INTEMPERANCE AND IGNORANCE THE CAUSE OF CRIME.

MR. SAMUEL WARREN, the learned Recorder of Hull, and the well-known author of some of the most popular works of fiction of the day, has recently addressed a charge to the Grand Jury of the borough in which his functions are exercised, in which, after an able review of the several measures passed in the last Session of Parliament for altering and amending the administration of civil and criminal justice in this country, he dwelt with especial emphasis, and with earnest eloquence, upon the lamentable and glaring inadequacy of all the efforts as yet made, either by society or by the legislature, for the prevention and suppression of crime. As this topic must necessarily possess a deep interest for every one possessed of a grain of humanity, we shall not hesitate to transfer to this part of our journal some of the more striking observations which Mr. Warren has been induced to make upon it.

Having sketched with a masterly hand the leading features of the last year's civil and criminal legislation, and having briefly but lucidly explained the nature of the changes that would be produced by them, the learned gentleman pointedly inquired, whether they were such as should satisfy the nation? "Do let me ask you," said he, "as humane and Christian men—as gentlemen of experience and reflection—are you content to let the matter rest here? What do you see, but a legislature timid and vacillating, because of the visible disturbing forces within it, in dealing with the most fearful social problems of the age? They are not only fearful but pressing problems: and God is forcing upon us the consideration of them. He will not let us evade them Those who make, and those who administer, the laws against crime, are fairly at their wits' end, it makes such head against them; the pendulum of punishment has swung from extreme point to extreme point, between severity and lenity; every kind of punishment that can be borne in a free country has been tried, in every variation and combination; but we see, that it will not do; both juvenile and adult criminals are too much for us. The cancer is in the body politic; it is spreading, and approaching the vital parts. We may shut our eyes to it, if we will; but there is the cancer, eating on!"

Then, speaking of his own anxious and deep reflection upon the subject, he says: —"All I can say is, that I see more clearly than ever—terribly clearly—the connection between cause and effeet, in crime: I can see it in the very act of hideous growth from the twin stems of intemperance and ignorance, which themselves take quick and deep root in the soil of man's corrupt heart. While we ought to be laying the axe to the root of the infernal tree, we content ourselves with snipping off leisurely a few of the uppermost leaves and twigs! Is not this merely child's work?—idiot's work? May we not be guilty of impious trifling with an awful task set us by God? Do we forget who has told us, that men do *not gathner figs from thistles, not grapes from thorns?* And thistles and thorns are the hearts of the best of us, unreclaimed by the grace of God; but how can it be otherwise with the little outcasts of society, whom we suffer to grow up day by day, month by month, and year by year, into the ruffian—the robber, the burglar, the murderer—that is now terrifying a society become helpless from its own weak and guilty apathy! We look on, almost with a horrid sort of interest, while 'the dog returns to his vomit, the sow to her wallowing if the mire!' Of what avail are the mere accents on honied eloquence—of sympathy and sorrow—in dealing with such dreadful realities as these? They are mere 'Parmacity for an inward bruise!' Well, then, first of all, let us attack at once—and straining every nerve with a holy energy—the *cause*, which is to be found—as, alas! we too well know—in intemperance and ignorance. No one doubts it; assent to the proposition is given with complacent readiness; but alas!—

'The flighty purpose never is o'ertook,
Unless the deed go with it!'

Would that a holy crusade could be set on foot a national movement—against these two inveterate and deadly foes of mankind!"

