

• First Glances at New Books

History of Science

OSIRIS: Volume I, January 1936—Ed. by George Sarton—*Saint Catherine Press, Ltd., Bruges*, 777 p., \$6.; To members of the History of Science Society, \$5. Remittances should be sent directly to the secretary of the Society, Mr. F. E. Brasch, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. The feast of manuscripts set before Isis was so bountiful and rich that Dr. Sarton launched these "studies on the history and philosophy of science, and on the history of learning and culture" in order that more and longer papers might be incorporated in the written record. Fittingly dedicated to Prof. David Eugene Smith and containing a bibliography of his writings, there are some forty papers in this inaugural volume.

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Philosophy

RETURN TO PHILOSOPHY—C. E. M. Joad—*Dutton*, 279 p., \$2.50. A stimulating, thought-provoking book which, once opened, it is difficult to lay down. If you are one of the talented men-of-affairs described by the author, and in late middle-age have evolved a philosophy which will explain the cosmos, you may take warning from this volume. If you have not given much thought to the meaning behind the modern scene, you may by this work be inspired to do so.

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History

THE SPANISH MAIN, FOCUS OF ENVY, 1492-1700—Philip Ainsworth Means—*Scribner's*, 278 p., \$3. A history of the most colorful, rich, and alluring area that explorers found when they sailed to take the New World. Spain pursued the gold and other advantages, and boldly sought a Spanish monopoly. Her two-hundred-year struggle with rival colonizing nations became Titanic, as the author builds up the picture from researches into many original sources.

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Economics

A WORLD PRODUCTION ORDER—F. M. Wibaut—*Allen & Unwin, London*, 240 p., 6s. Obsolete and outworn is our present system of production and distribution. That is the thesis of this book which vigorously urges the establishment of a system of production di-

rected to raising low standards of living all over the world, maintaining equilibrium between production and consumption. It is held that the League of Nations and the International Labor Institute contain the germ of international and national organizations needed for building up ordered production on the basis of democracy.

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Psychology

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF DEALING WITH PEOPLE—Wendell White—*Macmillan*, 256 p., \$2.50. Teachers, salesmen, politicians, and parents are not the only persons in this world who need to influence their fellow humans. You will find in this book many useful hints that you can profitably try on others and, possibly, on yourself.

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Psychology

ADULT INTELLIGENCE — Theodore Weisenburg, Anne Roe and Katharine E. McBride—*Commonwealth Fund*, 155 p., \$1.40. The report of research in which a battery of mental tests was administered to "normal" adults aged from 20 to 60.

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Radio

MAKING A LIVING IN RADIO—Zeh Bouck—*McGraw-Hill Co.*, 222 p., \$2. Practical information for the reader interested in sizing up opportunities in radio. The gold rush era in radio is over, the author points out. The field now is highly competitive, and success is apt to go to the best trained. What the situation is now, as regards announcers, engineers, service men, and other specialized employees, is explained with good advice for the determined beginner.

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Chemical Technology

TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF EMULSIONS—H. Freundlich and others—*Chemical Publ. Co.*, 150 p., \$4. Reprint of the papers read at the symposium on the subject in London in December, 1934.

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Mental Hygiene

A WOMAN'S BEST YEARS—W. Béran Wolfe—*Emerson Books, Inc.*, 268 p., \$2.25. Here is an excellent book which might well become the vademecum of every woman over thirty. The author has had much experience with the special diseases, both physical and nervous, which afflict women and he knows and discusses all the problems that the woman past thirty years must face. It is an encouraging book, because the author knows that every woman can stay forever young, and it is a helpful book because in it the author gives practical advice on how to stay young and be happy and how to face and solve all the difficult problems of middle age. The advice is all sound mental hygiene and it is written in delightfully readable style.

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Chemistry

ORGANIC CHEMISTRY — Howard J. Lucas—*American Book*, 686 p., \$3.60. A text used at the California Institute of Technology which follows the newer fashion of emphasizing the underlying principles rather than surrounding the student with the enormous mass of detail which the field necessarily includes. Molecular structure is given early and applied throughout.

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Archaeology

NEW ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES FROM THE STATE OF FALCON, VENEZUELA—Gladys Ayer Nomland—*Univ. of California Press*, 114 p., 6 pl., 20 figs., \$1.50. Describes excavation of three villages, apparently altogether prehistoric, in a region of northern Venezuela that has been somewhat neglected archaeologically.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION AND FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1935—Smithsonian Institution—*Govt. Print. Off.*, 90 p., Free upon direct application to Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

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