

we lived in the trees. In the more recent history of the race it has been translated into various forms, most of which are commendable. The rationalists fail to convince, largely because they leave out of their reckoning the indomitable spirit of daring and the love of venture which is manifest in the climbing child.

—Brooklyn *Eagle*.

#### PROHIBITION LEGISLATION

It is not within the province of the *Law Times* to discuss the merits or otherwise of what is known as prohibition, but the effects of the legislation in its general influence upon the community in their attitude towards law and order is a matter which certainly deserves the attention of lawyers. The Canadian correspondent of the *Times* described the operation of the law in the Dominion in a dispatch published on the 20th Jan., while on the following day Mr. Maurice Low began in the *Morning Post* the first of a series of articles describing the twelve months' experience of the laws in the United States. Both accounts shew that there is a general demoralisation of public opinion and a general defiance of law. Information from other sources supports these journalistic investigations. Law officers are seriously concerned at the way in which the normally law-abiding members of the community are being drawn into a volcano of disturbing elements completely antagonistic to ordered government. Moreover, it is not easy to see any remedy; since the bulk of the community have no regard for law, what power has law to enforce peace and maintain order? In this prohibition legislation a new chapter is being added to the philosophy of law and the power of Parliamentary government. The subject, owing to the strong feeling about it, has brought out clearly dormant forces which are also operating, though not to the same extent, in other matters. Before any attempt is made to pass any such legislation in this country a competent body of lawyers might be appointed to examine the effects upon the community, where it is in operation, on the point of the maintenance of respect for the law. This is the kind of matter upon which a Bar Association and, still better, an Imperial Bar Association would give valuable assistance and guidance to the legislative bodies.—*Law Times*.