

In looking through the belongings of a noted criminal, a scrap-book was found which was entirely filled with clippings from newspapers describing various crimes that had been committed. The man admitted that he gained a good deal of information for his business in reading over these items.

Instead of always trying to keep children out of temptation, they should be taught to withstand temptation when it presents itself, otherwise those who are at all weak will be sure to fall when left to their own guidance.

There is in every child a spark of the divine that can be kindled into a glowing flame of noble aspiration and heroic activity.

Children must be dealt with individually—they cannot be reformed in bulk.

If only the number of officials it requires to run an institution could be employed to prevent children from needing commitment what a great work could be accomplished!

The superintendent of an industrial school had a number of large boys who were hard to manage. He adopted the expedient of making them assistants at a regular wage and they were transformed at once into useful helpers.

It is the unexpected that influences children. If they are counting on a whipping for some offence, that is the time to treat them with greater kindness and consideration than before. Surprises in this direction are often influential in bringing about an entire change of conduct.

About ten years ago a wretched-looking girl of eleven, delicate and miserably clad, took up her stand on a crowded corner on King Street for several days and begged in a pitiful voice for a little help. A gentleman whose sympathy took a practical turn laid a complaint and as her relatives were shown to be worthless people, she was made a ward of the Society. To-day she is a respectable young woman, earning a comfortable living and grateful for the kindness that rescued her from a vagrant and destitute life.

Florence was a little orphan girl, seven years of age, who had been carefully trained in her religious duties. One custom frequently impressed on her was that she should always cover her eyes with her hands at meal times and keep them covered until grace was said. After a time she was adopted in a home where grace was only repeated when there was company. The little girl duly covered her eyes and could not be induced to open them until a blessing had been asked. This she continued to do until the family decided that to show proper respect for the child's feelings they would ask a blessing regularly instead of occasionally.