

large. The 'Annals of Hygiene' for 1863 observes that in wine-growing countries delirium tremens and alcoholism are most frequent. The plain fact is, that though partly owing to the temperament of the people, and partly to the better arrangements of the police, outrageous and besotted drunkenness may be less frequent or less apparent, yet the serious and essential evils are as great there as in any country. Sensuality pervades their life, crime is very prevalent, suicides are in excess, population is arrested and extreme longevity is rarer than in almost any other land.

"In France everybody drinks, young and old, male and female, and we find one centenarian amongst 360,000 persons; in the United States of America, one in every 9,000. Sixteen years ago Dr. Bell estimated the whole of the alcohol drank in France, in the shape of spirit, wine and cider, as equal to four gallons of proof spirit per head annually, for all ages, men, women, and infants. It is certainly not less now. . . . In France, in 1856, there were 360,000 drink-shops besides inns, cafes, etc.; over all France, one drinkery to 100 persons of all ages. . . . With such habits and temptations and examples, can we wonder that every third birth in Paris is illegitimate, and that there are 60,000 criminals permanently residing in the prisons of the Seine? Mr. Dickens' 'Household Words,' while defending the beer shop at home [England], thus discourses of its counterpart abroad:—

The wine-shops are the colleges and chapels of the poor in France. History, morals, politics, jurisprudence and literature, in iniquitous forms, are all taught in these colleges and chapels, where professors of evil continually deliver these lessons, and where hymns are sung nightly to the demon of demoralization. In these haunts of the poor theft is taught as the morality of property, falsehood as the morality of speech, and assassination as the justice of the people. It is in the wine-shop the cabman is taught to think it heroic to shoot the middle-class man who disputes his fare. It is in the wine-shop that the workman is taught to admire the man who stabs his faithless mistress. It is in