

FIRST GLANCES AT NEW BOOKS

CLINICAL AND ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY—J. E. Wallace Wallin—*Houghton Mifflin* (\$3). A number of books on abnormal psychology have appeared recently, most of them addressed to a particular audience. This comprehensive and practical text deals with problems of children, and is designed for the use of teachers, nurses, welfare workers, and child specialists of various sorts. Dr. Wallin, who has been studying abnormal children for seventeen years, knows the sort of information that teachers and psychologists want along this line, and he provides a real guide-book on such matters as psychological clinical examinations, mental tests, disorders of the senses. Considerable history of mental tests and psychological examinations is presented, so that the reader may understand the scientific status and the scope of usefulness of the materials at his command.

Psychiatry

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THE NEW CRIMINOLOGY—Dr. Max Schlapp and Edward H. Smith—*Boni and Liveright* (\$4). Crime considered as disease or defectiveness. Emphasis is laid on the new glandular theory of crime. The plans suggested for renovation of present legal and judicial procedures are interesting, radical, but the authors themselves admit they might not work out well. The illustrations are all related to glandular disturbances.

Criminology

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ADULT LEARNING—Edward L. Thorndike—*Macmillan* (\$3). There is more truth in the saying "Never too old to learn" than in William James' pessimistic view that a man's mental grooves are firmly set before 25. This careful study shows that adults from 25 to 45 can learn at nearly the same rate that they would have learned at 15 or 20 years. Aside from presenting results of the first extensive experiments on the learning abilities of various types of adults—college bred, prisoners, adults in secretarial schools, the bright and the dull—the study will be of value to those who teach adults in night classes or in occupational training schools; for Dr. Thorndike discusses the possibilities and the handicaps of adult education in the light of his new findings.

Psychology—Education

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A CATHOLIC VIEW OF HOLISM—F. C. Kolbe—*Macmillan* (\$1.25). Monsignor Kolbe's critique of General Smuts' *Holism and Evolution* shows how the views there set forth coincide in many respects with the evolutionary philosophy of the Catholic Church, as formulated by St. Augustine and St. Basil and confirmed by St. Thomas of Aquin. The book comes well approved from two sides: there is a friendly foreword by General Smuts, and the imprimatur is of Cardinal Hayes.

Evolution

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THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW—Philip Gibbs—*Doubleday, Doran* (\$2.50). The veteran journalist of the Great War takes his turn as prophet and forecasts the effect of science on civilization, with particular reference to sources of power and medical experiments in rejuvenation. He considers the chief obstacle on the road to a scientific Utopia to be the perils of modern scientific warfare.

Sociology

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PREVENTIVE AND CORRECTIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION—George T. Stafford—*Barnes* (\$3). Well written text for teachers of physical education, emphasizing the need of the many who are neither great athletes nor cripples. Good chapters on athletic injuries and physiotherapy. Cooperation with medical science is stressed.

Hygiene—Physical Education

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CORRECTIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR GROUPS—Charles Leroy Lowman, Claire Colestock and Hazel Cooper—*Barnes* (\$4.50). Besides the numerous corrective exercises that may be used individually or in classes, this book gives many games and dances and a few short plays which will be exceedingly helpful to the teacher in the difficult task of making corrective physical exercises interesting. The work is the result of many years' experience in Los Angeles county and city schools and Dr. Lowman's orthopedic practice.

Hygiene—Physical Education

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GEOLOGY—A. P. Brigham and F. A. Burt—*Am. Book Co.* (\$3). A well developed, solidly written textbook of geology.

Geology

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OH, RANGER!—H. M. Albright and F. J. Taylor—*Stanford University Press* (\$2.50). "Oh, Ranger!" These two words open ninety per cent. of all conversations in our national parks. The next sentence always ends with a question mark. The Great American Traveler wants to know. And herein, from Superintendent Albright of Yellowstone and from Mr. Taylor, a news gatherer long acquainted with various of our parks, he receives information. The book is packed with meat, most cheerfully sauced with anecdotes and appetizingly garnished with clever little black-and-white sketches.

Natural History

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THE ELASMOBRANCH FISHES—J. Frank Daniel—*University of California Press* (\$5.50). Prof. Daniel has long been known to all zoologists as one who speaks with authority on the subject of the sharks and their relatives. Here he again places his colleagues in his debt by the issuance of a completely revised new edition of his classic on the anatomy of the elasmobranchs. *Heptanchus maculatus* is used as a type animal throughout.

Anatomy

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FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF AMERICAN ETHNOLOGY—*Government Printing Office* (\$2.75). Three papers by John R. Swanton and one by William E. Myer on Indian trails of the southeast make up the bulk of this large volume. Dr. Swanton's study of the religious beliefs and medical practices of the Creeks is particularly interesting, though all of the papers contain much valuable data on the vanishing Indian culture.

Ethnology

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BUILDING SCIENCE ABSTRACTS—British Department of Scientific and Industrial Research—*H. M. Stationery Office, London* (9d). The first issue of a new periodical compiled by England's Building Research Station. Articles published in all parts of the world on concrete, stone, metal, paint, housing and other related subjects are summarized.

Engineering

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