

There are several other aspects of this problem that are well worthy of attention, would time permit; such as sudden outbursts of crime, similar cases appearing almost simultaneously in different parts of the country; the influence of the seasons upon the different varieties of crime, &c.

But there is only one more to which I shall refer: That is the mistaken kindness of some persons in every community, who seek to mitigate the penalty indicted by the law, particularly in the cases of those to be punished for the gravest offences. What would we say to a person, who would ask us to sign a petition for the discharge of a man from a house quarantined for small-pox, stating that he was free from the contagion, &c., and the penalty inflicted was grievous? Only one answer would be given—the man will receive his liberty as soon as he is fit to receive it. Maudlin sentimentality should not be allowed to interfere with the due process of law.

Sir Robt. Anderson, the recently retired chief of the criminal investigation department of Scotland Yard, one of the highest living authorities on the subject, says; "Where a criminal gives proof that he has deliberately chosen a life of crime the community should be protected, by depriving him of the liberty he thus abuses. As he has by his own choice and conduct outlawed himself, let him be treated as an outlaw."

"The only inalienable right in the matter is that of the community to deprive any man of his liberty, and if expedient, even of his life, if he deliberately pursues a course of conduct which is incompatible with the 'life, liberty or pursuit of happiness' of others."

As I have referred to the "Jukes" family as an example of shame and infamy—a survival of the unfittest—I should like to name a few families in the Mother land and the neighboring republic that are famous in the annals of their country for ability, uprightness and strength of character.

Darwin is a well known name throughout the civilized world. The celebrated Charles has added great lustre to it, but for four generations it has produced several men of marked ability. It has been said that: "The number of individuals in this family who have followed some branch of natural history is very remarkable."

Among the great commanders are the Napiers of England, and the various members of the House of Orange-Nassau on the continent.

That distinguished statesman and diplomat, the late Marquis