

fession there are journals known as "gutter journals" and that in the profession of law there will be found "black sheep." But these are excrescences on the fair fame of two important and honourable professions, and it is only right, when drawing attention to lapses, to except from their strictures the very large body of honourable and reputable practitioners whose presence serves to keep the Police Court from degenerating into a happy hunting ground for those to whom particular reference was intended to be made. But there are very much larger questions now looming up. One is, whether criminal justice is being administered in the wisest way or whether certain aids to the Court should not be provided, so that it may have before it not merely the crime and the criminal, but information which will aid the Court in determining the severity or leniency of the sentence, and also, and this is most important, the proper destination of the criminal. Another is whether the existing rule of responsibility for crime can be maintained without some relaxation in regard to mental defectives who at present are not recognized as entitled to the protection extended to the insane.

Dr. Bernard Glueck, a psychologist of note, was detailed to conduct an expert study of the criminals in Sing Sing Prison and his report is replete with valuable and interesting information. In it appears the following:

"To the student of behaviour, a knowledge of the individual back of a given act is considered absolutely essential if a clear understanding of the nature of behaviour is to be had. Nevertheless one cannot escape the conviction that as far as the administration of the problem of crime is concerned, the man back of the act is largely lost sight of, and what is actually administered is the criminal act and not the criminal. Intimate contact with the problem of crime inevitably leads to the opinion that every agency concerned in the administration of this problem sees in its own work an end in itself, and seems to lose sight of the common goal or end, toward which all should be striving, namely, the readjustment of that badly adjusted individual, the criminal.

"That this cannot be expected to be otherwise under the prevailing attitude of the average community towards its problem of crime must be obvious to anyone who takes the trouble to look into the situation more closely. Just as long as a community will