

because we hope that they will be corrected in the second edition, which must surely soon be demanded for such an important book : the formulæ of androsterone (p. 29), adrenaline (p. 112), and creatinine (p. 195), and the statement that glycogen is not stored by the brain (p. 403). We must also protest against the construction of the sentence beginning on l. 14, p. 122.

The construction of the book on the lines of a review rather than of a text-book perhaps makes it more of a reference work than a book for easy reading. This method also leads to occurrences such as that on p. 185, where it is stated that insulin reduces the brain glycogen, whereas lower down an earlier reference is quoted, without comment, to show that it does not.

Dr. Page is to be congratulated on the completion of a heavy and important task, which will earn him the gratitude of all workers in the field of mental disorder.

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Psycho-Analytic Epitomes. No. 1, "Sigmund Freud: A General Selection." Edited by JOHN RICKMAN. London: The Hogarth Press, 1937. Pp. x + 329. Price 5s.

No. 2, "Love, Hate and Reparation." Two Lectures by M. KLEIN and J. RIVIERE. London: The Hogarth Press, 1937. Pp. vi + 119. Price 3s. 6d.

The General Selection from the works of Freud, arranged in chronological order, provides the reader with an excellent survey of the development of the psycho-analytic theory. Innumerable concise summaries of the Freudian theory exist; over these, the present work has the inestimable advantage of being an authoritative statement. It is undoubtedly the best introduction to the subject available, and as such cannot be too strongly recommended. It should prove also a handy work of reference; its value in this respect being greatly enhanced by a detailed glossary and index. There are of course certain inherent and inevitable defects in the epitome form. The mass of facts, unrelieved by digressions or case-histories, makes rather solid reading, and the easy flow of Freud's argument is brought at times to an abrupt halt by exasperating asterisks. The proportionate space devoted to theory and practice accurately indicates the relative importance of these two aspects of psycho-analysis.

"Love, Hate and Reparation" consists of two lectures by J. Riviere and M. Klein. They are complimentary, and deal respectively with the destructive and erotic impulse. A psycho-analytic study of the various sentiments met with in the adult demonstrates the vicissitudes these two urges undergo during the course of normal development.

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A Text-Book of Mental Deficiency (Amentia). By A. F. TREDGOLD. London: Baillière, Tindall & Cox, 1937. Sixth edition. Pp. xvi + 556, with 34 plates. Price 25s.

The sixth edition of this standard text-book appears eight years after the previous edition. In these recent years our knowledge of mental deficiency has grown much, particularly from the governmental inquiries in this country (the Wood Report and the Brock Report), from the Merseyside survey, from the survey conducted by the Birmingham Special Schools After-Care Sub-Committee, from the publications of research institutions such as Stoke Park