

The Englishman's home is his castle. How the heroic spirit of the reformation has degenerated, when men to-day propose a law that would destroy this great and glorious right ! Prohibitionists claim, in justification, that drunkenness is the cause of nearly all crime. They cite magistrates, governors of jails, and judges, as authorities for such a statement. Tennyson's words apply here—namely, "A lie that is part of the truth is ever the basest of lies." Drunkenness is a crime itself ; therefore a tributary cause or emanating from other causes : in very truth an effect of evil conditions generating a seared conscience and crimes of greater magnitude.

The eminent Judge Chase, of the United States judiciary, in tracing the history of criminals who came under his notice, found the origin, or cause of crime, to begin in a want of proper parental instruction and correction in the home life. This, and the neglect of a true reverence toward God and