

uneducated child in this Province, when the mind of every one will become so enlightened as to make him consider the support of schools and of competent teachers, as matters of the first importance. Think well then over this; consider what position your sons will occupy in such a community, and educate them that they may not become objects of ridicule to the intelligent. But I must bring my introduction to an end; you will think me (as indeed I really am) wandering from the text of my subject, and I will now attempt to explain to you the *absolute* necessity there exists that you should bestow upon your children the best Education you can afford; and that you will exercise a wise discretion, if instead of hoarding up dollars in order to establish them in business, you expend a few of them in elevating their minds, and in endeavouring to raise them to a respectable position in the intelligent community.

I will now therefore advance my first step, namely that "Education is necessary for preventing crime and civilizing the masses." If there are any here who should think my assertion too sweeping to be supported, I would say, take the history of any nation you please, and you will invariably find that the Country which has the best system of National Education, is at once more advanced both in moral dignity and intellectual culture. The best Educated people in the world (mind I am speaking of the mass) are the Austrians and Prussians, and in no other Country is crime at so low an ebb. How is it that England stands nearly first in the catalogue of crime? How is it I repeat that she the first of nations, whom minor States obey, and mighty ones endeavour to imitate. How is it that she upon whose boundless territory the sun is constantly shining, whose power encircles the Globe like a girdle, has prisons crowded with criminals and colonies with convicts? How is it I ask, that such is the case? I have advanced the question and will answer it that you may judge for yourselves.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland contains a population of thirty millions of people; indeed so densely is England populated, that there are nearly four hundred inhabitants to every square mile of ground, and as crime is ever greater in towns and cities where the masses are concentrated than in the country where the population is comparatively scattered, it necessarily follows that in so dense a mass, where even the Country frequently presents the appearance of Towns, crime must have full sway and vigour unless there is some antidote in force proportionately strong to keep it in check; and what is to be that antidote? I answer, *Education!* Various kinds of punishment of greater or less severity have been invented and enforced for the suppression of crime, but who will dare for a moment to say that crime has abated one atom? Nay; do not our criminal returns shew a steady increase? Murder is made punishable by death,