

VISION STONE PILE

IN SENDING OF BOYS TO PORTS- MOUTH PENITENTIARY

J. J. Kelso's Scheme for the Care of the Wayward Boys—Says Mimico School Should be Closed

That the Mimico school for erring boys should be closed at once, is the opinion of J. J. Kelso, Ontario's superintendent over neglected children, who was in Kingston on Tuesday, on his way to the old country on a trip for the benefit of his health.

In speaking on the matter Mr. Kelso said: "Once a man is publicly branded as a criminal it is almost impossible for him to reform. Many young fellows have struggled hard, but in vain, to get out of the net woven by his own misdeeds, evil associations, an intricate, vigilant and relentless police and legal system, and a curious gossip-loving public. Just as he almost succeeds in extricating himself some blundering official or companion gives him a jolt and he is in the meshes deeper than ever."

"In addition to giving a man a bad name, the institution provided by the state for his rehabilitation acquires in time a most unsavory reputation. It may be doing fairly good work with unpromising material, but it is sure to be classed as the community's inferno. 'Sent to the Mercer' means in the estimation of the average citizen that a woman is beyond hope, and has been thrown into a horrible prison from which she will emerge ten times worse than when she went in. It is useless to explain that the superintendent is a capable, sympathetic woman, who devotes her life to the work of restoring the unfortunate committed to her care. That is seldom considered. The place has a bad name, and is unani- mously condemned anyhow. The term 'Sent to Penetang' grew so un- savory that the old reformatory for boys had to be closed, for the lads known to have gone there had no chance when they got out. Although it is a fine university town, to be 'sent to Kingston' conjures up at once a vision of the cell and the stone-pile that the poetic traveller's guide can never dispel. Auburn, Sing-Sing, Dartmouth do not these names instantly suggest the lock- step, the sullen cropped heads, the guard on the wall with his handy rifle?"

"Pleasant Valleys" "It is a grand thing for Ontario as well as for many a poor devil who has made a mistake that the expres- sion 'Sent to the Central' will soon be forgotten. A new institution starts with a clean record, a new hope, a fresh inspiration, and en- thusiasm—in fact, with a well-liked irresistible appeal to a man to re- veal his best nature, and that is one- half the battle in getting back to good citizenship."

"The time has come when the Mercer should be wiped out, and the name forever abandoned. A country home or training school for women away back in the hills, with a name like 'Pleasant Valley,' or 'Sunny Glen,' or 'Sheltered Nook' would do more for its willow visitors than all the bolts and able-bodied guards in the world. It is justice, sympathy, kindness that this old world wants, whether in the correctional institu- tion or out of it. And the great curative agencies are the simple things of life: sunshine, fresh air, agreeable occupation, humane treat- ment. Strive as we may, the ills of

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BEING SLOWLY NURSED BACK TO HEALTH.

By Old Retainers As if a Child—His Subjects Hold a Strong Affection For the Aged Monarch.

All eyes, in Europe at any rate, are turned just at present towards the Palace of Schoenbrunn, in the suburbs of Vienna, where the aged ruler of Austro-Hungarian monarchies is being slowly nursed back to health.

This last attack of illness has been a serious one, and his recovery in view of his years—he is eighty-four—is nothing short of marvelous. He occupies a part of the extreme left wing of the palace, the sunniest portion thereof, the remainder of the huge building presenting a somewhat strange aspect, with its shuttered windows, and blinds drawn down.

The most remarkable feature of this favorite abode of Francis Joseph, is its quietude and absence of noise and bustle. This silence only broken now and then by the calling out of the guard at the entrance of the courtyard, on the arrival or departure of some member of the reigning family or great dignitary of the state.

The emperor is watched over almost as a child by a number of ancient and faithful servants to whom his welfare is as the salt of their existence; and not only they, but even the emperor himself are under the orders of his principal medical attendant, Dr. von Kerpel, white haired himself, and who, for more than a generation in constant personal attendance on his sovereign, occupies an old-fashioned apartment in one of the long, low, one-story annexes of the palace.

Francis Joseph is not an easy patient to manage, and is stubbornly determined to have his own way, at any rate where his personal habits are concerned. But Dr. von Kerpel has shown how to reduce the emperor to obedience, and is celebrat- ed as being the only man in the length and breadth of the dual em- pire that can enforce his will upon his sovereign.

It was Dr. von Kerpel who some years ago insisted that Francis Joseph should give up in favor of a milder smoke, those terribly strong so-called Virginias—a long thin Austrian cigar with a straw running down the center—of which he was particularly fond. Dr. Kerpel has now forced his imperial patient to abandon smoking altogether, and this has no doubt contributed to his recovery from the severe bronchial attack which reduced his vitality to so low and alarming an ebb.

Perhaps the best proof that the emperor is out of danger, is the fact that his favorite daughter, Arch- duchess Valerie, has been able to leave Schoenbrunn, and to return to her castle of Wallsee. But for all that, he requires careful watching, and to be kept from any impruden- ces.

The solicitude concerning him is prompted largely by affection, where his own subjects are concern- ed, but abroad by the fear that his demise will give rise to grave dis- turbances in the dual empire, in which are comprised some sixteen or eighteen different nationalities, most of them terribly antagonistic towards one another.

The likelihood of something of the kind occurring when he dies, has been so often discussed, both in

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A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.

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