



The State Department announces the appointment of *Evelyn Hersey* as social welfare attaché in the American Embassy at New Delhi, India. Miss Hersey served most recently as assistant to the U. S. Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization and earlier as service director, American Committee for Christian Refugees. The department, which earlier in the year appointed *Irving J. Fasteau* to the Paris Embassy (see *THE SURVEY*, April 1948, page 131) has announced that it will make no further appointments under this program during the coming year.

Dr. John P. Hubbard, who has been directing a nationwide study of child health services for the American Academy of Pediatrics, has been appointed assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He will also direct the academy's nationwide program for the improvement of child health as well as a statewide teaching program on rheumatic fever under the auspices of the State Health Department.

New executive director of the Alexandria (Va.) Community Chest and Council of Social Agencies is *E. Austin Thompson*. His former experience includes work with the American National Red Cross and UNRRA.

Carl H. Schmitt has been named director of the Delaware County (Pa.) District Health and Welfare Council. He was previously a field representative with the Federal Security Agency.

The University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work has appointed *Isabell Stamm* as assistant professor of social casework. Miss Stamm served previously with the Family Society of Allegheny County, Pa., as visitor and assistant district secretary.

Austin Welch, former assistant director of the community facilities program, National Federal Public Housing Agency, is now serving with the Military Government in Germany as chief of the youth activities branch, educational and cultural affairs division of Greater Hesse.

New superintendent of the South Dakota State Board of Health is *Dr. Gerald J. Van Heuvelen* of Pierre,

S. D. He succeeds *Dr. Gilbert Cottam*, who has retired.

Cordelia Cox, formerly casework professor in the Richmond School of Social Work, College of William and Mary, is now consultant for the division of welfare of the National Lutheran Council in New York City.

The Kansas State Department of Social Welfare has announced several recent appointments. *Mary Maud Read*, formerly field representative with the department, is now assistant supervisor of field services in the division of public assistance. *Freda Burnside*, who served formerly with the Oklahoma Department of Public Welfare, has been named consultant in the division of child welfare.

Sarah Riley has been appointed assistant director of the public assistance division. *Ruth Laing*, former welfare director of Marshall County in this state, and *Orval M. Reece*, previously director of the Phillips County welfare department, have been named field representatives in the public assistance division.

The Virginia Department of Health has named *Hazel Higbee* as director of the bureau of public health nursing. She was formerly professor of public health nursing at the Medical College of Virginia.

Paul D. Jones has been appointed field organizer with the United Health and Welfare Fund of Michigan. He was formerly secretary of the County Division of the Greater St. Louis (Mo.) Community Chest.

E. Preston Sharp has resigned as director of the bureau of community work, Pennsylvania Department of Welfare, to become chief of the division of training schools in the Maryland Department of Public Welfare. Succeeding him at the bureau is *Ira J. Mills*, formerly educational director at Eastern Penitentiary in that state.

Boy Scouts of America has named *Arthur A. Shuck* as chief scout executive, replacing the late *James E. West*. Mr. Shuck, who has served with this organization for thirty-five years, was previously scout executive of the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Right Rev. Msgr. Nicholas H.

Wegner, chancellor of the Omaha Archdiocese, has been named director of Boys Town in Omaha, succeeding the late *Right Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan*.

New director of the Child and Family Service of Lima, Ohio, is *Grace Saltzgabor*.

Robert C. Goodwin has been named to head the Bureau of Employment Security of the Federal Security Agency. Mr. Goodwin was previously director of the U. S. Employment Service which became part of the bureau on July 1.

New executive director of the Quincy (Mass.) Community Chest and Council of Social Agencies is *Edward S. Corrigan*, who served previously as executive secretary.

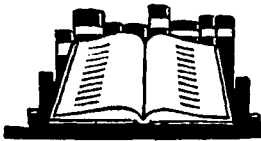
John W. Ballew has been appointed director of the public assistance division, Cook County bureau of public welfare, replacing *Stephen J. Green* who resigned last spring to become chief of the division of field services, Illinois Public Aid Commission. Mr. Ballew was previously director of welfare in St. Louis, Mo.

Honors

To *Arlien Johnson*, dean, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Southern California, for her professional contributions to social work and "the quality of her leadership," the Executive Award from the Koshland Award Committee of the California Association for Social Welfare . . . To *Nina T. Esterbrooks*, public assistance worker, San Bernardino County welfare department, for "her outstanding pioneering work in and contribution to the prevention of blindness program in California," the Practitioner Award from the same committee.

Correction

Edward C. Harold, who has received the designation as Knight of the Order of Orange-Nassau for his work with the National Catholic Welfare Conference-War Relief Services, is a member of the faculty of the School of Social Service, Saint Louis University, not of the School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, as we erroneously reported last month.



