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THE CRIMINAL AND PAUPER CLASSES

To prevent crime and to devise a remedy for pauperism is a problem which the best and the wisest of mankind have hitherto been unable to solve. It has been claimed that the education of the masses would lessen the tendency to crime; but, unless the moral nature be properly developed, experience has shown that mere intellectual training may simply throw upon the community an expert in villainy. As to pauperism, public and certain provision for the poor, simply because they are poor, is the worst system, both for the poor and for the public, that can possibly

be adopted. It increases directly and immensely the evils. It is intended to relieve and to correct. Statesmanship and philanthropy, both in England and in this country, have for generations exhausted all efforts to lessen poverty and crime, but, in spite of all that can be done, they seem to be steadily on the increase...