

# CRIME AND INSANITY

## CHAPTER I

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EVERY one knows that there is a certain relation or connection between insanity and crime: few have any clear notion what the relation or connection precisely is. It is common knowledge that crime is often committed by insane persons; and it is widely known that many persons convicted of crime are found, after conviction, to be feeble or disordered in mind; though this feebleness or disorder was not suspected, or was not taken into account, when they were charged and convicted of crime. There are some who regard crime as, *ipso facto*, evidence, or even proof, of insanity in the criminal; and others, without going to this extreme, yet regard some crimes, murder for instance, as conclusive proof that the criminal was insane