

and women, acting as probation agents, are appointed as guardians. They visit the home, and with a powerful judge behind them, they guide the boy's life along safe channels until he is able to stand alone. Instead of punishing the child, all those persons or agencies that aid, abet or encourage a youth in wrong-doing are hailed before the court, and here we rectify a mistake that has long been tolerated in our criminal procedure. We have allowed children to be brought up under the vilest social conditions, and then have sought to punish them for living the only kind of life they knew anything about, entirely ignoring the contributory causes or persons.

Crime and Its Cure.

Let me now speak for a moment on the general question of crime, one of the heaviest burdens imposed upon this young country, and a growing evil that should give us anxious thought. I am glad to see present your Chief of Police, whom I have reason to know is a good official and ready to co-operate with any agency having in view the social betterment of our race. It has long been my belief that we should encourage the police force in all our cities to look upon themselves as social agents, rather than as mere machines to secure the arrest and conviction of law-breakers. Is there not the danger of the very agency that was designed for the protection of the community becoming a menace to the liberty and happiness of the poor? I mention the poor especially, because it is very rare indeed that a man possessed of money goes to jail. In our own City of Toronto, which we are proud to call a