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mine) family," which is the "most common type of problem family in the caseloads of public welfare departments across the nation." With the rapid increase in our population it seems that the number of "hopeless" families increase, too. This and other papers (some attempting to talk about research to social workers) make the volume worth while reading.

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DIE KRIMINALITAET DER KINDER: *Eine kriminologisch-jugendpsychiatrische Untersuchung.* (The Criminality of the Child: A Criminological Investigation of Psychiatric Youth.) Tuebingen, Germany: J. C. B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 1957, pp. 140, DM 13, 50

Deviating from previous examiners in the literature of the juvenile recidivist, who drew mostly from the clinical experience in forensic psychiatry (such as van Bemmelen, Heinke, Lotz, Michel, Riedl, E. Schmidt, Schnell, and Wend), the author attempts in this monograph to establish a theory

based entirely on a study of 80 children, selected from a caseload of 600, who from 1951 to 1954 were observed and treated in the Psychiatric and Neurological Clinic of the University of Heidelberg. The principal delinquencies were in the order listed: theft, assault, embezzlement, fraud, forgery, libellous actions, and sex offenses. The ages were from 6 to 15; the lower limit was justified in that the child progressed from the nursery to the school level, thereby losing its "naivete" and assumedly gaining a feeling for responsibility and law. Having gained the feeling for law the author feels justified in speaking of "criminality." The upper age limit coincides with the period of puberty. The children are divided into several groups and "examined" according to their degree of malleability of treatment, degree of intelligence and talent, and psychiatric etiology. All 80 cases are described as "case" illustrations, short but ample. An excellent treatise for psychiatrists, criminologists, and social workers!

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