Proceeding in the same earnest vein, the learned gentleman expatiated on the moral advantages of temperance, and gave a vivid instance of the guilt and misery produced by drink. "I was never heard," said he, "to speak a syllable with levity or disrespect to the temperance movement, as it is called; for, to me, the sight of a mau especially in humble life, who voluntarily abstains from a pleasure and an excitement, which he has found to lead him far astray from virtue, peace, and happiness, is very noble and affecting, as an act of self-denial, to the best of my belief, no temperance man ever stood at that bar, to receive judgment from this seat, in my time at least; while I tremble to express my belief, that seven out of every ten who have done so, have, been brought there by intoxicating liquor: I have talked with many of them afterwards in prison, and they have owned it with tears of agony. And since I sate here, the same truth came as a very groan from the gallows! On Saturday, the 4th of August, one Joseph Meadows, a young man 25 years old was hanged in Worcestershire for the diabolical murder of a respectable girl, only 17 years old, whose parents had refused to allow him to keep company with her! He shot her through the head, poor soul! and, looking at her corpse, exclaimed, in the presence of two witnesses, 'I've had my revenge, and I've had my rovenge, is sweet, and now I'm satisfied. I was determined that if I did not have her no one else should!' But this fiendish temper did not continue to the last: a few hours before his death he wrote a humble and, penitential letter to the bereaved parents of his young victim and I copied from it the concluding sentence t read from this seat;—

"'I hope and trust it will be a warning to those that are given to lead a wicked and rebellious life, like I did, until that time. Had I not led that life, it never would have happened; not that I upraid any of you for it; it is merely to show you all *what drink brings on.*'

"Does this fearful sentence need a word of comment? Only this—may God speed the cause of temperance!"

Not less cogent or forcible was the testimony which the learned gentlemen brought to bear upon the national evil of ignorance as a cause of crime. "As for ignorance—ignorance, above all, of religion,"—said he, "I shall present to you my own matured and profound conviction on that subject, in the impressive language of a circular which was sent from this place to me, when I was out of England; it was the circular of the committee, formed at the instance of the venerable vicar, to secure a suitable site for the extension of the Holy Trinity parish schools; I subscribe to every syllable of what so admirably follows:—"'The testimony of those charged with the repression of wickedness and vice—of judges, magistrates, and chaplains of prisons— is uniformly confirmative of the fact, that prevalence of crime is to be attributed in a great measure to the ignorance and practical heathenism naturally arising from a neglected childhood. Now when the immense expense attending the conviction, and punishment of criminals is taken into account, it becomes most evident that in the end it is far more true economy to grapple with the evil in its infancy, than by neglect to suffer it to attain a fatal maturity. As it is, multitudes are growing up uncared for, and exciting most serious apprehensions for the future; and it must be allowed to be the high mission of practical Christianity, to anticipate the evil associations of the world, by the timely inculcation of religious principles, and the early-formed habits of regular industry.'"

Let us trust that this time is not so distant as it appears to be, and that the Legislature, in the next Session of Parliament, will adopt the conviction which Mr. Warren, in his admirable charge to the Grand Jury of Hull, declared to be firmly planted in his own breast. that "the vocation of this age is the reclamation—the reformation—of such youthful members of the community, as neglect and wickedness have thrown into the way of crime—a work that can only be effected by the solemn recognition of the cardinal truth, that prevention is better than cure."

SENATORIENSIS.

BOOKS.—A learned writer says of books :—They are masters who instruct us without rods or ferules, without words or anger, without bread or money. If you approach them, they are not asleep; if you seek them, they do not hide; if you blunder, they do not scold; if you are ignorant, they do uot laugh at you. Few things are more entertaining than to pore over a book-stall. There are few here as they have them in Europe, in the open street, where a passer-by may saunter, look at the various titles, or dip into a volume. This is rather to be lamented for loungers, aye, even for book-worms as great lovers of books are called. The latter person often seeks works that are not to be found elsewhere, and is often treated with novelty amid old musty rubbish, that no one could ever suppose contained any thing new. And then you are smitten by the cheapness, or what you think cheapness; for be it known, that whenever you see a book you like and are determined to buy, it is always cheap. A book does not come to you as an intruder. You seek it; and by reflecting as you hold converse with a new acquaintance; you compare each other?s minds without danger of violent collision if you do not approve of what he says you turn from quietly, without hard words passing. If you approve, you dwell upon the expressions and read them over again. Here is at once a double pleasure. La Bruyere says: "When a person of feeling and discernment reads a book, and it excites in him elevated thoughts, he may be sure the work is good, and he needs no other mode of proving it."

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