

course of my inquiries in Saxony I found that in certain localities there has been a marked diminution of crime, especially amongst younger offenders. But it is difficult to disprove the general statement, for crime is the effect of so many things. War, for example, has a most disturbing influence on society; and the period immediately following a war is always most productive of crime. Europe has passed through several wars and revolutions, and these at short intervals.

But at least instruction in what is right, is a remedy against the spread of crime. All we can do is to guide the young in the right path so long as they are young, and to help and prevent them during that period from committing crime. The rest depends upon the associations of life, and no one will deny that, when a good foundation is laid, there is less chance of men falling into bad habits than when as boys they have been neglected.

May the time soon come in England also when parents of the poorer classes will acknowledge the benefits conferred on them by the State, and look upon the education of their children as a duty every citizen owes to his country!