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ON THE DEATH OF M. VAN HAMEL

At the meeting of the Prison Society, which was held at Paris in February, 1917, M. Garçon, Professor at the Law School of the University of Paris, made the following remarks:

"I gladly take this opportunity, which is offered me, to greet the memory of my friend Van Hamel—of that man of science who was also a good man, whom you all knew, for he had many times been present at our meetings, and taken an active part in our discussions.

"M. Van Hamel had been, during his long and brilliant career, Professor at the University of Amsterdam. He was destined to take his place among the most authoritative criminalists of the world. His convictions put him among those reformers whom novelties do not frighten, but who do not allow themselves to be misled by the lure of new things. His sound sense protected him from all exaggeration. He was one of the founders of the International Union of Criminal Law, over the last congress of which, in Copenhagen in 1913, he presided. It is there that I saw him for the last time.

"Age having come on he had given up teaching upon his retirement. But the strength of his spirit could not find repose suitable. Some years ago he had entered political life. He was a Representative in the Chamber of Deputies of Holland, in which place he could still exercise and give free scope to his energy.

"Van Hamel was, I believe, of ancient French origin. His ancestors had left France at the time of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. At any rate, he spoke our language with a facility, a warmth and an eloquence which many Frenchmen might have envied him. It was a charm to hear him expound his ideas in a language of admirable purity, but a little archaic because it was of the Grand Century.

"We have never heard him speak more brilliantly and with more emotion than when he received us at the Congress of Amsterdam. He then opened wide for us the door of his hearth, where everything breathes the peace and the joy of family life. This reception has left in the heart of all those who took part in it an unforgettable remembrance.

"We send the expression of our regrets to his son to whom he had the joy of bequeathing the chair of Criminal Law which he had adorned, and who continues a fine tradition. May he be assured that the memory of his father will not be effaced from our hearts. May

she who was the admirable companion of his life permit us to send her with respect the homage of our profound and aching sympathy in the great and irreparable misfortune which has befallen her.

—Translated by Robert Ferrari, New York City.