



BOOK REVIEWS



PSYCHOTHERAPY IN CHILD GUIDANCE, by Gordon Hamilton. Columbia University Press. \$4.

THIS BOOK BY A PROFESSOR OF CASE-work at the New York School of Social Work is an enunciation of both the philosophy and practices of the Jewish Board of Guardians. It may well become a "must" reading for every social worker and, indeed, for psychotherapists as well, insofar as they are interested in pursuing their work beyond the four walls of office or institution.

Various types of behavior disorders in children are described, together with the diagnostic and treatment processes involved. There is consideration in successive chapters of young children, the older child, the adolescent, and the family as a whole. The chapter on the older (school age) child is perhaps of special interest because the literature and general understanding of this period have heretofore been limited. All are amply illustrated from case records and the part played by the worker in the child's rehabilitation stands out clearly.

The author and agency alike believe in the effectiveness of a continuous fusion of psychoanalytically oriented psychiatry and social casework; the book makes amply clear the reasons for this belief and indicates how such a fusion may take place and the conditions under which it may be adequately safeguarded and controlled.

Of further interest is the conviction that all social casework must be family oriented. Not the child alone, but the functioning family unit is the object of concern. We therefore find continuous emphasis on the worker's relation not only to the child, but also to the parents of the child in treatment.

"A little child cannot relate himself to the worker unless his mother can also relate herself to the treatment process. . . . Time given to the parent . . . may be well spent." And again:

"Recognition that the parent needs acceptance as a person, not merely objective advice, has affected all technique."

The concluding chapter, "Preparation for Psychotherapy in Social Work," deals with the proper qualifications and training for those who would

work in this field. With the demand for psychotherapy constantly increasing, with the resources of available agencies of all types stretched to the breaking point, with long lists of clients waiting for help, this surely is a matter of the utmost concern.

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FREUD: ON WAR, SEX AND NEUROSIS, edited by Sander Katz with preface and definitive glossary by Paul Goodman. Arts & Science Press. \$3.

THIS VOLUME REPRESENTS AN ADEQUATE translation of seven of Freud's essays on sex; one on the resistances of the laity as well as professionals to psychoanalysis; and one on his reactions to World War I, wherein he expressed his interpretation of some unconscious as well as cultural factors underlying war mongering.

Freud's great skill and courage are attested to by the direct and unorthodox way (for his day) in which he approached subject matter that was then taboo even in medical circles. It seems almost ludicrous nowadays that a medical authority should have had to excuse himself for considering a patient's sexual adjustment.

In the case of Dora, he presents his case study method in a lucid and vivid style. His material is now so well known that such a paper can be presented for lay consumption. Whether or not one agrees with all of his interpretations and techniques, one cannot but admire the consistency of his approach, especially as it includes efforts to gain evidence directly from the patient's own associations and reactions. Here are the seeds of later developments in psychotherapy.

Freud's iconoclastic comparison between obsessive acts and religious practices have earned him much criticism because of his daring to question the psychological validity of some of the basic religious practices. Whether or not his intention is true that such practices are merely neurotic defenses against repressed drives, we must consider their value to large numbers of persons and the role they play in our culture. Whatever the restrictions are that devolve from our cultural milieu, the question remains whether all such

defenses can be made unnecessary.

Freud's essay on the sexual enlightenment of children remains a beacon for all child psychologists, educators, social workers, and others engaged in extending help in the arduous and perilous task of child rearing.

His interpretation of the casual relationship between our culture and civilization and extensive sexual maladjustment and neurosis is borne out by recent studies. His surmises have led to valuable areas of research.

His definition of the personality of the man who must compete in love and lose, or of the one who must choose a degraded love object as stemming from different aspects of the unresolved Oedipal triangle are by now classics. They have been challenged on anthropological and other bases but still remain among the most dynamic explanations offered. His view of man's sacrifice of instinctual free expression for the benefits of civilization will bear still further study via comparative psychology and anthropology, using both primitive and modern social systems as the frame of reference for further study.

This is a book well worth having in one's library. It is gratifying that at least three essays are again readily available at a reasonable rate.

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REHABILITATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, by Henry H. Kessler, M.D. Columbia University Press. \$3.50.

THIS AUTHOR HAS ADDED ANOTHER valuable book to the literature on the rehabilitation of disabled persons. In this new work he emphasizes the problem of the disabled as one in which the productive usefulness of the individual must be the fundamental purpose of his rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation is described as an integrated program in which physical restoration, guidance and training, and placement in a job are combined in a total plan for the individual. He stresses a complete service rather than its medical phases. Recognition by a medical expert of the importance of

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Walter Roy has been appointed director of recreation in the Chicago Park District, succeeding *V. K. Brown* who has retired.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has named *Dr. Ruth Dunham* to administer the state's mental hygiene program.

