

live. Persons who were insane were naturally treated as having been given over to the possession of the devil, and as Maudsley suggests, they treated those possessed of the devil, as they would have treated the devil, could they have had the good fortune to lay hold of him. The cruel treatment of the insane, long survived the belief in diabolical possession, because the Church, aided by the metaphysicians, continued to block the way of scientific inquiry, and thought it wrong to enter on a study of mind by way of physical investigation. Even to-day, among the uneducated classes, the beliefs of the middle ages are commonly held, and it will be many a year before it will be possible to convince the average man, that Jack is not as good as his Master, in forming an estimate of a person's mental condition or measuring his responsibility. It is not difficult to understand this, for while it is true that the majority of the uneducated, and a large proportion of the so called well informed, speak of the brain as the organ of mind, as a matter of fact they regard the brain as something completely emancipated from the body, and in no way dependent on it.

If their beliefs are analysed, it will be learned that they see nothing incongruous in looking for healthy action in a diseased organ. In spite of the prevalent theory that all people are born equal, as far as responsibility is concerned, as a matter of fact every man is a law unto himself. Given a person with sound heredity and favorable environment, both physical and moral, and his equipment for the fight in life is somewhat different from that of the physical weakling, already damned by a poor heredity and bad surroundings; and yet these men are treated as equal, as far as regards responsibility, by many representatives of law and theology. The majority of newspapers take the same stand, and a very superficial study of the question reveals the fact, that in Canada at least, the subject of criminology is but little understood. Our penitentiaries and large prisons, as at present constituted, furnish all the proof necessary, to show that this idea of all persons being born equal in responsibility, is the one believed in by the many. Any one who takes the trouble to study practical psychology in a Canadian penitentiary, will be astounded at the want of regard for the subject of responsibility shown by our law, law founded on what is speciously termed good common