

BOOK REVIEWS**PSYCHOLOGY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF A BEHAVIORIST.**

By John B. Watson. Published by J. B. Lippincott, Philadelphia and London. Pp. 429. Price \$2.50.

After an absence of nearly four years from academic life it is stimulating, refreshing and instructive to meet such a book as the one under review. No book is perfect and that is the reason why more and still more books are published. This one errs in the direction of insufficiency, a defect not due to the inability of the author but rather to the present incompleteness of the science of behavioristic psychology. The defect is not permanent.

It might be said that the chapters on the nervous system are rather too extended because in the remaining discussions one fails to find much correlation thereto. Students of behavior should know all this, but if they are to know it well they must needs go outside the psychology classroom.

The treatment of response, instinct, language and thought are excellent, not so much for the actual material (which is not small) as for a distinct and valuable contribution towards a new point of view and progress in accordance therewith. This is no summary or abstract. The book deserves careful study by physicians and psychologists interested in human behaviour. Its chief value lies in the new way opened up for the more exact and objective study of humans—a way which should appeal to all interested in the application of the laws of behavior to the problems of life. Professor Watson has blazed a trail.

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THE FORM AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM. An Introduction to the Study of Nervous Diseases.

By Frederick Tilney, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Neurology, Columbia University, and Henry Alsop Riley, A.M., M.D., Associate in Neurology, Columbia University. 1,020 pages; 591 figures, containing 763 illustrations, of which 56 are coloured. Price \$12.00. Publishers: Paul B. Hoeber, New York, 1921.

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