

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Farmington Enterprise: I read with interest your excerpts from Judge Covert's address at the first annual Father and Son banquet at North Farmington, wherein you quote him as saying, "Mankind have for several thousand years, tried the same method to cure crime, and have failed, and that we must try something else."

May I be permitted through the columns of your paper to offer a brief summary of some of our leading educators on this same subject.

Now that our barbaric ardor for wanting to butcher, mutilate, lynch and kill the Hoteling monster has cooled, let us get down to brass tacks consideration of the causes that led to the results of these heinous offenses against the Schneider and other families and society in general.

When the pioneers came to Michigan, they were burdened with a great deal of fever and plague, and their only panacea was large doses of quinine.

When the medical students got on the ground, and the scientific inquiry was thrown on conditions, they advised draining of the swamps, and assisting the sunshine to kill the germs and malaria, with the results, that the cause was located and conditions improved.

When Dr. Cooper came to my home to treat a case of typhoid fever, he at once began a systematic search for the cause and he wound up in a faulty well-pit. This was corrected and the typhoid fever epidemic eliminated.

So when the students of Biology sift the cold facts from all the sentimental verbiage, they find there is more society purification in one sterilization needle than there is in all the hard-boiled judges, lynching parties, reformers, environmental influences or religious dogmatisms that pious fakirs can invent.

Dr. Clarence Cook Little, president of the University of Michigan, was quoted by the press, January 18, as saying: "That many more revolting crimes would shortly be recorded, unless preventative measures were taken."

He advocated construction of more institutions for the criminal insane, and sterilization to prevent reproduction of their kind. Now if we don't want criminals, low-brows, imbeciles, etc., then let's not breed criminals, low-brows, imbeciles, etc. In other words raise the status of the Genus-Homo, just as the Livingston County farmer has raised the status of the milk producing bovine, by selective cross-breeding and the elimination of the unfit, by the process of sterilization.

At Battle Creek, Mich., the week of January 4, there was held a Better-Race Convention and was attended by the brainy men of the nation. Dr. Ross of the University of Wisconsin, epitomized the attitude of his co-workers in slashing at a well meaning but blundering philanthropy, which is saving the unworthy from the results of their incompetency and misconduct and not merely keeping alive the fools and weaklings, but is assisting them to maintain homes in which they can procreate more units.

In the same convention, Dr. Alfred Scott Warthin, of the University of Michigan, expressed that we were beginning at the wrong end to produce a better race. What was really needed was a new religion, and a new philosophy of life. Man's old religions, though they are passing, are reacting upon his environment, dangerously and inevitably.

Born of religion is the doctrine of the forgiveness of sin. This has done more harm biologically than any other thing in the world. Forgive sin—yes, but will the forgiveness remove from the bodies of young men and women, the deadly germs, associated with the social diseases, that linger to manifest themselves years in germplasm and in defective offspring. He also favors sterilization of the unfit.

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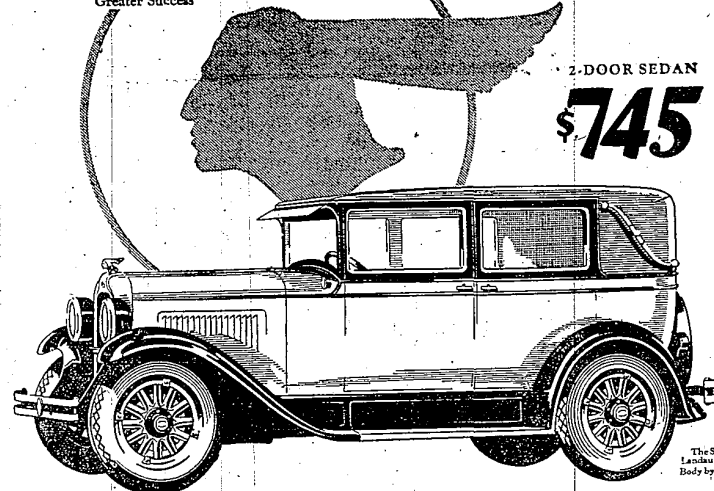
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