

way of advocating such schools as that which is doing such a good work at Mimico, and the necessity for keeping children out of the contamination and disgrace inseparable from even a short confinement in our gaols. But while a good deal is said about the necessity for further legislation in order to perfect and multiply such places for rescuing and caring for the children, there is not so much said as there ought to be about further and more stringent legislation in order to make parents do their duty to their children and to punish neglect of that duty.

By all means let us have Industrial Schools. By all means let children be kept from the pollution and hardening influence sure to come from premature and unwise incarceration. But let all this be conjoined with a continued reference to the true criminals, those fathers and mothers who, the more society takes the care of their children off their hands, like it all the better and plunge only the more into self-indulgent debauchery and heartlessness. The Industrial School, in short, like charity of all kinds, unless wisely managed, may only feed the evil which it is intended to destroy. The people of England, and of other places, who have given most attention to this subject are feeling this more and more, and the most recent legislation, carried a few months ago through the Imperial Parliament, points very significantly in the direction we have indicated by making the parents, in some cases directly, and in others indirectly responsible, and therefore punishable for the sins of their children. If the children are sent out to beg, those who send them are now in England made responsible. If they steal and it can be shown that they take their plunder home, that, too, makes a case against those with whom they live. We don't give all the particulars, but simply refer to this regulation as going in the right direction, not forgetting especially the power secured to break absolutely the parental claim for control over the child, while in every case insisting that the expense incurred shall be borne by the parent to the very utmost of his or her ability. There are plenty of fathers in Toronto and elsewhere who are only too glad to get quit of the bother and expense incurred by the mere fact of their having children. Let this ever be kept in mind and in the midst of all this most commendable and angel-like