## Moral Insanity.

asks for clinical characters; I have not given them, because I wished to save time, but we all know them; for example, the intermittences, irritability without cause, amnesia, vertigoes, tendency to laugh at everything, to burlesque everything, even the highest and most sacred things; these are characteristic of both the epileptic and the moral lunatic. I described only those anatomical characters of epileptics which are identical with those of born-delinquents. Examine the descriptions given by G. B. Verga, Frigerio and Tonnini, in that monograph which is a treasure, an immense treasure, and you will find that the characteristics of the moral lunatic overlie one another in their anatomical delineations of the epileptic.

Let us but glance at the physiognomy; thanks to Tamburini and Fiordispini who have presented to us those excellent photographs of moral lunatics! Compare them with those which I have given in my book, as types of born-criminals, and you will see the perfect unity. Do not then accuse me of defect in the anatomical part; it is that in which my work abounds, it is perhaps that in which I am unassailable. Tamburini thought to put before us a scarecrow, when he said, "so then the whole of psychiatry is put under the wings of epilepsy."

First of all I begin, in defending myself, by saying that I am not the first nor the only one here; Tonnini has gone beyond me; he admits into epilepsy even some intermittent hallucinal maniacs. But I assure my friend Tamburini that I do not place among my epileptics idiots, cretins, melancholics, pellagrosi, monomaniacs, the maddish, the hysterical, the multitude of alcoholists, etc. I therefore leave an ample field open to psychiatry. Tamburini will agree with me that in doing so I do something of practical value. In fact when we appear before the judges, saying that such or such an individual is a born-delinquent, we encounter diffidence and incredulity; but when, on the contrary, we conclude by saying "this man is an epileptoid, he committed the offence just as another man might fall down in convulsions, and he

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