

read of the rapid decrease of crime in Great Britain, attributed largely to the improved system of prison management, a fact which statistics sustain. Imprisonments have greatly decreased, but committals to reformatories have concurrently increased, whilst detentions in industrial schools have vastly augmented; but so successful is the system of management that the criminal ranks are not recruited, and crime is steadily on the decrease. Why should it not be the same in Canada?

The home of to-day is responsible for the development of criminal tendencies, from the lack of training in individuality and self-respect that comes with it. The increase in number of defective, delinquent and deformed in our cities is one of the social problems of the time. The tendency to seek city life by those born in the country is an important factor in it. Upon entering city life, the morally and intellectually weak individual naturally gravitates into associations with the criminal class. The morally weak, even when they have attained to manhood, yield too readily to temptation. How much more susceptible to it are the young, who are weak and untrained in personal responsibility, who have not been looked after under good directive home instruction. What is required to check and remedy the increasing deformity in the citizenship of to-day is the cultivation of the principles referred to as lacking in the family life, the development there of self-respect, knowledge of God's law of purity in thought, speech and behavior, honesty, truth and love; to this end the Sabbath School should aid the home, and of their full responsibility in this regard all teachers should be conscious and strive for the fullest measure of success in their work. The boys are sent to the school without any preparation by their parents; when in the class the teacher is often unable to control them, and instead of acquiring religious instruction, the school becomes the nursery of positively bad habits and evil intercourse. The responsibility resting upon teachers is truly very great; doubtless they are conscious of it, and in some cases being unable to contend against the difficulties and discouragements they meet with from week to week, eventually give up the work in despair. A writer recently submitted, among other, these three questions: "Is the home a mere *addendum* to society? Is the home an assistant to the Church? Is the family an aid to the Sabbath School?" Recently the statement was made by an active city missionary in Toronto, that in a street containing 117 dwellings, only fifteen of the families attended any place of religious worship. If they go to no place of worship, in obedience to God's commands, it may be concluded that He has no place in the family, and that in it there is neither altar nor priest. If, in the home, the Christian character is not developed, then deformity takes its place, and it is in very deed and truth in too many instances only an *addendum* and a menace to society. The home and the Sabbath School should be reciprocal in their work, and aid the Church thereby. To a limited

extent this
able eviden
Continent is
not so appar
as real. Th
in all its c
uninfluenced
the deterre
extent here
of escape fro
seek the St
crime as to
truthfully e
dians that
Sabbath Sc
ship, to inq
who, durin
sing their s
their crimi
up, it was
own choice
their eveni
and not til
consequenc

What I
side of ma
engaged in
going to a
many inci
York, whi
man, who
the street
me and sa
you remem
name." "I
long assoc
Toronto,
one of yo
was sent
disorderly
for me to
a short ti
prepared
in the br
the hall.
spoke to
alongside