

•First Glances at New Books

Population Study

WORLD POPULATION, PAST GROWTH AND PRESENT TRENDS—A. M. Carr-Saunders—*Oxford*, 336 p., \$4.50. This book is published under the auspices of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, although it was originally planned independently by the author. Written from the British point of view, it nevertheless discusses this momentous problem of population as it affects the whole of the world. The author expresses the hope that the facts here assembled and analyzed may serve as material for the formulation of a population policy for Great Britain.

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Sociology

THE MIDDLE CLASSES, THEN AND NOW—Franklin C. Palm—*Macmillan*, 421 p., \$3.50. Crushed and torn between the pulls and pushes of capital and labor, big business and communism, what will become of the middle class with its small business man, salaried man, and professional man with his prized independence and rugged individualism?

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Criminology

THE CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL—Dudley D. Schoenfeld—*Covici Friede*, 411 p., \$3.50. An account of the Lindbergh case written by the psychiatrist who received prominence during the hunt for the kidnaper because of his interest in the case and predictions as to the guilty person.

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Psychiatry

THE MEDICAL VALUE OF PSYCHOANALYSIS—Franz Alexander—*Norton*, 278 p., \$3. Use of psychoanalysis in the practice of general medicine is finding its place among practitioners, not through the route of the medical school but by gradual infiltration, Dr. Alexander says. Before the days of scientific medicine, empirical or intuitive methods showed the physician the importance of the mental aspects of disease. Tuberculosis, for example, was then considered the result of great mental catastrophes. Later, discovery of the *Bacillus tuberculosis* made the mental or emotional explanation unnecessary and these latter factors came to be ignored. Now medical scientists are beginning to wonder why only certain persons fall

ill in a community where the bacillus is omnipresent. It is time now for scientific consideration of the psychological factors in disease, the author argues. The book is factual and contains material on Dr. Alexander's research on the mental basis for such physical conditions as stomach ulcer, high blood pressure, and asthma.

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Hygiene

LIVE LONG AND BE HAPPY, HOW TO PROLONG YOUR LIFE AND ENJOY IT—Lewellys F. Barker—*Appleton-Century*, 224 p., \$2. Here is easily read, helpful information for the layman written by an eminent physician. Dr. Barker tells what personal living habits are conducive to long life and in addition describes briefly the many disease hazards which must be faced and suggests how their worst dangers can be avoided.

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Hygiene

HEALTH GUIDES AND GUARDS—Francis P. Wall and Louis D. Zeidberg—*Prentice-Hall*, 208 p., school ed. \$1.; business ed. \$1.35. Sex hygiene and prevention of venereal diseases are emphasized in this compact textbook.

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Forensic Medicine

MEDICO-LEGAL ASPECTS OF FRACTURES—Edward Adams—*American Physician, Inc.*, 168 p., \$2. This is a timely book, designed to help both the physician who may have to testify in an accident case and the lawyers who try the case. It is simply written, brief and augmented by a medical glossary and index.

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Geology

GEOLOGY OF THE PINNACLES NATIONAL MONUMENT—Philip Andrews—*Univ. of California*, 36 p., illus., 75c.

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Botany

FLORA OF PERU, PT. VI—J. Francis Macbride—*Field Museum*, 261 p., \$1.50.

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Philosophy—Religion

INDIAN THOUGHT AND ITS DEVELOPMENT—Albert Schweitzer. Trans. by Mrs. Charles E. B. Russell—*Holt*, 272 p., \$2.50. From the ancient hymns of the Rig-Veda down to the teachings of Mahatma Ghandi, this study follows Indian philosophic and religious thought. By a magnificent paradox, he explains, Ghandi regards activity in the world as the highest form of renunciation of the world, thus remaining true to the Indian spirit of life negation.

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Animal Anecdotes

MY CIRCUS ANIMALS—V. L. Durov—*Houghton Mifflin*, 114 p., \$2. A trainer from Russia, who loves his animals and is proud of his own skill, sits and talks and talks. Some of the feats related are amusing, some highly exciting, some almost incredible; but all are interesting.

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Medicine

RATS, PLAGUE, AND RELIGION—John Spencer Carman—*Judson Press*, 246 p., \$1.25. Interesting sidelights on native customs and living conditions appear in this story of medical mission work in India.

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Metallurgy

SILVER: ITS PROPERTIES AND INDUSTRIAL USES—B. A. Rogers, Irl C. Schoonover and Louis Jordan—*Govt. Print. Off.*, 72 p., 10c if ordered direct from U.S. Govt. Print. Off., Washington, D. C.

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Entomology

THE ORIGIN OF HIGHER CATEGORIES IN CYNIPS—Alfred C. Kinsey—*Indiana University*, 334 p., illus., \$2.50. A critical study in phylogeny, based on exhaustive field work with gallwasps.

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Science

THE STORY OF HUMAN ERROR—edited by Joseph Jastrow—*Appleton-Century*, 444 p., \$3.50. See p. 366.

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