

the penal settlement were employed. This plan had two defects. First, it laid hold of the actual criminal, but did not dam or dry up the sources of crime. These continued to pour forth their ordinary streams, and society could have no hope that its wretched weary war was ever to end. Secondly, the reformation of the prisoners, or convicts, was seldom effected, and as they could not be confined all their lifetime, they returned periodically to freedom more hardened and vicious than ever. Besides the plan was too rough and ready to be just. It had the one same way of dealing with young and old, the weak and the strong, those who were criminal from choice and those who were criminal from necessity. In fact it was beginning at the wrong end. From this view of the case it was that Industrial Schools and Reformatories sprang up. Our little institution may be called the one or the other, for it is both. It is a Reformatory for criminal boys, an Industrial School for vagrants and waifs.

In all large cities there is a number of boys and girls growing up under influences that mould and shape them for evil and not for good. Some are orphans: some houseless and homeless. Some have parents who are criminals or hopelessly vicious. Some are predisposed to vagrancy and sin. Some are forced to beg, lie, and steal, and to be at war with society from the first. Most of this class are uneducated. Most breathe an unwholesome atmosphere. And the general training and associations of all are such that only by a special miracle in each case, can they ever become good citizens or christian men and women. These are the heathen at our own doors, and worse than the heathen; Arabs in the city; the standing reproach to our christianity. These form the dangerous class in every community: the various forms of crime are their profession; and they in their turn educate the next generation into all evil and all unnameable abominations. And so the black tide rolls on and increases, and threatens to poison the springs of national health. And yet in how many cases, can these poor lads stand up and say "it was not our own fault, we had not fair play."

Well it is now acknowledged that justice to this class demands that homes be provided for them, where their evil habits may be corrected and good ones formed in them. It

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