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SUCH lengthy reports have been submitted during the past eight years concerning the Industrial School that the public generally know or are in a position to know all about it, its history, aims, failures, and successes. The policy of taking the public into our confidence has been justified by the results. Almost every one has a good word, and no one has a bad word now for the institution. Parents in town and country who can do nothing with their own sons are willing to pay, as far as their means permit, to get them within its shelter and improving influences. The City Council has adopted it, and instead of a small dole that had to be annually petitioned for, now votes of its own accord \$60 a year for every boy sentenced by the Stipendiary Magistrate. And men who give grudgingly to other charitable undertakings and suspect them of doing as much harm as good, exempt the Industrial School from their destructive criticism. That, they admit, is doing some good.

For all this friendly feeling and for the success which has led to it, the Committee is profoundly grateful. They have never made any secret of the fact that they had a peculiarly difficult problem to solve, and that a partial success would be as much as could be expected. Large institutions for foundlings, for orphans, for the destitute, for those who are physically or morally weak or diseased, look imposing, but they have to be carefully watched and ruled or they are likely to become great pest-houses. With all such unfortunate classes the true policy is to scatter the individuals as widely as possible, to bring them under the influences of the divine institution of the family, and when they are gathered in institutions, to make those as much like the family as possible. But the Committee had to deal primarily with juvenile criminals, and these could not be scattered abroad. To