

the Ontario Government to appoint a Commission of competent gentlemen to collect information regarding Prisons, Reformatories, Houses of Correction, Work-Houses, etc., with a view to the adoption of the most approved methods of dealing with the criminal classes, suggesting to the Government the propriety of erecting sufficient Prison and Reformatory accommodation in the Province to completely relieve the goals of criminals convicted of crime and under sentence, and asking for a report on the following, viz. :—(1) The causes of crime, such as drink, over-crowding, immoral literature, Sabbath-breaking, truants from school, etc. : (2) the best means of rescuing destitute children from a criminal career : (3) the best means of providing and conducting Industrial schools : (4) the propriety of the Government assuming larger control of County Goals : (5) industrial employment of prisoners : (6) indeterminate sentences : (7) the best method of dealing with tramps and habitual drunkards.

His Lordship said that he tried to interest the people in his diocese in the question of Prison Reform. He was happy to say that those with whom he came in contact were sensible of the duty of treating the subject in an intelligent manner. A Commission would enlighten the whole community on the evils of the present system.

The resolution was seconded by Rev. A. H. Baldwin, and was declared carried.

PRISON REFORM PRINCIPLES.

Dr. A. M. Rosebrugh was called upon, as a member of the Prisoners' Aid Association, to move the next resolution, which is as follows :—

"Resolved, That this Conference endorses the eleven principles of Prison Reform, formulated by the Prisoners' Aid Association, and commends the same to the favorable consideration of the Ontario Government."

Dr. Rosebrugh stated that these eleven principles of Prison Reform, had received the endorsation of judges, sheriffs, wardens, gaolers and other Canadian prison experts and they had also received the unqualified endorsation of eminent American penologists such as General Brinkerhoff, of Ohio, Brockway of Elmira Reformatory, Brush, of Sing Sing, etc.

This resolution was seconded by Rural Dean Kirkby and declared carried.