

duty to himself, to society and to the miserable woman was perfectly clear. When the proposition was made, he ought immediately to have declined having anything to do with it; he should have given her distinctly to understand that he would not consider himself bound to withhold his evidence against her in the event of the crime being committed; and lastly, he should have seriously warned her against the criminal course she intended to pursue. In neglecting to act in this manner, pursuing indeed a most opposite course, and *not* in betraying professional secrets, has Dr. Uhl, in our opinion, acted unprofessionally, and laid himself open to the severest censures of his confreres. Instead of firmly and manfully refusing on the instant to have lot or part in the fraud, he wilfully deceives Mrs. Cunningham by accepting with apparent eagerness the terms of her proposition. He not only does this, but he informs District Attorney Hall of what has transpired, at whose request, moreover, he consents to act out a falsehood, and by so doing lead on a female to the commission of a crime. We have yet to learn that such an act is either morally right, or one that is becoming in a member, either of the legal or medical profession. It is the undoubted duty of all to prevent the commission of crime, and to aid in its detection when committed, but who ever tempts his fellow to do a criminal action by placing facilities in his way, ought certainly to be considered an accessory, and judged accordingly. Dr. Uhl has acted unprofessionally also in becoming the agent of Mr. Hall, a sort of detective or spy in the service of that gentleman. Had he, when he lodged information with the authorities, washed his hands of all further connection with the deceit, we could have nothing to say against him, but by becoming the very life and soul of every move in the deception, he prostituted the noble profession to which he belongs, and should, as a punishment, be deprived of the status he holds in that profession.

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CRIMINAL ABORTION.—A short time ago a charge was brought against a Medical Practitioner here for having produced Abortion;—he was accordingly handed over to justice, and the result, we believe, is still pending his future trial. Without desiring to engender any public animosity or prejudice against the degraded offender, we conceive that the subject in its general bearings as a *CRIME* is deserving of consideration, from having reason to know that there are doubts abroad concerning the impropriety of the offence, as well as mistaken notions of the degree of punishment it deserves; and it is merely in relation to these we offer the following remarks, moved by no other feeling than a desire to put forth matters in their true light.