CRIME AND ITS REMEDY.

To the Editor of The Evening Telegraph: -Sir:-Your very impressive and suggestive editorial, in last Friday's paper, on the above topic, is worthy of the thoughtful consideration of every true patriot. You are evidently overwhelmed by the portentous dimensions to which crime and its inciting causes have grown. After recounting some of those sources of iniquity, you propound, as if to invite discussion, a number of questions, and wisely and justly conclude as follows:-

"So long as society allows these powerful and sleeplessly active influences of evil to riot unchecked, we must look for crime to increase. We may hang men for murder, but so long as we tolerate those huge vices that madden men's brains with poison and their hearts with lost, and their whole beings with passion, we must expect violence and murder to increase. To secure a decrease of crime, we must begin at the bottom, and work against those victous and destructive influences of which crime is only the return of the control of the the natural and necessary fruit."

There, Mr. Editor, you struck the key-note of this prolific theme. The disease is organic and must have organic remedies. The greatest difficulty in curing the ills of the public life, consists in the fact that there is no proper agreement among the people on the subject and as you very accurately refer to severa evils as the source of crime, without suggest ing any remedies, permit me briefly to discuss them in their order.

The Demoralization of the War .- The war doubtless demoralized many, but, to my own personal knowledge, it saved many also, by spening a new field of emulation and ambition. Perhaps its greatest influence for evil was in the direction of intemperance and familiarity with blood. It is to be hoped, however, that we have gained as much besides, in personal bravery and devotion to flag and country, by the war, as we have lost by the others. the murders so frequently coming to light, it may be said that a majority of them are commit ted by expatriated foreigners, who were either driven from their country for crime, or attracted hither by the large bounties offered during the Rebellion. Of these, Probst and Haddopp are

examples. Improper Training of Youth .- This fruitful source of crime, as referred to by Judge Lud-low, is notorious to the press and pulpit, which are the main correctives of public sentiment, independent of the law. I need hardly remark that no editor or teacher, religious or otherwise, can be ignorant that juvenile vagrancy and idleness, added to night training in the streets, will breed crime. Why is there not, then, a public sentiment established that will warrant a police officer in arresting every child or youth found in the streets after nightfall; Prudent, thoughtful parents do not permit these liberties to their children; and others should not be allowed such a school of vice. On this point you justly say, some children have no homes worth the name. Then let public benevolence furnish evening assemblies to such, combining amusement and instruction. Cannot our Christianity follow its Great Master

in spirit by an institute of this sort? Destruction of the "Apprenticeship System."— This is a terrible evil, a reform by the rule of inversion, and it has nearly all come to pass within the past generation of thirty years. The Press, the Pulpit, and the Legislature should co-operate to bring us back to the habits of the good old times when a boy's master was not a "boss," but stood for his father. The race of boys is extinct, and as a consequence, the quality of reverence is only found when imported. This theme suggests a solemn responsibility as resting on teachers of schools and seminaries. In this trait the untutored Indian is wiser than we, for he always reverences age.

Lax Administration of the Law. - When the administration of the criminal law is put into the hands of a man's neighbors, and offenses are tried by summary process, and the contrivances of straw-ball and quibbling delays are laid aside-or when lawyers are all employed as public functionaries, to administer justice like our judges, at the public expense—then that blind divinity will straight to her object, as she did in California under the "Vigilance Committee," and we shall hear no more complaint that "big rogues go unwhipped of justice."

The Grim Evil, Poverty .- It is not more true that, when two at once ride a-horseback, one of them must ride behind, than that, where a few grasp all the wealth of a community, the many must be poor. The governing power, the Legislature, has no right to be indifferent to the pecuniary state of the citizen. It has no more right to turn out together upon the arena of life, ungoverned, the sharp and rapaclous with the confiding and simple, than it has to say to the powerful and muscular, "There are the young and feeble, do with them as you think fit!" If such a man as A. T. Stewart, of New York, commanding the use of forty millions of money, which is but a Government creation for common use, can go into the market when he pleaseth, and after "bearing the market" for a fortnight, buy muslins at two cents per yard less than they can be fabricated, and in a week after, by "command-ing the market," bull them up five cents on the yard, and then sell out, having cleared a million, then it is folly to grieve over the "grim evils of poverty." It is the business of the Government, however, to limit both great wealth and great poverty, for they are both evils. It is the duty of law to see that the dollar which the poor man earns to-day, and which he apparently consumes when he eats his frugal meal, shall not rise in the form of capital to-morrow, to dispute with his children for the bread that lies on their table. Poverty is a terrible source of demoralization and crime, and the best cure for it is enforced and protected industry on the one hand, and public endowment on the other. The same beneficence that has clothed every poor man's child with the right of education, could endow him with others, much better assured than the "homestead" or the "three hundred dollar The present five per cent. exemption." collateral inheritance tax upon descending overgrown estates, suggests a mode of raising funds to endow the many, 'lest they be poor and steal, and take the name of God in vain. (Prov. xxx, 9.) The Great Evil of Intemperance.-This is

the monster evil, more prolific and hideous than Satan's sin and death, that kept ward at the gates of hell. This is the mother vice of our civilization. It requires a twofold remedy either of which, or both combined, would nearly remove it in a generation. Its main shelter from popular wrath is the law; it is Reensed, and "regulated" by statute. Sweep these laws away, and put the traffic on its own merits, at common law, before the courts and no man could afford to sell the broth that breeds crime. Give the victims of the business the same remedy that travellers have against railroads, and as was said before. no man could afford to sell; and if nobody sold, few would drink; but, if public sentiment still favors "license," then let those only who prefer to sell, and those who want to drink, take out license for the same-just as the owners of dogs do in many of our counties, the license-money going to pay the innecent collateral sufferers, as in the case of the dogs and the cheep.

