

the good-natured young poet found himself blessed a year after he had interdicted the destruction of the first brood." It is a duty we owe to humanity to exterminate the superfluous brutes, for the rights of the creature must not interfere with ours. But granting that we are of more value than many sparrows, we wonder whether we might not spare a few men, and keep, let us say, the giraffe. The trouble is that man is a somewhat short-sighted judge as to what is superfluous. "The significant question as to whether the ultimate use of certain experiments is sufficiently weighty to justify the pain suffered by the animal lies, of course, quite beyond the pale of legal or judicial interference, and can only be answered by a competent authority. Public opinion should, by its voice, sharpen the knowledge of inquirers, and refine their tact."

The other essays in this interesting and well-translated volume discuss, "The Comforts of Pessimism," which consist in being thoroughly disillusionized in this life, and in contemplating the painlessness of the no-life to come; "The Need of Books;" "The Modern Lust for Fame," and the great differences between Hartmann's philosophy and Schopenhauer's.

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THE FEMALE OFFENDER. By Prof. Cæsar Lombroso and William Ferrero. With an Introduction by W. Douglas Morrison, Her Majesty's Prison, Wandsworth. London: T. Fisher Unwin, 1895. 8vo. Pp. xxvi., 313, 26 plates.

The point of this learned and ghastly book is explained in Mr. Douglas Morrison's excellent introduction. We have an elaborate organization for dealing with crime; the official expenditure in Great Britain is at least ten millions sterling per annum, and yet crime increases "like a tide that has no ebb." To what is the impotence of criminal legislation due? In part, according to Mr. Morrison, to the fact that the laws are framed and administered on the hypothesis that the criminal exists under the same set of conditions as an ordinary man,—an hypothesis fundamentally false. In part, furthermore, to the fallacy that each offender must be dealt with on exactly the same footing if he has committed the same offence, whereas judicial sentences and disciplinary treatment should be determined by the social and biological conditions of the offender quite as much as by the offence he has committed. Finally, the criminal is largely the product of anomalous biological and

social conditions ; while these remain the criminal must be always with us.

The present volume is a translation of that portion of Lombroso's "La Donna Delinquente" which deals with the female criminal. It is a laborious induction showing that the criminal, particularly, of course, the habitual criminal, has a high percentage of abnormalities, and represents a type midway between the lunatic and the savage. Whether the existence of a specific type be admitted or not, and we confess ourselves unconvinced ; whether all Lombroso's interpretations be sound or not, and we venture to think that some are fanciful, there is no denying the cumulative evidence showing that abnormality and criminality are correlated. In the light of this fact the female offender is to be judged and treated.

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