BOOK REVIEWS



THE PRACTICE OF GROUP THERAPY,
edited by S. R. Slavson. International
Universities Press. \$5.

GROUP THERAPY ACHIEVED A CERTAIN prominence in connection with the psychiatric experiences of World War II. What is perhaps not so well known is that it had been undergoing gradual exploration for some years before the war, thanks to the work of Schilder, Slavson, and others.

S. R. Slavson and his co-contributors have given us an interesting picture of the practice of group therapy today which avoids, for the most part, the pitfall of overenthusiasm. The first chapter and the introductions of some other chapters present pertinent factual and theoretical material to help the lay reader, and others follow the case material. Mr. Slavson has correctly stressed that the four chapters dealing with the more detailed case presentations were of particular importance. However, this reviewer feels that this case material was not entirely successfully presented. It was not detailed enough for the experienced psychiatrist or psychoanalyst and perhaps a little too detailed for other readers.

Dr. N. D. C. Lewis, in his foreword, appropriately notes that group psychotherapy is basically a special application of the principles of individual treatment to two or more persons simultaneously. Various authors in the book, either directly or indirectly, indicated their indebtedness to Freud and his findings from individual treatment. Comparison between psychoanalysis and group therapy gives rise to many interesting points. However, this reviewer cannot agree with Ackerman, who referred to the analyst in the psychoanalytic treatment situation as only a "symbol of reality." This point of view seems to overlook the fact that the patient reacts to the analyst not only as a symbol of reality but as a real person in a real world.

In a general way one gains the impression from the book that the group therapy situation is a vital one and capable of therapeutic manipulation. This is also the impression of a number of experienced psychiatrists. Furthermore, it is impressive to note the favorable effects of group therapy with

some very difficult cases which were practically inaccessible to individual therapy.

This book can be recommended to all interested readers as a good survey of group psychotherapy today. It is also a good example of the increasingly fruitful collaboration that is taking place among psychologists, social workers and psychiatrists.

Boston

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DEVELOPING YOUR CHILD'S PERSONALITY, by Gelolo McHugh. Appleton-Century. \$2.75.

THERE ARE MANY GOOD BOOKS FOR parents, but here is one especially addressed to the father and mother who are having their first baby. The author is a psychologist with a Ph.D. degree from Columbia University, and his professional knowledge and competency are obvious to any professional reader. He writes clearly in nontechnical language that any intelligent parent can genuinely enjoy reading.

Outstanding sections of this book are the first four chapters which the author devotes to pre-parenthood. Few writers have succeeded so well in conveying to readers the tremendous importance of pre-parental and parental attitudes.

Mr. McHugh, of course, repudiates old superstitious beliefs about unborn children being physically marked or changed in appearance by the emotions that their mothers experienced while carrying them, but he points out that there is scientific evidence indicating that the mother's mental and emotional conditions during pregnancy are important for the same reasons that proper foods and the avoidance of extreme fatigue for mothers are important for the welfare of the baby soon to be born. He stresses the fact that the mother's emotional condition affects the baby's psychological growth after birth more directly than before.

Another excellent chapter is the last, "Preparing for the Second Child." With all that has been published on this challenging topic of trying to avoid jealous feelings in a young first child when a new brother or sister enters upon the scene, this reviewer has seen few, if any, writings that reveal such

depths of understanding combined with equally practical, specific suggestions as to what to do when a second child is to be added to the family.

While the values of these first and last chapters have been especially stressed here because they are unusually helpful to new, young parents, the eight chapters which deal with how to train the first baby in fundamental habits and attitudes are also very good. They reveal that same rare combination of profound understanding with practical, specific suggestions for dealing with everyday situations mentioned by this reviewer in regard to the final chapter of the book.

Director

ETHEL KAWIN

*Preschool Study Course, National
Parent-Teacher Magazine*

STUDIES OF CHILDREN, edited by
Gladys Meyer with an introduction by
Dorothy Hutchinson. King's Crown
Press. \$2.50.

"STUDIES OF CHILDREN," A GROUP OF eight studies, written by students from the New York School of Social Work as their professional projects, makes available direct observations of children's problems. These studies are written in an exploratory manner with the freshness and enthusiasm of the new professional, and should be interesting to all people who seek to enlarge their understanding of children, and who wish to know how parents and children can be helped to meet the conflicts and struggles of childhood's growth and how community resources can contribute.

The first four studies are published in full and the chief findings of four others are included in abstract with illustrative case material. The authors, in seven of the eight studies, had direct contact with the parents, children, or foster parents about whom they have written. The settings include a municipal health center, a private school, foster care and adoption agencies, children's court, a day nursery, and a children's protective agency.

The interesting predominant theme of these studies is the problems of children as they are directly related with the problems of their parents. The emotional and cultural pressures, the insecurity or immaturity of parents,