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This species of jurisprudence is not unknown to our legislators. Such a scheme would leave the sober non-drinking part of the people in no way chargeable for the evil, and make every "tub stand on its own bottom," which is not the case at present. It would not be long before respectable people would find that it "did not pay," and so they would quit the practice. The mischief of the present sysem is that it is assumed that a majority want things as they are, and all are held responsible

The Social Evil of Prostitution.-This is organic, and wants an organic cure. The pul-pit and the press must holdly hunt the sources of the evil, amongst which is the percersion of the sexual instincts. The history of monasticism, or religious celibacy, teaches that men and women were intended for each other, and we only separate the sexes at a fearful sacrifice in morals. First. The separate school system should be extirpated root and branch, and the sexes always kept together while being educated. Second. The law should encourage matrimony by positive laws, such as the endowment of marriage, say, by the bestowment of one or two hundred dollars to each couple who marry not later in life than thirty. The prude and the shallow-brained may smile. Thinking men know, not withstanding, that poverty, like a gaunt spectre, has broken up many a virtuously formed "match," consigning the parties to pollution of nameless kinds. Third. Society, by its pride and folly, compels hundreds to live in celibacy because the means of living is grasped by others. They cannot afford to marry; and so sknlk into secret impurity, or rush into promisenous licentiousess-both ending alike in misery, crime, and

Mr. Peabody, like a wise man, is scattering his wealth as God scatters the rain and the sunshine; but with the mass of over-wealthy it is not so. Twenty per cent. of the Mr. A. T. Stewart's estate, when he parts with it at death, would leave his heirs twenty millions at least, and of itself constitute an endowment fund that would do more to put down lewdness in New York city than all the police officers that could be mustered. Marriage is God's institution, and prostitution the product of "high civilization in cities. Fourth. Editors, preachers, teachers, and all the in fluential classes should cease to allude to marriage as a joke, but as quite as serious a duty as life itself, and as momentous in its issues as death. When all these things are done, such inquiries as you propound may no longer be pertinent; but now they demand constant discussion.

A Young English Nobleman Sent to Prison. The London Telegraph tells the story of a

merited ponishment:-"Lord Ernest Vane Tempest-there is a curious appropriateness in his name-is a very unhappy young man who belongs to a very unhappy old family. He has long been an outlaw, not of the jolly green wood tree description, but of a more prosaic character. In fact, his only resemblance to Robin Hood consisted in the fact that both gentlemen objected to the sheriff, and especially to his officers. Ten years and a half ago Lord Ernest-then a minor, but already expelled from his regiment-met an officer in the same gallant corps, who was standing in St. James' street, and affably conversing-it was after sunset-with a lady of his lordship's acquaintance. For reasons best known to himself Lord Ernest addressed his quondam comrade as a coward and a blackguard, supplementing and emphasizing those energetic words by spitting in his face. The other officer does seem to have been rather vexed at that form of address, though, on the whole, he bore his injuries with Christian patience, and nobly abstained from warlike reprisals. Nemesis is slow, but sure.

'Lord Ernest returned to England from his outlawry; he expressed his sincere regret for the outrage he had committed; but he was not to be allowed to get off scot free. In the Court of Queen's Bench yesterday, Mr. Justice Blackburn, observing that a fine would not be a real punishment to a man in Lord Ernest's position, sentenced him to be imprisoned for three calendar morths. The offense was committed a long time ago, and possibly the culprit has repented; but we cannot complain of the decision. Such a sentence will beneeforth hang in terrorem over the head of sshionable young ruffians who would not mind paying a fine, but who have a strong objection to being locked up. From this point of view we are bound to com-mend Judge Blackburn's firmness.

The case is worth notice also from another point of view. After such a story, duclling must indeed be considered dead. 'Sir,' said an indignant husband to his reckless friend, have abused my hospitality, you have kicked me down stairs, and you have kissed my wife before my face. Beware, sir! A few more such outrages, and, by Jove, you will rouse the British lion!' Lord Ernest called the other gentleman a coward and a blackguard, and then spat in his face. A few more outrages might possibly have roused the British lion; but the zentleman deserves our highest admiration for the moral courage which he has displayed in only prosecuting his assailant in the Court of Queen's Bench. Decidedly, the Millennium is at

Napoleon in Greek.

A chapter of Paris goss ip in the London Heraid contains the following:

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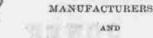
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