

ing such a wide coverage of material and in providing a text for two very different groups of workers, even if we allow for the fact that they have many functions in common. Not surprisingly then, these difficulties reveal themselves at many places in the text taking the form of a lack of sequence and some superficiality of treatment. On the positive side, some aspects are dealt with very well, particularly those concerned with the uses and abuses of medication, the disorders of old age, and epilepsy. The student Health Visitor will probably find the book a useful primer, but the professional social worker and the student in training require a more 'in depth' treatment of a more limited range of subject matter than is provided in this somewhat expensive volume.

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Butterfly Man. By JOSEPH H. BERKE. London: Hutchinson. 1977. Pp 168. £4.95.

Dr Berke is well known as the co-author of the book about Mary Barnes, and never in the field of psychiatry was so much owed by one doctor to one patient. Here, he gives what is described as a 'devastating and definitive indictment' of physical methods of treatment in psychiatry, together with some information about the methods used by him and his colleagues at

the Arbours Association in London. These seem to derive mainly from the theories of R. D. Laing, though the guru has a surprisingly low profile here.

Whether one agrees with it or not, this is a very bad book. It is not long enough to develop an argument of any importance and is full of sloppy generalizations. For instance 'It is now well known that schizophrenic patients will respond to any new treatment, whether vitamins, sugar pills, or holding hands, so long as the attending doctor is interested in it'. Is that known?

As far as I can see, the author makes no allowance for the possible existence of different kinds of psychiatric disorder which might need to be approached in different ways. In four years 143 people were seen at his crisis centre, and of these nearly 40 per cent were of foreign nationality (including 31 Americans) compared with 0.5 per cent in my own service. Only 13 of these clients were aged over 60! He refers to visiting someone in a mental hospital in New York, which involved passing 'through several heavily guarded and locked steel doors'; nothing is added to indicate the totally different situation in Britain. The case histories are almost of the standard of *Readers' Digest*.

Dr Berke, do us a favour; why not go home?

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PSYCHIATRY

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Carl Rogers on Personal Power: Inner Strength and its Revolutionary Impact. *Constable.* £6.95, £2.95 (paperback).

Psychiatric Slavery. By THOMAS SZASZ. *The Free Press.* £6.75.

A Curriculum, including Education Objectives for Post-Graduate Psychiatric Education. By ELEANOR S. NASH, L. S. GILLIS and P. J. W. BEAUMONT. Department of Psychiatry. *University of Cape Town.* R2.50.

Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis. 2nd Edition. By WILLIAM S. KROGER. *J. B. Lippincott.* £16.80.

The Four Fundamental Concepts of Psychoanalysis. By JACQUES LACAN. *Hogarth Press.* £8.50.

Signs of Stress. By J. WALLACE McCULLOCH and HERSCHEL A. PRINS. *Macdonald and Evans.* £3.00.

A Bibliography in Dynamic, Familial and Social Psychiatry. Written for the Study Group by JOHN BIRTCHNELL and SHEILA HAFTER GRAY. *The Society of Clinical Psychiatrists.* £1.00.

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Psychiatry: Essentials of Clinical Practice. By IAN GREGORY and DONALD J. SMELTZER. *Little, Brown.* \$12.50.

Insanity: A Study of Major Psychiatric Disorders. By R. G. PRIEST and J. STEINERT. *Macdonald and Evans.* £5.00.

Modern Clinical Psychiatry. By LAWRENCE KOLB. *Holt-Saunders.* £12.00.

- The Borderline Patient.** By ROY R. GRINKER, SR and BEATRICE WERBLE. *Jason Aronson*. \$12.50.
- Personality Characteristics of Violent Offenders and Suicidal Individuals.** By LIISA JÄRVINEN. *Academia Scientiarum Fennica*. No price stated.
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SEXUAL

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- Tearing the Veil: Essays on Femininity.** Edited by SUSAN LIPSHITZ. *Routledge & Kegan Paul*. £2.95.
- Women, Sexuality and Social Control.** Edited by CAROL SMART and BARRY SMART. *Routledge & Kegan Paul*. £2.95 (paperback).

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

- Psychological Problems of the Child and His Family.** Edited by PAUL D. STEINHAEUER and QUENTIN RAE-GRANT. *Macmillan Press*. £10.00.
- Genie: A Psycholinguistic Study of a Modern Day "Wild Child".** By SUSAN CURTISS. *Academic Press*. £12.40.
- Annual Progress in Child Psychiatry and Child Development. (10th Annual Edition): A Selection of the Year's Outstanding Contributions to the Understanding and Treatment of the Normal and Disturbed Child.** Edited by STELLA CHES and ALEXANDER THOMAS. *Brunner/Mazel*. \$20.00.

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- The Cycle of Violence: Assertive, Aggressive, and Abusive Family Interaction.** By SUZANNE K. STEINMETZ. *Martin Robertson*. £11.20.
- Web of Violence: A Study of Family Violence.** By JEN RENVOIZE. *Routledge & Kegan Paul*. £4.95.
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- Psychotherapie in der Sowjetunion: Methoden und Perspektiven.** By WOLF LAUTERBACH. *Urban & Schwarzenberg*. No price stated.
- Therapeutic Partnership: Ethical Concerns in Psychotherapy.** By CARL GOLDBERG. *Springer*. \$17.95.
- The Technique of Psychotherapy. 3rd Edition. Parts I and II.** By LEWIS R. WOLBERG. *Grune & Stratton*. \$69.00/£49.00.
- Psychotherapy: A Personal Approach.** By D. J. SMALL. *J. M. Dent & Sons*. £5.95.

Many of these books will be reviewed at a later date

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