

ever, the majority of individuals—including some who are inconsistent in so doing—will continue to hold the *intuitionist* view, nowhere better expressed than by Shakespeare, when he puts into the mouth of that arch-criminal, Iago, the words: “ ’Tis in ourselves that we are thus and thus. Our bodies are our gardens to the which our wills are gardeners; so that if we will plant nettles or sow lettuce, set hyssop and weed up thyme, supply it with one gender of herbs or distract it with many, either to have it sterile with idleness or manured with industry, why, the power and corrigible authority of this lies in our will.”

“ Theft and murder,” as Huxley well says, “ would be none the less objectionable were it possible to prove that they were the result of the activity of special theft and murder cells in the grey pulp.” One thing is certain, that, as society is at present constituted, it cannot afford to have a class of *criminal automata*, and to have every rascal pleading faulty grey matter in extenuation of some crime. The law should continue to be a “ terror to evil-doers,” and to let this anthropological variety (as Benedikt calls criminals) know positively that punishment will follow the commission of certain acts, should prove an effectual deterrent in many cases, just as with our dogs, the fear of the whip exercises a restraining influence—immediate as well as prospective—on the commission of canine crimes.

*The Brains of Criminals.*—Dr. Osler read a paper on this subject, and recorded the results of an examination of the brain of the murderer Hayvern, who was executed at Montreal on 11th Dec., 1881. (See page 385.) He first referred to the observations of Benedikt of Vienna, who, in 87 hemispheres from 44 criminals, has found certain peculiarities which he regards as indicative of a lower type of cerebral organization. The points upon which he most dwells are the confluence of many of the principal fissures, and the existence in a considerable proportion (27 of the 87) of four frontal gyri, the fourth being formed by the splitting of the first or second gyrus. This is regarded as an animal similarity. Hayvern was a low, dissolute fellow, addicted to drink, with no special neurosis in his family, who, on June 29, stabbed a fellow-