

not taking away the interest in life. For boys, physical and mental development classes are instituted, and the treatment adopted includes massage, gymnastics, baths, school work, etc., and a carefully regulated dietary restricted to the best requirements of the criminal.

The system, too, of allowing the hopeful criminals to win their way back to freedom, when properly applied, is excellent, as proved by competent observations. As has been well said, the chief aim of the ideal prison is that of being a moral hospital. It is, of course, impossible to more than indicate in a general way the lines along which the advances should be made, as the subject is too large to deal with here. Little has been said about the offences of minor criminals and drunkards. With the first class, providing that the offenders are not of the instinctive criminal class, the suspended sentence is excellent, although it is a mistaken kindness, in fact a grave wrong, with instinctive criminals. Great care should be taken by the magistrates when investigating the crimes of boys, and if necessary, expert advice called in. This has been done occasionally with decided benefit.

Up to the present Canada has developed slowly and healthily, her expansion has been gradual, and we have escaped the dangers incident to sudden accessions of multitudes of immigrants from the older countries. Our record as a law-abiding people has been enviable, and on the whole the administration of the laws has made the comparison between ourselves and our neighbors to the south a very comforting one. As a matter of fact we have been drifting, and are now becoming blind to a danger that is apparent to any of those who have had much to do with the defective and criminal classes. It is useless to deny the gravity of the situation, and as an ounce of prevention is always better than the proverbial pound of cure, now is the time to face problems that are upon us.

As a general thing, Canadians are satisfied that in the administration of justice, we are ideal, and have little to learn, that when a prisoner has been convicted and punishment meted out our duty to society has been finished. Of course, those who have made a study of penology are well aware that Canada