

tion down to dastardly suicide. We boast of our civilization, of our progress, of our intellectual advancement, but whence comes this frightful increase in the number of juvenile criminals? Has the influence of religious home training ceased? Are our mothers ceasing to be mothers? Are the altars of our homes adorned with naught but Dead Sea fruit?

Philanthropists who study and note this alarming increase of crime among the youth of our land attribute it to a lack of education during early childhood. They hold that greater pains should be taken with the education of children while they are small; that more attention should be given to the kindergarten training, holding—and in this they are right—that a more lasting impression can be made on the character of every man before he has reached the sixth year of his life than in all subsequent years together.

The kindergarten is, indeed, very, very good, provided, as Father Becker says, it