

CHECK LIST OF NEW BOOKS

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volumes of the Sex Boys and the more pornographic psychoanalysts, but is a serious treatise on the nature and future of psychology, with the phenomena of sex used only as convenient examples. He believes that, as psychology gains in precision and authority, it will rid humanity of most of the delusions and inhibitions which now afflict all of us, and that there will be a compensatory fall in the authority of religion and of idealistic ethics. But he is convinced that this change will not bring in the anarchy that alarmed moralists profess to fear, even now. Real desires, as opposed to imaginary desires, will remain, and they will suffice to guide humanity into safe and comfortable waters. The book is thoughtful, and contains much original matter. It has a good index.

CONQUERING ARTHRITIS.

By H. M. Margolis. *The Macmillan Company*
\$2 7¼ x 5; 192 pp. *New York*

Dr. Margolis writes in a clear and graceful manner, and hence his book, which is addressed to laymen, and especially to sufferers from arthritis, makes far better reading than most medical treatises. He describes the different varieties of arthritis, and then sets forth the treatments that have been found efficacious. No single remedy, he says, will work in all cases. Each case must be studied by a competent medical man, and its conduct determined, not only by the physical signs, but also by the personality of the patient. The disease is extraordinarily recalcitrant, but nevertheless complete recovery follows in 25% of the cases, and either recovery or improvement in from 75% to 90%. There is a useful chapter on diet. At the end is an index.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION. *The First Decade.*

The World Peace Foundation
\$3.50 9¾ x 6¾; 382 pp. *Boston*

In his preface Albert Thomas says: "This book is the work of certain officials of the International Labor Office who prefer to remain anonymous. . . . They give a full and systematic description of all the activities of the organization, enumerate all the problems, follow the standardized and obvious plan of discussing successively the origins and principles of the institution, its work, the results obtained, and its position in the general movement for justice and peace." The book is thus valuable as a reference volume. It is official and comprehensive. The authors say that up to the time of writing 414 conventions

on labor matters had been ratified by thirty-three nations. The United States and the Soviet Union, because they are not members of the League of Nations, did not ratify any of the conventions, but they learned much from the discussions. "Even if not perfect, these results are of a nature to reassure the anxious friends of the organization, and to prove that it is performing no barren task in a waste of indifference, but is finding support and coöperation in many quarters." An index is missing.

MONEY & POLITICS ABROAD.

By James Kerr Pollock. *Alfred A. Knopf*
\$3.50 8¼ x 5½; 328 pp. *New York*

Dr. Pollock, who is associate professor of political science at the University of Michigan, here considers the influence that money has had on the politics of Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Irish Free State, Germany, and France. He finds that "larger sums are expended in Germany than in either [France or Great Britain], but in France, on the other hand, although political expenditures are kept down to a relatively low level, many of them are of a kind which would not be considered proper in Britain. Moreover, expenditures for political purposes are more efficiently used in England and more wastefully used in Germany. In none of the three countries, however, do we find as much money spent on elections as in the United States." He also finds that "with noteworthy exceptions, most of the money which is used for political purposes in the countries under review comes from comparatively few persons." The result of this is that "the controlling influence within a party, within a nation, has passed from the people to a few persons or to a few interests." There is an index.

SUN YAT-SEN VERSUS COMMUNISM.

By Maurice William. *The Williams & Wilkins Company*
\$5 9¼ x 6; 232 pp. *Baltimore*

Dr. Sun, who died on March 12, 1925, was the George Washington of the New China. He is the deified hero of all the Chinese school children, politicians, and generals. His writings are their gospel. The precise nature of his politico-economic views is thus of the greatest importance. Until within a few months of his death he was an ardent Communist, and the Bolsheviks sent him some of their crack orators and huge quantities of gold to help him make of China another land of soviets. But as everything was going along smoothly between him and the Kremlin he came upon Dr. William's "Social

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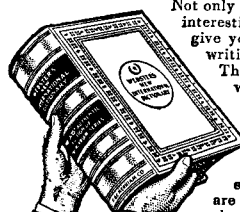
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