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PREFACE

The motives that led me to believe there is a need for a summary of the Freudian investigations have only been strengthened during its preparation.

The book is intended to serve as an introduction as well as an incentive to the study of Freud's works and the application of the psycho-analytic methods; it aims at separating from the ranks of the indifferent and antagonistic those whose position is due to insufficient or erroneous information; finally it is desired that this book by pointing out the unsolved problems of the theory may further their solution.

Later editions will have to take into consideration the progress or modifications as well as the new views arising from them. I am greatly indebted to Professor Freud for his revision and many suggestions and to Dr. O. Rank for his collaboration in preparing the book.

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INTRODUCTION

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ERNEST JONES, M.D. (London), M.R.C.P. (London),

Dr. Hitschmann has in this volume undertaken an important task, namely, a synthetic presentation of the Freudian theory. It will on all sides be acknowledged that the need for this has long been felt, the reason being that it is exceedingly difficult properly to grasp the significance of the theory from the reading only of disconnected fragments, which taken in themselves often present an appearance that is far from convincing.

The especial difficulty inherent in any attempt to render a connected description as is here given lies in the fact that the Freudian theory represents not a fixed philosophic doctrine but a growing body of science. Strangely enough this has sometimes been made a source of reproach to Professor Freud, as indicating a fluctuating change and lack of stability in his conclusions. It is certainly true that during the gradual evolution of his methods and conclusions, an evolution which is still in progress, he has been led to