

recognized from a poor one, but even here the facts may be misleading because we can only speculate as to the number and depth of the convolutions or the vertical area of the head under examination.

It is therefore rank quackery to claim that phrenology is founded upon scientific facts.—Wm. Greene.

**NOT CIVILIZED.**—Many times since I began reading *The Day Book* I have read letters and articles setting forth the conditions taking place in what they were pleased to call "Twentieth Century Civilization." I boldly take the stand that we are not civilized, but Christianized or heathenized.

I would not dare to attempt to set forth my full argument to substantiate my claim, for that would fill a book larger than *The Day Book*, but I will attempt to set forth only one of the many colossal wrongs practiced on the so-called criminal class.

Psychic atavism is the science of breeding back to a lower type of mind or a criminal mind and in some cases going back to the animal of evolution. The atavistic mind is inherited by the "born criminal" just as surely as "muscles common to the ape" are inherited by some other men and still another inherits both. Also just as surely as the degenerate inherits misfortune, shame or disease from his parents or antecedents.

Both are the victim of a cruel fate; one the casting back to the cave man or criminal; the other poisoned by disease, vice or disaster of some one before, and neither degenerate is to blame for his condition. But our so-called civilization censures, scorns and punishes one and sympathizes with the other.

No one would dare to blame a baby for being born blind, but everybody blames a man that has been born with a mind that drives him to crime.

All students of criminal anthropology agree that the environments of the atavistic mind can work for good

or bad, or, to be plain, a mind with a force for theft, if raised in the environment of thieves, would tend to further degenerate, but if given the proper thoughts would tend to allay the force.

Now please follow this thought with me: How can anyone who has had the misfortune to be born of poor parents, with an atavistic mind, be reared in the environments of the slums, or the stockyards district as described recently in *The Day Book*, be tried in a civilized court of justice, and condemned to die at the end of a civilized rope or any other civilized way, in a civilized country, and still receive justice?

Enough said! It can't be done. But it could be done in a Christianized country, and has been and will be again, for the Christian demands an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth and a life for a life.

Just as long as society allows this wrong to go on (and dozens of others that I can set forth in just as strong terms), they take from themselves the right of civilization and retain the rights of Christianization, or better yet, heathenization. And just so long as man will persist in believing they have a voice (separate and apart from the mind) called conscience and a free will that goes with it, just so long will they be mental slaves and easy to exploit by Big Biz, Billy Sunday or the Salvation Army, and further deny themselves the rights of "life, liberty and happiness."—C. A. L., Perry av.

#### BEATS A LANTERN

Fit Smith took his pet owl to Rye Straw Saturday afternoon, returning at evening as soon as it was dark enough for the owl to see how to travel.—Hogwallow Kentuckian.

We guessed right as usual. It's now up to President Wilson to explain why the squatters' activity, at Seward, just before its selection as the terminal of the Aalskan railroad,