

Parents' disappointment with the sex of a child is shewn to often affect its whole after-life. Too strenuous early training in cleanliness and regularity of habits may cause hatred of interference.

"A great many people can be exceedingly aggressive towards young children, and demand their obedience in such a way as to provoke refusal. . . . This desire to feel stronger or more efficient than others will frequently be only too apparent in those who have chosen as their lifework the charge of the helpless, be they infants or sick adults."—hard words, these!

Nurses in schools and hospitals may fall into the trap of stealing the child's affection from the parents, though with circumspection, there may be "a salutary loosening of the too close ties of home."

These extracts serve to show that the book is full of matter which should give us all "furiously to think." It is a pity that some sentences are too long and involved, even ungrammatical.

Only a psychologist is qualified to criticise the psychology, but there is no question that all nurses, and not only those engaged in caring for nerve cases, should be better and wiser for its study and assimilation.

The subject has been approached from a new angle. It is undoubtedly good for us, though it may be painful, to see ourselves as others see us. The fault with many who make a superficial study of psychology is that they do not remember to apply it to their patients, still less to themselves.

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THE PSYCHOLOGIST'S PART IN THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF CRIME.

A Series of Lecture-Discussions on the above question has been arranged by the National Council for Mental Hygiene in collaboration with the Howard League for Penal Reform, to be held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.1.

PROGRAMME.

ON WEDNESDAYS, AT 5.30 P.M.

February 10th.—Penal Methods of the Past and Present.

George Ives, Esq., M.A.

February 17th.—The Danger in Our Midst—Crime and Mental Abnormality. Dr. T. S. Good, O.B.E.

February 24th.—The Borderline Case. Dr. Eric B. Strauss.

March 2nd.—A vocational Psychologist at Borstal. T. A. Rodger, Esq.

March 9th.—A Magistrate's Problems for the Psychologist. Miss S. Margery Fry, LL.D., J.P.

March 16th.—Penal Methods of the Future. Gerald Heard, Esq.

Tickets, price 1s. 6d. each, or 7s. 6d. for the course, may be obtained from The Secretary, the National Council for Mental Hygiene, 78, Chandos House, Palmer Street, S.W.1, or at the doors.

THE INSPIRATION OF THE PRINCE.

The Call to Service in his inspired address at the Albert Hall by the Prince of Wales has ere this penetrated to the ends of the earth. It is well. The youth of the whole world will, let us hope, take it to heart.

The call to stand upright and firmly on our own feet, and work out our own salvation, even if the process is painful, is a call to which modern youth must respond.

The Prince said so many wise things that it is good to know that the address is now procurable in pamphlet form, so that we can study it at leisure.

The price of the pamphlet will be 1d. (post free 1½d.), and the reduced charges for quantities as follows:—12 for 1s., 25 for 1s. 9d., 50 for 3s. 6d., 100 for 7s., 250 for 15s., 500 for £1 10s., 1,000 for £2 10s., 2,000 for £4 10s., post free. Any profits from the sale of the pamphlet

will be handed over to the National Council of Social Service.

Copies will be obtainable from the publisher, *The Times*, Printing House Square, London, E.C.4, or through booksellers and newsagents. Orders for quantities should be sent direct to *The Times* Office.

THE DOOR NEVER SHUT.

The appeal in support of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, 18 to 26, Stepney Causeway, London, E.1, of which the doors are never shut to a destitute child, is one to touch all hearts, and Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, was well supported when she presided at the Annual Meeting at the Albert Hall.

Nearly 1,000 boys and girls from the homes took part in a programme which was an inspiring proof of the happiness that has come into their lives through the care and training received in "the largest family in the world." Various

branches of the Young Helpers' League, the birthday fête of which was held in connection with the festival, were presented with banners by Princess Alice for work done during the year.

Who could resist the appeal of the dear little lad whose picture we present, who is a member of the League?

CHALLENGE SHIELDS FOR BABY WEEKS.

The first town to have its name inscribed on the "Astor (1931)" Challenge Shield is Sunderland. This Shield, which is awarded annually by the National Baby Week Council for the best Baby Week held in large towns in the United Kingdom, is the third Shield to be donated to the Council by Viscount and Viscountess Astor, the original "Astor" Shield and its successor the "Lady Astor" Shield having been each in turn won outright.



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