

Dr. Hastings contended that children should be kept out of the courts. They should be reached before they become criminals, and taken from home if necessary.

The learned commissioner was most painstaking in hearing the evidence and will no doubt give it very careful study. It is to be hoped that we will soon have passed the stage of discussion and investigation, the hearing of evidence and the drafting of reports, and reach the stage of action. Enough, and much more than enough, evidence has been submitted to justify the Government in taking action. One feeble-minded child with immoral habits may cost much more in the end by allowing it its freedom than it would have cost in the first place to have been put into some institution. The cheapest of all wars is war against war. Get hold of the feeble-minded before they are immersed in crime.

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“THEY SAY. WHAT SAY THEY? LET THEM SAY.”

These words, found over the door of the University of Aberdeen, will serve as our text. Of late the irregulars have been busy. They have been writing letters to the press, and advertising their systems, and sending broadcast circulars. If there is one thing clearer than another it is that the people are not capable of judging for themselves. Those who patronize an osteopath or a chiropractic know nothing of the errors lying at the very foundation of the beliefs of these schools of practice.

No government would engage any one to build a bridge for it who did not believe in strength of steel to carry a certain weight, and who cast aside all that research had done along this line. A man with such crude ideas might construct a very faulty bridge. Then, again, take the people. They will go into a train and cross the Niagara or the St. Lawrence Rivers on the bridges spanning these waters, without a particle of thought or knowledge that these bridges are strong enough for the load. Some one built the bridge and this ends it for them.

In the treatment of disease they are equally ignorant. Some one comes along and claims to be an herbalist; and many follow the fad. He will advertise that he does not use the deadly poisons found in the mineral kingdom, regardless of the fact that some of the most deadly poisons come from the vegetable world.

Another will say, “I am a magnetic healer.” He tells the people that he possesses some strange power that enables him to cure disease by the laying on of his hands; and some believe him and take his treatment.

Yet another will say that all systems heretofore are wrong; but that