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There has just been installed in the American Museum of Natural History in New York the largest machine of that kind in the world.

It is known as a seismograph and was presented to the New York Academy of Sciences. It is capable of detecting earthquakes as far away as Australia.

## SHALL WE BUILD MORE ASYLUMS, OR STOP BREEDING EPILEPTIC, IDIOTIC AND INSANE CHILDREN?

By Henry Neil, "Father of the Mothers' Pension System."

I have spent the last four months going from city to city investigating the cause of the enormous increase in institutions in

brought into the Juvenile court. They are destitute. They are poorly clothed. There is no food and fuel in their house, and the rent is overdue.

The judge is face to face with an enormous problem. It is not a case of temporary relief. The children are very young and must be provided for over a period of years. Organized charity is helpless. The judge scratches his head.

He knows that the father of these children is an habitual drunkard. At best the wife does not want him about. At worst she needs fearfully the few dollars a month he may contribute to the family.

Two roads lie open before the judge, who hates to take either of them. He can order the mother to kiss her children good-bye forever and put them into an asylum. Or, he can reprimand the drunken father, order him to support his family, and send the wife and mother back to live with him.

Forget for a minute what would happen in the way of pain and badly reared children if the little ones were sent to an asylum. Think only of the woman driven for the sake of her children to live with an habitually drunken man.

One out of every three children



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this and other states for the care of feeble minded, epileptic and insane children. I have been asking the question everywhere, "Why are so many defective children born?" And I have seldom heard the correct answer.

I will tell you why, and then ask you what you are going to do about it.

A mother and six children are