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EDITORIAL

ENRICO FERRI

Born at San Benedetto Po, February 25, 1856.

Died in Rome, April 13, 1929.

Enrico Ferri is dead. In the early morning hours of April thirteenth he passed away after a few days' illness following a heart attack. His death marked the end of a life singularly worthy of commemoration. He was one of Italy's finest orators and one of its most distinguished criminal lawyers; he was the acknowledged leader of the positivist school of criminal law, which has put an indelible impress upon the legal philosophy of today; for many students of this generation, his work on criminal sociology traced the paths of a new field of inquiry; and, during fifty years of university teaching he trained an army of leaders in penal reform.

His great personal charm, the dramatic cadences of his voice, his knightly courtesy are now memories that will fade and pass; his work as a scholar will remain, a more enduring monument to his achievement than any built by sorrowing relatives and loyal friends.

THORSTEN SELLIN.