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addition to the general motive of benevolence, it is actuated by the livelier principle of fear—by the knowledge that an ignorant and vicious neighbour invested with political power is likely to become an intolerable nuisance. In monarchical countries, less attention is paid to the subject, as soldiers are always ready to shoot down the multitude if they make themselves troublesome.

But the object of most interest was the Juvenile Asylum, for the same kind of offenders as the House of Refuge, but on a different plan—the parental system, as it is called, under the superintendence of Dr. Russ.* The doctor himself was out when I arrived, but I had the satisfaction of hearing from his wife and daughter a description of their management. The house was such as might have belonged to a wealthy family, with well-wooded grounds about it, situated on the bank of the estuary which bounds the eastern side of Manhattan Island; but a new and spacious building is being erected for its inmates on the opposite shore of Blackwell's Island, where the other government establishments for paupers and criminals are placed.

I learnt from the elder lady that their plan consisted in treating the whole of the inmates as members of their own family. That no one had food, lodging, or

* It is founded upon the idea, that in childhood, when the feelings are extremely acute, and impressions, either of friendship or aversion, are received, that last for life, something more is necessary than the cold care of a master. The tenderness of a parent is required to form a docile creature, instead of a perverse enemy of human society.