

FIRST GLANCES AT NEW BOOKS

SNAPSHOTS OF SCIENCE—Edwin E. Slosson—*Century* (\$2). The title of Dr. Slosson's newest book is apt. It is easy to think of the author as a photographer of scientific progress, roaming about with mental camera in hand. We can see him snapping word pictures wherever he finds something new and striking, always trying to get his subject into a clear light and always catching it when it is doing something interesting. The word pictures in the album number sixty-five, and the range of subject matter carries the reader around the world of scientific research, from rubber investigations to cancer theories, from the size of stars to the pathology of art, from dreams to cockroaches, from fireless furnaces to saillless sailboats, from the beginning of life to the end of the world.

For those who want to develop some of the snapshots into full length portraits of current scientific research, the author has appended a long list of references for further and more intensive reading.—E. C. D.

General Science
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928

A MAN OF LEARNING—Nelson Antrim Crawford—*Little, Brown* (\$2.50). A deliciously written satire on a type of university president that is all too common in the United States. Many a college professor who reads its pages will recognize the head of his own institution!

Education
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928

THE STONES OF ITALY—C. T. G. Formilli—*Macmillan* (\$7). The color and the sunniness of Italy are captured to an unusual extent in this pleasant book about the Italian scene, ancient and modern. For the reader who knows Italy, or who is planning to get acquainted with it this summer, here is a comprehensive reference book. And for the person who must know Italy only by print and picture, Mr. Formilli's volume is an attractive way of seeing the country. Comfortable type, thirty-two colored illustrations by the author, and a good index add to the work.

Geology—Travel
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928

SKYWARD—Richard E. Byrd—*Putnam*. Commander Byrd here relates how he learned to fly, his experiences in flying over the Atlantic and to the North Pole, and what he hopes to do in the Antarctic.

Aviation
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928

PSYCHOLOGICAL CARE OF INFANT AND CHILD—John B. Watson—*Norton* (\$2). Dr. Watson aims to provide for mothers a psychological guide book somewhat along the line of Dr. Holt's famous manual on physical care of babies. The result is a small book, simply and clearly written, containing a great deal of information on developing children into satisfactory and successful human beings. Probably few mothers will agree with quite everything that Dr. Watson has to say, but that should not keep even a mother of the conservative or sentimental left-wing from realizing that there is much in the behaviorist's psychology that she can use to advantage.

Psychology
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928

PSYCHOLOGY AS SCIENCE—H. P. Weld—*Holt* (\$2.50). "Psychology is not a science, it is merely an inquiry!" has long been a favorite pronouncement, even among psychologists. In this book the author endeavors to show that though the statement might once have been true, psychology, particularly what he terms "Existential Psychology," conforms "to that of the critical conception of science."

Psychology
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928

LAUGHTER AND HEALTH—James J. Walsh—*Appleton* (\$1.50). The author has written "a serious book on laughter," by which he means that you will find more to think about than to smile at, as you read. But the after-effect of the book upon the reader should be to increase his daily average of smiles, chuckles, and laughs, for Dr. Walsh makes out a case of showing how laughter promotes both physical and mental health, through its direct effect upon the heart, lungs, and other organs.

Psychology
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928

A CORRECTION FOR ARTIFICIAL DEFORMATION OF SKULLS—H. L. Shapiro—*American Museum of Natural History*. A method of dealing with a difficult anthropometrical problem.

Anthropology
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928

DRAWINGS BY JOHN WEBBER OF NATIVES OF THE NORTHWEST COAST OF AMERICA, 1778—David I. Bushnell—*Smithsonian Institution*. Reproductions of a group of very valuable and well executed early Indian studies.

Anthropology
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HEALTH AND DISEASE—Howard W. Haggard—*Harper* (\$5). The title of this book is fully descriptive of its contents. Practically all of the ordinary health questions of the layman are answered in its pages, and the position of Dr. Haggard as a member of the faculty of Yale University is proof of his authority. No attempt is made to give treatment for disorders requiring medical attention, but close attention to its pages should enable anyone better to avoid them.

Hygiene
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928

SUNSHINE AND HEALTH—Ronald Campbell Macfie—*Holt* (\$1). In this latest volume in the "Home University Library" the author has given the world an elementary but complete account of the important effects of sunlight on the human body. Enough of the physics of light, and the astronomy of the sun, is included to clarify the discussion.

Hygiene
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928

FEDERAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES—Robert D. Leigh—*Harper* (\$5). A study of what the government has done and is doing for the health of its citizens, with suggestions as to ways in which the now separate organizations performing this work might profitably be unified. It is the latest volume in Harper's Public Health Series, edited by Dr. Allan J. McLaughlin, of the U. S. Public Health Service.

Hygiene
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928

THE YOUNG MAN AND MEDICINE—Lewellys F. Barker—*Macmillan* (\$2.50). One of a vocational series by acknowledged leaders in their respective fields to help young men in the choice of a profession.

Medicine
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928

BIRDS AND BEASTS OF THE ROMAN ZOO—Th. Knottnerus-Meyer, translated by Bernard Miall—*Century* (\$4). Officials of zoological parks, who have unique opportunities to study the ways of beasts and birds and to acquire a vast store of fascinating anecdote, are, fortunately for the rest of us, becoming vocal. This book, by the German director of the Zoological Gardens at Rome, is a very worthy addition to the literature.

Zoology
Science News-Letter, April 21, 1928