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When first I had the honour of being invited to address you, I had some hesitation in selecting a title, but I was asked to give some collections and recollections of my experience during my connection with Scotland Yard and the law courts in England, the United States and Canada.

I choose the term "Criminology," a curious and not very satisfactory term, but it will serve; at any rate it is fairly comprehensive and suggestive.

For twenty years it has been my lot to be thrown into association with the law and its exponents, defenders, and victims, so that I thought I might probably entertain you with some of my reminiscences.

Both in England and America I have had personal knowledge of very cruel, foul, and brutal crimes, and murders hardly paralleled in the history of legal medicine. The aetiology of the perpetrators of such enormities must certainly be of interest to all intelligent and thoughtful people, more especially with a view to the control and improvement of these unfortunates, or, what is more important still, to the eradication of those instincts, whether inherited or acquired, which might tend to wicked and improper acts. Though it may be impossible to determine