

imposed by the law are influential as social educators. The criminal code cannot control consciences, but it can control conduct, and obtain valuable moral results through compulsion.

Better housing means less tuberculosis. Our present method is to tolerate the existence of habitations which are breeding places for tuberculosis, but when the disease becomes well established, we generously contribute money for the benefit of its victims. That "all men are brothers" is a truth we profess but do not always practice. We do not answer, like Cain, that we have no charge over our brother but we often delay recognizing our relationship or manifesting any practical interest in him until an infectious disease takes firm hold on him. An earlier interest would cost less and be more effective and more Christian.

I do not contend that housing conditions always are the greatest contributory cause of moral delinquency. Nothing is so edifying as the honest, patient lives of the vast majority of the poor, and it seems a miracle of the grace of God that so many girls and boys keep pure and honest, in spite of wretched environment. But I maintain that there is often a very close connection between bad housing conditions and moral delinquency. Housing conditions can exercise a most vital influence upon the moral and religious life of the people.