

instability, the peculiar combination of a kind of sentimentality with apathy,—these characteristics seem to mark the criminal in all countries; and interesting illustrations of these are to be found in Mr. Ellis's book. Apart from the interest in the facts themselves, this study is important for the analysis of the factors that cause crime. Is it biological, an atavistic reversal to outgrown habits? Is it purely the anti-social instincts coming to the front? Would not the hero of former days be regarded as a criminal to-day? Such are the questions that arise when we pass from description to analysis. In this discussion the many points of analogy between the criminal and the savage deserve especial attention. The mental and moral habits present many points of identity, and lead to the perpetuation of many customs, such as the love of tattooing, the sudden breaking-out of excessive emotions, the indulgence in orgies, and the like. There thus seems to be marked out a class of recidivists, or backsliders, who are unable to keep up with the complex requirements of modern life, and fall back into the habits of less civilized conditions.

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In addition to the aspects of the criminal here lightly touched upon, Mr. Ellis gives very interesting illustrations of less typical points, such as their peculiar slang, their literary productions, prison inscriptions, prisoners' views of life and religion, and the statement of the case from the criminal's point of view. The volume thus fills a real need, and may be recommended to all who have an interest in one or other of the many aspects of this important study.

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