

citizenship ; nor at this late day is it necessary to enlarge upon the importance of this Institution to the public welfare. Pupils who have gone from us to other countries keep up a correspondence with the School, and frequently refer to the blessed influence which the advice and instruction there imparted have had upon their lives. During a recent visit to Boston the Superintendent was called upon by several former pupils, one lad coming from Waltham to meet him, and waiting five hours on the wharf for the arrival of the steamer. Some of these boys are members of the church and workers in the Sunday School, while all are doing well in the several lines of life upon which they have entered.

In view of these results and the importance of the work which this Institution is doing, the Committee have confidence in appealing to the generosity of the people of this city and Province for financial support. Mr. A. A. Brush, Warden of Sing Sing Prison, N. Y., in a paper on "How to Prevent Crime," says :—"The cause which leads to crime and imprisonment is a lack of family discipline," and that "School discipline, in failure of family discipline, can do much, and is doing much, to form a disciplined character, so as to prevent children from commencing a life of crime." This is the work our Institution is doing. The boys who come to us are without family or church discipline, and our aim is to form their character for righteous life before evil influences harden them into criminals. From an economical point of view it is very much less expensive to prevent crime than to punish it, while the moral results are beyond estimate.

Though this Institution has been in existence for 30 years, because of limited resources we have not been able to undertake the measure of work in which we desire to engage. The boys should be instructed in different trades, so that each pupil might be placed in the position in life for which he is naturally fitted. But this is impossible until the public respond more liberally to our appeals for support.