had had the luck to have been thrown on his own resources he might have made an artist of himself.

My cousin, Frances Rose, having become the object of Burch's adoration, he confided the secret to me and asked me to sound her as to whether there was any chance for him. I suggested to her one day that she and Tom would make a good match.

"I make a match with that ladylike young man!" she exclaimed disdainfully. "Not much!"

"He might at least teach you to speak good English," I retorted. Then I told her of the way Tom had been brought up and the dragon and all that. She listened attentively and from contempt, with a woman's sudden change of front, veered right round to sympathy. So when I proposed that she help me to try to rectify the damage done she fell in with the plan. We were to coach Tom in athletic games and manly amusements, giving him sundry hard raps, such as he should have had years before. All I let him know about it was that Frank admired manly men and he'd better go in for athletics. He was a trifle old to begin, but I promised to help him.

I commenced with boxing gloves and after a few lessons hammered him so unmercifully that I feared I had killed him. When he came round I told him I'd turn him over to Frank for a new beginning, which she, a girl, would be better fitted to make than I, a right tackle football man.

Frank took him up, and I could plainly see she developed a deep interest in the work. I have seen her keep him on the tennis court, playing first a set, then a double set, losing just enough games to necessitate a "play-off," the sweat running down his cheeks, his neck and trickling down his back, while he panted like a horse with the heaves.

A crisis came at last. It was in cross country horseback riding. Frank could ride like a centaur. She disdained to strain a horse by sitting sidewise. She rode straddle with divided skirts. She made Tom get out of bed before daylight to ride with her, increasing the length of their canters till on one occasion she kept the poor beggar out without a morsel of food from 5 o'clock till noon. During this time he was obliged to jump his horse, she leading the way over fences, ditches and logs. He had been born with no craven spirit and would have gone to his death rather than give in to her. This led her to push him to see how far he would go, till one day she went over a log so large that she barely missed it. Tom, who was not so expert a horseman, raised his beast too soon, and the animal, coming down with his belly flat on the log, rolled over on his rider.

I was sent for to go to Tom's house and found Frank there in the hall looking like a ghost, while the doctor was making up his mind whether there was any chance for the milksop she had been trying to make a man of. Tom hovered between life and death for a month, then gradually came around. The first thing he did after getting out was to come to me and tell me of his engagement to my cousin. I wasn't surprised, for he had shown that had he been suffered to make a man of himself in the first place he would have done so. What the dragon had spoiled a splendid girl made over successfully.

When I spoke to Frank about her engagement I said, "I thought you couldn't marry a ladylike young man."

"Shut up!" she cried sharply. "He's as manly as you. He followed me everywhere I led, even at the risk of his neck."

I smiled, but made no reply.