

PREFACE

TIME and labour spent in systematizing knowledge are never thrown away. In this little book I have endeavoured to show in what Crime consists, what the nature of Crime is, and why certain acts, some of which need harm nobody, are regarded as Crimes. Crime is here viewed and explained from a biological standpoint, as militating, in one way or another, against the welfare of society, present or future. Considerable space has been devoted to the classification of Crimes, for it is only by classifying them, and bringing out their several relations to one another, that their true nature is brought into view. In addition, I have set forth my views as to the nature of Insanity, views that are not yet generally accepted, but that are, I think, growing in favour. Even if they are wrong, it will do no harm to present the matter in