

have failed to excite popular interest, and to all attempts to elucidate them, the public is apt to turn a deaf ear.

He presented statistics, showing the total annual cost of crime taxation in the U. States to be not less than \$200,000,000, which he added, makes crime by far the largest factor with which political economy has to deal. The number of prisoners now in confinement is about 100,000, and a conservative estimate places the number of criminals at large in the U. States at 500,000, of whom fully one-half are habitual criminals. Then 250,000 criminals with their spoils placed at \$1600 per year gives us an aggregate of \$400,000,000, to which we add the yearly taxation for crime, giving a total of \$600,000,000 per annum, and beyond all this and worse than all, the mental suffering and agony, the ruined lives, the broken homes and hearts, the desolation, and yearning and despair—Who can estimate the cost of crime? We have reached a realm where figures end. The problem is too vast, no adequate computation of what crime costs can ever be made or even imagined. There is one thing in our favor and in it lies our only hope for the future, it is the vitalizing and regenerative energy of Christianity.

#### INVITED TO TORONTO.

Dr. Gilmour, Warden of Central Prison, Toronto, gave a hearty invitation to all who could make it convenient to attend the Canadian Conference of Charities and Correction, to be held in Toronto, on Thursday and Friday, September 27th and 28th. Several promised to attend [A number did attend, and added very much to the interest of the Canadian Conference.—A. M. R.]