

of human means for the adequate solution of a question the complexity of which nobody can fail to see, We have above all had constant recourse to prayer.' Therefore he invited all the faithful to 'pray, in order that, under the auspices of the Blessed Virgin, matters may be settled in justice and peace, and concord may happily be restored in Palestine'. To prayer there are few who cannot add the charity of almsgiving, to relieve distress; and to the distressed it matters little what political factions cause their suffering. They know simply that they suffer. Nor is it only the people who must be the subject of the anxiety and prayer of Christians, but the Holy Places themselves, that their memories and their sacredness should as far as possible be preserved and remain accessible to the devotion of all.

May men of goodwill, wherever this Cross of Jerusalem passes (and the itinerary and the places at which its appeal is to be made should by this time be public knowledge) remember the sufferings of Christ, and show themselves willing to succour the sufferings of Christ's brethren, the refugees of his own land, and of the world.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

*To the Editor, BLACKFRIARS.*

Sir,—Your correspondent Helen Parry Eden seems to have gone rather far astray in her interpretation of my article in the April number of BLACKFRIARS. I certainly did not advocate 'terrorism' or the discipline of the dog-whip for juvenile delinquents, neither did I suggest that the influence of environment should be completely ignored. On the contrary, I wrote of the importance of these things. I hope I may be numbered among those in their senses with regard to the use of the dog-whip and similar instruments of flagellation! What I was at pains to point out was that we ought to be careful that we abandon the old-fashioned methods for the right reasons, and not merely because of their unpleasantness.

As for environment, it is our responsibility and it is up to us to do the best we can about it. (Incidentally Mrs Parry Eden's regret that 'all the care and cockering is devoted to the lapsed and lost' is really a reproach to our neglect of those who have not lapsed rather than a rebuke to us for pampering delinquents.) My argument was that the improvement of environment is not the whole answer to the problem of juvenile delinquency. I should like to point out to Mrs Parry Eden that a certain number of children become delinquents in spite of decent homes, and some, alas, in spite of that most inspiring apprenticeship to life, a Catholic upbringing. These are the children whose behaviour, I venture to suggest, can only be explained on the assumption of human free-will.—Yours, etc.,

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