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- CHARLES EDOUARD BROWN SEQUARD; A NINETEENTH CENTURY NEUROLOGIST AND ENDOCRINOLOGIST—J. M. D. Olmsted—Johns Hopkins Press, 253 p., \$3. Tribute to the last in the line of a great tradition of French experimental physiology at the College de France.
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- INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PARTICI-PATES, Dept. of State Publ. No. 2699, ---U. S. Govt. Printing Office, 322 p., paper, 65 cents. A listing of those agencies devoted to international cooperation.
- THE LAMINA TERMINALIS AND PREOPTIC RECESS IN AMPHIBIA—Albert M. Reese —Smithsonian Inst., 9 p., 15 cents—Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections Vol. 106, No. 19, Publication 3867.
- NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN HARDWOOD PULP —Northeastern Wood Utilization Council

PSYCHOLOGY

- -Publ. by the Council, Bulletin No. 14, 123 p., paper, \$2. Report of Conference at Syracuse, N. Y., October 2, 1946.
- PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN INTERNATIONAL CON-FERENCES JULY 1, 1941-JUNE 30, 1945— Dept. of State Publ. 2665, Govt. Printing Office, 232 p., paper, 45 cents.
- PORTLAND CEMENT TECHNOLOGY—J. C. Witt—Chemical Pub.—518 p., illus., \$10. Information on every step of cement manufacture; emphasis on materials rather than plant equipment.
- THE PRODUCTION AND PROPERTIES OF PLASTICS—S. Leon Kaye—Int. Textbook, 612 p., illus., \$5. Technical treatment of field of plastics for use as textbook and reference source.
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- SUBTROPICAL FLOW PATTERNS IN SUMMER —Herbert Riehl—Univ. of Chicago Press, 64 p., paper, \$1.25. A publication of the Dept. of Meteorology of the University of Chicago.
- THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS—Report by the President to the Congress for the year 1946—Dept. of State Publ. 2735—Govt. Printing Office. 220 p., paper, 45 cents. The activities of the United Nations and the participation of the United States therein.
- WORLD ALMANAC, New York World-Telegram, 912 p., paper, \$1. Sections on Atomic Energy, Electronics, and a Science Review for 1946 were written by Science Service.
- YOUR COMMUNITY: Its Provision for Health, Education, Safety and Welfare—Joanna C. Colcord—*Russell Sage Foundation*, 3rd ed., 263 p., \$1.50. A guide for community study.

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War's Effect on Campus

➢ GIRLS WHO entered college during the war did not adjust as well to college life as those who had begun their college educations before the war broke out in 1941, Dr. Annelies A. Rose, department of psychology, Smith College, states in a report to the Journal of Social Psychology.

Reason for this, Dr. Rose explains, is that adolescents are just beginning to feel

at ease socially and in their relations to the opposite sex when they enter college. The war halted normal social life, leaving a feeling of insecurity that carried over into social, emotional and health problems.

The teen-age girl's growth into a poised, calm, steady person was probably affected by the war. Few social activities, fewer available boys and the fear lest she miss her chance to get married were possible causes, suggests Dr. Rose.

Students who graduated in 1945 were found to be better adjusted in all ways than the girls who entered college a year after them and graduated in 1946. The class of '47, which will graduate this year, followed the same trend toward a less satisfactory adjustment.

The greatest difference in the two groups tested was emotional. Frequent spells of blues were more characteristic of the group tested in 1945. More girls in 1945 than those tested in 1944 admitted emotional excitability and lack of control. Daydreaming, a way of making up for things they wanted and did not have, showed the greatest increase from 42.3% to 70.0%.

Students in 1945 reflected wartime conditions with a definite feeling of inadequacy. A greater than average number worried about their grades, and many of these were C and B students. Dr. Rose suggests that the shortage of men and social life made grades seem unduly important to all the students.

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