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the medical officers' report on the health of school children throughout England, one-fifth of the pupils of the elementary schools are in the low grades and are incapable of educational improvement on account of physical degeneracy. These conditions come about largely through the fact that land on which a city is built becomes highly valuable, and the owners of it wish to use every last foot to earn the highest interest on the money they have invested in this way. We may remark that in ancient times the worshippers of the heathen god Moloch were accustomed, in times of calamity, to present young children as sacrifices to propitiate their deity and to avert his wrath; but the worshippers of the mammon god to-day are less excusable than the idolators of ancient time. They offered human sacrifices through perverted religious instinct, in an unenlightened age, and no doubt with some feelings of natural human grief when their own offspring were among the doomed, but modern idolators, with the full light of Christian civilization on their way, and with an indifference from which many of the heathen were free, doom tens of