

If A Man Be Mad. By HAROLD MAINE. Victor Gollancz, Ltd. Pp. 435. Price 15s.

This autobiography of an alcoholic makes an exceptional novel, of considerable social and psychiatric value.

To a lonely, frightened child security first comes with the present of a gun. Aged 11, the child discovers the same security in a medicinal dose of brandy. This experience is often confirmed, on joining the army at 16. Imperceptibly, alcohol becomes indispensable to the child remaining within the man.

The bulk of the book relates the author's experiences at many hands in many institutions, in his struggles against his addiction. He finds horror, comedy, tragedy and—sometimes—understanding. He gains rare insight into the minds of some psychotics, which his gifts as an author enable us to share.

Recovery comes through his work on behalf of other patients.

The story, as a whole, is a grim one ; but it is well written, reads easily, and deserves to be read.

D. E. R. KELSEY.

The Case Against Psycho-Analysis. By ANDREW SALTER. Medical Publications, Ltd. Pp. 158. Price 10s. 6d.

"*Sex underlies everything* : Mr. Jones wrote a story for his high school magazine only because he was sexually frustrated. Now Mr. Jones collects postage stamps and is trying to build up his savings account only because he had poor toilet training as a child." Thus Mr. Salter enunciates and illustrates one of the fundamental principles which, he asserts, guide the psychoanalyst in the treatment of EVERY man who comes into his office. This extract is typical of the tenor of the book.

Every analyst is familiar with Mr. Salter's line of argument and, aware of its possible unconscious motivation, has a certain sympathy for its author. Others may be less charitable, and will certainly doubt whether Freud was merely the muddle headed purveyor of pornography Mr. Salter implies.

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Mind and Life. By SIR ARTHUR TANSLEY. George Allen and Unwin, Ltd. Pp. 170. Price 15s. net.

It is rare these days to find an unprejudiced exposition of a school of thought upon any of the fundamental problems ; and one can become confused by the outpourings of vigorous pens and voices, each extolling its own point of view, while doing less than justice to the views of others.

Here, in twelve essays, with great fairness and the simplicity which is possible only for the very clear thinker, the author examines the essence of current thought upon man's place in "The Divine Scheme," and the forces which cause him to function as he does.

The author uses his personal philosophy, which is based upon a firm belief in the ultimate reality of spiritual values, only to show the common factors behind the polymorphous thoughts and behaviour of men.

This book will prove of value to all of an academic, political, ecclesiastical or philosophical turn of mind.

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First Contributions to Psycho-analysis. By SANDOR FERENCZI, M.D. Authorized translation by ERNEST JONES, M.D. The Hogarth Press and The Institute of Psycho-analysis. Price 30s. net.

This book includes several of the papers that now belong to the classics of psycho-analysis, such as Introjection and Transference ; On Obscene Words ; On Onanism ; Stages in the Development of the Sense of Reality ; The Ontogenesis of the interest in Money. In addition it contains Ferenczi's pioneer papers on Impotence, Homosexuality, Paranoia, Symbolism, etc.