THE NEUROSES  By H. P. Laughlin. (Pp. xii + 1076; 45 tables. £8 18s. 6d.) Butterworth: Washington. 1967. The author's individual modifications of the psychodynamic approach to psychiatry are expressed in clear language, although some of the terms he coins—for example, the hygieaphonic reaction—are forbidden. His general orientation is away from drug therapy, and will be considered by many psychiatrists in this country to be, therefore, incomplete. If one bears this in mind, many of his comments based on long personal experience are illuminating and helpful.

LAW AND PSYCHIATRY  By S. Glueck. Social Science Paperbacks no. 17. (Pp. ix + 181. 18s. Bound—38s.) Tavistock Publications: London. 1967. This volume is the paperback edition of the Isaac Ray Lectures for 1962, originally published in 1963. The main part of the text is concerned with the problem of diminished responsibility. The author considers in detail the problems raised by the rules in M'Naghten's case, by the Durham case (U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, 1954), and by the American Law Institute's draft Model Penal Code (1962), and suggests his own formula. The final chapter, based on his own experience, advocates the adoption of a more humane and advanced approach both to criminal law and to psychiatric care in U.S.A. mental hospitals. The lectures are subtitled 'Cold War or Entente Cordiale' and are a valuable plea for the latter.

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