New executive secretary of the Mt. Vernon (N.Y.) Community Fund and Council is *Wallace S. Hughes*, previously executive director of the Alexandria (Va.) Chest and Council.

Kenneth R. Foresman has been named to the staff of the Minneapolis regional office of the Social Security Administration as child welfare representative. He was previously executive secretary of the Los Angeles office of the Children's Bureau.

The U. S. Public Health Service has named *Dr. Norman H. Topping* to the new position of associate director, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

New executive of the Sangamon Council of Social Agencies in Springfield (Ill.) is *Naomi Hiatt*.

Earl G. Lippincott has taken over the agency relations job with the United Health and Welfare Fund of Michigan. His experience includes work with the social protection division, Federal Security Agency, and the Russell Sage Foundation.

The Community Chest of Philadelphia and Vicinity has appointed *Joseph D. Gibbon* as executive director. He has been serving as acting director and campaign director.

New executive secretary of the Juvenile Protective Association in Aurora (Ill.) is *Martha K. Ellis*, formerly with the Children's Aid Society of Clayton (Mo.).

Charles W. Colwell, a 1948 graduate of the School of Social Administration at Ohio State University, has been appointed executive of the Greater Greenville (S.C.) Council of Social Agencies.

Joseph W. Sanford has resigned as warden of the United States penitentiary at Atlanta to become commissioner of corrections in Michigan.

John N. Blow has been appointed executive secretary of the Community Welfare Council of Ontario, which

has its headquarters at Toronto.

The Children's Home Society of California has named *Frank Lindsay Rand* as public relations director.

Henry Ford, II, has accepted the national chairmanship of the Community Chest of America, succeeding *H. J. Heinz, II*, who will continue as a vice-chairman.

The California State Department of Social Welfare has named *Louis Kuplan* as supervisor of the bureau of old age security. Mr. Kuplan served previously with the Social Security Administration.

Elizabeth Lynch has been appointed child welfare director in the Los Angeles County Bureau of Public Assistance. She served previously with the Ohio Department of Public Welfare.

The Kansas Department of Social Welfare has named *Mildred Lacey* as consultant in the division of child welfare. Miss Lacey served previously in the child welfare division Arkansas Department of Social Welfare.

Thomas W. Fetzer, former executive director of the Community Chest and Council of Social Agencies at Lorain, Ohio, has been named secretary of the Kansas City (Mo.) Council of Social Agencies.

The U. S. Public Health Service has named *Constance Long* as chief of the nursing section, hospital division, succeeding *Jessie MacFarlane* who has retired after twenty-six years service.

The Iowa Department of Social Welfare has appointed *Ross T. Wilbur* as director of the child welfare division, succeeding *Mildred Hunt* who has resigned. Mr. Wilbur has been serving as child welfare consultant for the department.

Retired

Christopher G. Ruess has retired as director of education and research in the Los Angeles county probation department at the age of seventy to enter, as he puts it, "a new chapter of my life." He is now engaged in old age counseling.

L. F. Murphy, long active in correctional work in Wisconsin, has retired as warden of the state prison at the age of seventy. The first vice-chairman of the Professional Council

of the National Probation and People Association, Mr. Murphy entered the correctional field in 1925. One of his early assignments in Wisconsin was to develop a staff of probationary officers.

Dr. Justin K. Fuller, medical director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and chief medical officer, training bureau, U. S. Maritime Commission, will retire from active duty with the Public Health Service in June. Widely known as an authority on prison medicine, Dr. Fuller is planning to accept a position as medical consultant to the California State Department of Corrections. *Dr. Stanley E. Krumbiegel* will succeed Dr. Fuller at the Bureau of Prisons and *Dr. Daniel J. Daley* at the Maritime Commission.

Honors

To *James V. Bennett*, director of the U. S. Bureau of Prisons, the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, for his wartime contribution as first director of the Prison Branch, Office of Military Government, and as consultant to Under Secretary of War.

To *Dr. V. Mary Crosse* of the Birmingham, England, Public Health Department, elevation to the rank of Officer of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of her work on the care of premature babies. . . . To *Dr. Jacob S. Wolfe* of Bloomfield, New Jersey, selection as "the most outstanding family doctor in the state" by the Medical Society of New Jersey at its annual meeting.

To *Katharine F. Lenroot*, chief of the U. S. Children's Bureau, selection by the American Woman's Association as woman of the month for May in recognition of her "years of selfless and constructive public service." . . . To *Angela Cox*, executive director of the Family Service Society of Atlanta, selection as Atlanta's Woman of the Year in Social Welfare, "for her outstanding leadership in providing improved facilities for social welfare . . ."

To *Reverend Bedros Baharian* of Quincy, Massachusetts, and *Reverend Herbert King* of New York, annual Thomas Jefferson awards from Council against Intolerance in America," for

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