

in one-roomed premises, and insanitary dwellings in our large cities, it might be asked whether public money would not be better expended in solving the housing problem than in spending vast sums on sanatoriums and lunatic asylums in the hope of dealing with physical and mental degeneracy."

It is apparent, then, that we must attack the question of unfavorable environment in a broad way, if we expect to diminish seriously the "Social Evil." Nowhere do our Lord's words, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," seem so pregnant of truth and meaning. Dr. Landis, already quoted, says regarding urbanization, "The constant contact of the sexes in occupations, with much danger to morals, is inevitable"; while limiting these influences as far as possible by removing to an environment where occupation in sunlight and fresh air with an abundant food supply is the everyday existence, seems one logical means of dealing with what has become a national problem.

It might be thought that a paper on this subject is incomplete which does not take up all the problems of the "curfew," licensing of prostitution and a red-light district, the establishing of a Delinquents' Court, the probation system, the industrial farm and all the adjuncts attaching to our penal systems; but it appears to me that such are but attempts to treat the sick and cannot prevent the disease about which the world has for thousands of years philosophized and pondered, as upon "the origin of evil," too often looked upon as an emanation from some Demonic power, opposed to the Divine. Close analysis, however, would seem to teach us that its phenomena are but illustrations of human imperfection of the too often untrained, not necessarily untaught, child in those principles of education through which Froebel and all teachers like him have sought to develop character. The laws of evolution are equally applicable in the mental and moral as in the physical sphere; an overcoming through struggle—the survival of the best. As man has learned to subdue Nature, to discover her secrets and make them subserve his needs, so must he struggle to overcome in the mental and moral sphere until discipline shall make conformity to high ethical ideals the law and normal routine of his life; in a word, the process which has marked in