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## Corrigendum

Journal, December 1988, 153, 796 (N. Kreitman & P. Casey). Table VI was omitted: it is given here.

TABLE VI
Rates per 100 000 by social class and category (average of three cohorts, males only)

Social class	First-evers	Minor repeaters	Major repeaters
I & II	58.4	40.1	10.2
III	112.2	74.3	17.6
IV	208.8	154.6	78.5
V	450.4	443.0	277.8

## A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

## The education of idiots and imbeciles

It is now a matter of common intelligence that a large proportion of the inmates of Asylums for Idiots and Imbeciles are capable of instruction. Not only is this true of ordinary school tasks, of course in a limited degree, but it applies also to the case of trade handicrafts and rational amusements. Shoe-making, tailoring, straw-hat making, weaving, and other occupations have thus been taught and learnt, and the success attained is on the whole encouraging. With material apparently so unpromising to deal with, the temptation to do nothing by way of education must

be considerable, the more so since it has proved in the case of a substantial minority of the pupils practically hopeless. The marked success attained in other instances is a monument to the perseverance of those who achieved it. It is also an example of really useful work done by conserving, so to speak, the scraps of the national intellect, and it affords a strong argument in favour of the support of those institutions in which this work is carried on.

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