

nothing can be accomplished in any direction. Carefully to be considered, is a knowledge of right. Right is that which contributes to one's own permanent good. What contributes to one's own permanent good will also contribute to the well-being of all within its sphere of influence.

**Peace Officers.**

There is one great impediment to the prevention of crime. The peace officer owes it to crime that there is any need for such an office. Hence, he is tempted to foster misdoing more than is generally known. If there was no wrongdoing we should have no use for executive officers. This might be remedied in a kind of a sliding scale. The executive officer who succeeds in getting rid of evil deeds in his respective department might be allowed an increase of salary at superintending public improvements. This occupation would be more pleasant. The lawyer might be enticed over to the profession of logic and belles-lettres, etc., etc.

All deliberate crime springs from selfishness and a false estimate placed on wealth. All hasty crime comes from lack of ability, ability to control action under abnormal conditions. The latter is caused by false living—the indulgence of a healthy appetite to excess, or the indulgence of a false appetite.

All history proves that severity of punishment brutalizes both the victim and the officer inflicting it. It should be inflicted with a merciful hand and cease on the first appearance of genuine repentance. Officers should, first, find means to prevent wrong; secondly, they should find means to correct wrong; thirdly, they should find means to induce people to discharge their duties, as citizens, of their own accord.

JOSEPH MAKINSON.

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