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of his use of the "scientific method." This, the reviewer seriously challenges. For example: on page 45, "contrast this with the behavior of the psychopath. To him the *present* is the all important consideration"; and on page 50, "The person with psychopathic personality has no time concept; he is not concerned with the past, present or future."

The author persistently attacks with "complete objectivity" the concept of psychogenic factors in the development of the psychopathic personality and stresses the organic factors, yet he uses "psychogenic" and "environmental" as synonyms. And he confuses symptoms with causative etiological factors on a few occasions. Finally, there is a misquotation of Otto Fenichel which is too subtle to have been entirely accidental—it is really a distortion of Fenichel's words in such a way as to lend more credence to the author's conclusions. All this does not appear to be "complete objectivity" and scientific method.

The section on therapy and handling of psychopaths is probably the summation of the author's frustration and annoyance, as he states early in the book "he [the psychopath] makes himself somewhat of a nuisance to all of those, particularly his physicians, who are concerned with his welfare." Once having established a rapport of this type little can be done by the physician which would help the patient. It would leave only the courses Dr. Thompson finally recommends—custodial care, surgery, and sedation to the point of total decrease in function.

This reviewer is not denying the possibility of organic causative factors in *some* cases of psychopathic personality. This has been demonstrated conclusively. The attempt to force *all* cases into this mold is however detrimental to ever successfully solving the problem. Actually this book appears to be a defensive treatise on a position more or less passe. HILBERT L. WOLFF

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