

lege expenses. Let the daughter take her turn at the wash-tub and ironing board and thus work her way to the piano or easel. If there is toil or privation necessary to be endured, it is false kindness for the parents to take it all on themselves. Let the young people share it. Let them help as soon as they are able to contribute to the family resources and learn to do something useful.

The father and mother who pamper their children too much by a training which encourages a thousand artificial wants without giving them the means of satisfying one of them, arms them very poorly for the battle of life. When they have to provide for themselves they will be beaten at every turn by those of tougher fibre who have had to "hustle from the word go" ever since leaving their cradles.—*Orange Sentinel*.

A LESSON FROM BRITAIN.

Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, Secretary of State for Scotland in Lord Salisbury's Cabinet, has for many years studied social questions, and having directly under his department the prisons, reformatories, police and all matters pertaining to crime and criminals in Scotland, he has become by research and training an authority on the manner of dealing with juvenile offenders. In a circular recently issued to magistrates and others who may have to try juveniles charged with crime, he insists that first offenders shall not be sent to gaol, but if the offence be serious that instead the boys shall get a sound whipping from an officer of the court, and that girls be dealt with by the matrons. He points out that to send a boy to gaol for his first offence is practically to throw him into the criminal class; whereas to whip him soundly is but to do

what, had his parents done it when necessary, would probably have saved the lad from crime. Lord Balfour then goes on to show how after careful inquiry he has found that the sending of first offenders when young to gaol has been in fully eighty per cent. of cases the means of confirming them in crime, whereas a good, sound whipping has had an excellent deterrent effect. Lord Balfour is a most humane man, whose earnest desire is to lessen crime, to improve the social and moral condition of the people, and who, having carefully studied juvenile crime, has deliberately come to the conclusion that to send boys or youths to prison for their first offence is a grave mistake and that it is equally wrong to "molly coddle" them, and so he insists that they shall be soundly whipped for first offences of a serious nature.

We do not purpose here going into statistics on juvenile or other crime. We defer that for future articles, but we affirm that in view of the advance of education, the improvements in so many directions which are visible all around us, and in the possibilities for earning a good living which a country such as ours offers, there must be something wrong in our social system when we have so many criminals young and old. We believe that the great cause of this excess of crime is due to "molly coddling," and to the neglect of home duties by the parents of to-day, who are spending far too much time at meetings of "faddists:" and one has only to watch how many children behave in public places, even when accompanied by their parents, to know that the trainers of the young are themselves in far too many cases sadly in need of training in the ordinary courtesies of everyday life.

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