

crime, and in the large volume of evidence taken by the Commission this thought looms up on every page.

In its finding the Commission traced crime back in nearly every instance to a neglected childhood. To quote the words of the Report:

On the most thoughtful consideration of this subject and careful analysis of the evidence taken in connection with that branch of the enquiry the Commissioners are led to the conclusion that the chief causes of crime in the community are:

*The want of proper parental control; the lack of good home training and the baneful influence of bad homes, largely due to the culpable neglect and indifference of parents, and the evil effects of drunkenness.*

It was the almost universal opinion of all who gave testimony on this subject. And this is also the opinion of such writers as we have been able to consult, that the great majority of criminals begin their career of vice and crime at an early age, and that where there are many juvenile offenders there will in time be many criminals, unless proper methods of prevention and reformation are employed.

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"When obedience is enforced from authority, and not from sympathy and confidence, there will be secret deceit if not open revolt."