

To be permitted to labor in this cause is to me the source of great satisfaction. The toil of thirty years, by which I have gained experience as a teacher, will be amply repaid if it enable me to carry to successful issue the system which has been inaugurated.

By all my reading and daily observation, I am deeply impressed with the importance of this trust. As the work of the Christian Ministry, it is the subject of meditation and prayer. While writing these lines I have before me the statistics of the State Penitentiary. The report says "out of 400 inmates only 206 can read and write, and only one is well educated."

Let Economists and Philanthropists consider this, and ask: "Had the privileges of Education been extended to these unfortunates, how many might have been saved from degradation and crime?"

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