

# Post-Graduate Medical Journal

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## Editorial

Before the start of the present conflict, there was much discussion by the laity as to the treatment of criminals. Two schools of thought were present—the old die-hard school which did not understand the term “mercy,” and the new school which suggested that all crime was the effective reaction of an unfortunate psychological upbringing. Maybe there is much to be said for both viewpoints. But it must be apparent to all thinking men that, in any discussion on penal reform, the opinion of the physician who has made a particular study of the mind and its disorders, must be placed high in the assessment of the more rational treatment of criminals. We are glad to be able to publish an article on “The Sociopathic Offender” by W. NORWOOD EAST, whose experience in this particular line of medical specialization is large, and we hope that it may lead the way to clearer thinking by the rest of the profession on this most difficult question, which so often involves the searching of our consciences.

ALMEYDA'S article on the association of Herpes Zoster and Varicella is of interest. We feel, as does the author, that it was unfortunate that the brain and spinal cord were not examined in the one fatal case. The occurrence of an encephalitis would have explained the symptom of hiccough, which was so distressing. Might it not also have had some bearing on the haematemesis? Repeated stimulation of the red nucleus in the midbrain has been shown by CUSHING to produce peptic ulcer in the experimental dog. Might not an inflammation of this region produce haemorrhage in a peptic ulcer patient?

We feel that we cannot close this editorial without reference to the valuable work of DR. ERNEST FLETCHER, during the past five years as Editor of this Journal. Fortunately we are not losing touch with him since he has agreed to place his valuable experience at our disposal by remaining on the Executive Committee as Honorary Advisory Editor. We wish to express to him our appreciation of all the good work that he has given to this journal, and to acknowledge our debt to him for past accomplishments.

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