

don't know ~~whether~~ whether you will ~~xxx~~ get in or not. That is I venture to think is the popular idea of salvation.

Now here is St. Paul's idea. The big problem for God is to forgive. When we talk like that to the ordinary man he is very indignant and he talks, even such a man as Quiller Cooch, ²⁻⁷ the celebrated English writer who wrote the "Strange Story of Troy Town", very excellent thing if you want an hours relaxation and amusement, but Quiller Cooch speaks about the vindictive God of the Old Testament. We are told that when we say that ~~xxx~~ we are vindictive. Well, in the first place it is very sad that such an eminent authority in England as Quiller Cooch didn't think of the meaning of the word vindictive. Vindictive doesn't mean malicious. There are two words in English, malicious and vindictive. They are usually confused in modern speech but why need we always confuse them? Vindictive punishment means the punishment to vindicate law. Now we have lost that sense and a great many people at the present time are arguing as you know for what they call remedial punishment. We have any number of elaborate schemes for segregating people all of which in my humble judgment collapsed through our ignorance of the circumstances. ~~We take first~~ You see, take ~~first~~ two first-offenders. Two men are arrested for the first time for say a crime of breaking an entry. One man never ~~thought~~ thought of breaking an entry all his life, but he was hungry and cold and in sheer desperation he thrust his way into a store and relieved the proprietor of some of the goods. The other man who was sentenced for the first time had been habitually ^{29 1/2} for years. He had become more and more emboldened because his sin hadn't been found out until at last he takes this desperate scheme of breaking an entrance. They are both first-offenders. Of course, they are entirely morally. Think over that, gentlemen, because it shows a tremendous difficulty or remedial matters. But you see there is another point that I want you to think about in law. That is law is not, you say primarily so I will follow your line. Law is not primarily remedial. It is only secondarily remedial. Now what do I mean by that?