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Announcement: Pioneers in Criminology

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ANNOUNCEMENT: "PIONEERS IN CRIMINOLOGY"

We have arranged to publish a series of articles under the general title, "Pioneers in Criminology". The first unit relates to the life and work of Gabriel Tarde. It is contributed by Margaret S. Wilson, Assistant Professor of Sociology in Mount Holyoke College, and is published in the following pages. Others will appear in the order of their receipt, and it is expected that one such contribution will be in each number of the Journal until the series shall have been completed.

The logical end of a succession of articles under the general title we have selected is far off. It is, indeed, not easy to find at all. The search is greatly complicated in this case because we have not even attempted to compose a definition of the term "Pioneer in Criminology"—nor of "Criminology" for that matter.

Consequently, when the final unit is at last in print there are likely to be enquiries such as, "Why didn’t you include ‘him and her’ and ‘so and so’", and "Why did you include this or that character?" We would really be justified in making room for an account of the life-work of more than one scholar who would have expressed surprise if he had ever been told that somebody, some time, would mention him in association with "Pioneer Criminologists." The history of education affords an insight into the work of men and women who belong in this category—great personalities who devoted their thought and action to the development of sound character in the sense of skilled human relations, which is, at least a deterrent of delinquent behavior. It would probably be impossible to avoid completely the appearance of arbitrariness in the selection of subjects for such a series as this.

We confess to having been arbitrary in that we have selected no contemporary criminologists for inclusion in this series. By omitting them we do not mean to disparage any one of our colleagues.

Each contributor has been asked to give our readers a sketch of his subject’s life-work; to indicate how broadly his views are accepted, especially in our country; in what respects we have failed to live up to the best that he stood for, and in general to make such appropriate allusions to Criminology in our generation as his subject may suggest.

These articles will be interesting to our readers generally, and teachers of Criminology will find them altogether a useful tool.

Those who, to this time, have undertaken to contribute are as follows, alphabetically:

FRANCIS A. ALLEN, Professor of Law, Harvard University—Raaffel Garofalo
J. M. VAN BEMMELEN, Professor of Criminology, University of Leyden—W. A. Bonger
ROBERT H. GAULT, Editor-in-chief, Journal of Criminal Law, Criminology, and Police Science—G. Stanley Hall
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ROBERT W. MILLAR, Professor of Law, Emeritus, Northwestern University—John H. Wigmore
ELIO D. MONACHESI, Professor of Sociology, University of Minnesota—Caesar Beccaria
FLOYD E. OHLIN, Director, Center for Education and Research in Corrections, University of Chicago—Raymond Saleilles
WINFRED OVERHOLSER, Superintendent, St. Elizabeths Hospital—Isaac Ray
RICHARD M. SNODGRASSE, Associate Professor of Anatomy, Temple University—Caesar Lombroso
MARGARET S. WILSON, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Mount Holyoke College—Gabriel Tarde

Incidentally, we are getting together a series of constructive articles on corrections from several points of view, and our Editorial colleague, Mr. Virgil W. Peterson, Operating Director of the Chicago Crime Commission, has made considerable progress toward what will be an important number of contributions under the general title, “Organized Crime.”

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