

Belles Lettres and Bell Ringers

Why We Do It, by Dr. Edward C. Mason.
C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, Mo.
1937. \$1.50.

GREAT advances have been made in recent years in the fields of psychiatry, psychology and physiology, but most of the new developments have been presented in such technical form that they are of little advantage to the layman.

Dr. Edward C. Mason, professor of physiology in the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, has boiled down the best established theories of practical psychology and presented them in an elementary discussion aptly titled *Why We Do It*.

In the preface of this book, Dr. Mason frankly admits that it seems impossible to use a terminology that would prove satisfactory to all the various schools of psychology. He therefore compromises by trying to use terms most nearly satisfactory to the psychologist, the psychiatrist and the physiologist, and at the same time make it intelligible to the general reader.

His thought in writing the book is well explained in this paragraph:

"If this brief presentation aids some parent in adjusting his child to its environment, or if it prompts some individual to seek the aid of a psychiatrist before filing suit for divorce, the author will feel his efforts have been justified."

The chapters on family relationships and the training of children are of special value, although they are discussed only as certain phases of the general subject of human behavior and the reasons behind it.

The discussions of the relation between physiology and behavior are especially interesting.

Psychological theories involved in the way in which the three "dynamis" of interest (Ego, Sex, and Herd) influence human conduct are well presented.

All in all, the book gives the impression of being scientifically sound, and at the same time non-technical enough to be read and understood by the general reader.

Newspapers and medical journals have praised the book extensively. Some typical comments are:

"Scientific terms which hitherto have been mere jargon for the lay mind take on a meaning easily understood by the educated."—*Journal South Carolina Medical Association*.

"It is addressed to the educated public and understandable terminology is used."—*New York Physician*.

"We congratulate the author upon his splendid presentation of the subject. We

recommend the reading of this book as compulsory home work for all physicians who wish to keep posted on new thoughts in medicine."—*Southwestern Medicine*.

"Dr. Mason explains how best to make the child acceptable to society and to insure it a happy and useful future. He shows the part of both parents and teachers in this transformation."—*Boston Globe*.

"This straightforward account of nervous and mental disorders will clarify for the layman many psychological terms more commonly used than understood."—*Tulsa World*.

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Sports Review

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McNatt, Norman; Ben Kerr, McAlester; Marvin Mesch, Cushing; Don Branyon, Cushing; Gene Roop, Tulsa; R. E. Caruthers, Chickasha; Bill Haugh, Norman; Roscoe Walker, Pawhuska; Sam Harris, Maysville; Joffre Cross, Tulsa; Herald Francis, Blanchard; Albert Tone, Maud; Bob Seymour, Commerce; Frank Ivy, Skiatook, and John Shirk, Oklahoma City.

Lettermen lost from last year are Capt. Don Gunning, Tee Connelley, Jerome Needy, Ed Otte, John Remy, Jay Thomas, and Herman "Red" Nelson.

Remainder of the schedule is:

Jan. 3, 4—Rice at Norman.
Jan. 7—Kansas at Lawrence.
Jan. 13—Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.
Jan. 17—Iowa State at Norman.
Jan. 31—Kansas State at Norman.
Feb. 5—Nebraska at Norman.
Feb. 9—Nebraska at Lincoln.
Feb. 10—Kansas State at Manhattan.
Feb. 16—Oklahoma Aggies at Norman.
Feb. 18—Kansas at Norman.
Feb. 21—Missouri at Norman.
Feb. 26—Iowa State at Ames.
Feb. 28—Missouri at Columbia.

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Five mat veterans

Oklahoma will also have a sophomore wrestling squad this year. Coach Paul Keen retains five lettermen, Gene Ross 135 pounds; D. C. Matthews, 126; Buster Anderson, 145; Marshall Word, 165; and Fred Ball, heavyweight, but lost his national champion, Bill Keas, and also such standbys as Port Robertson, Billy Carr, and Charley Carson.

Squad men available this year include Harry James, 126; Jack Ridley, 118; Ralph Merkle, 155; Waddy Young, heavyweight; Ben Bell, 135; Woodrow Page, 165; and O. V. Northcutt, 145.

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