

sleep without robbing, so great with them is the necessity of doing wrong. I have had under me the case of an individual, who, before hanging himself, wrote to me the following letter: "The paper on which I write this has been stolen, the ink and the pen have been stolen, and the cord with which I will hang myself has been stolen." But I now repeat, even facts which appear to be devoid of emotion have it, for these individuals feel the need of doing evil; and some will forge and some will steal.

I close with a fact which will be a sufficient reply to the objection of Buonomo. A Russian author, whose name I forget, has recently related, in a book that is full of most valuable facts, gathered in a sort of prison, that, in his district there is a kind of colony of smugglers. They are nearly all smugglers of alcohol; they have everything to lose and nothing (in the end) to gain; everything to lose, inasmuch as, if they are caught, they suffer five hundred strokes of the knout on the bare back; nothing to gain, for even when they succeed in defrauding the revenue the business does not pay; but they were smugglers before and they continue such afterwards; they have to obey a sort of irresistible force; and on this side, if not on all the others, of which I do not speak, because I have not studied them, this form enters the category of the epileptoids.

*Tamburini.* I have to say that I did not object against Prof. Lombroso any want of the anatomical characters common to epilepsy and congenital delinquency; no, he has even brought to us a superabundance of them; I merely wished to show that the community of these characters, between epilepsy and congenital delinquency, did not lead to a necessary identification of these two states; because it would otherwise be necessary to identify with them other mental diseases, which, having some characters in common, are yet essentially different. I will now say but a word in concluding, and it is this, if Prof. Lombroso shall succeed in demonstrating that all the well ascertained cases of moral insanity present true epileptic characters, then I will fully concur in his opinion.