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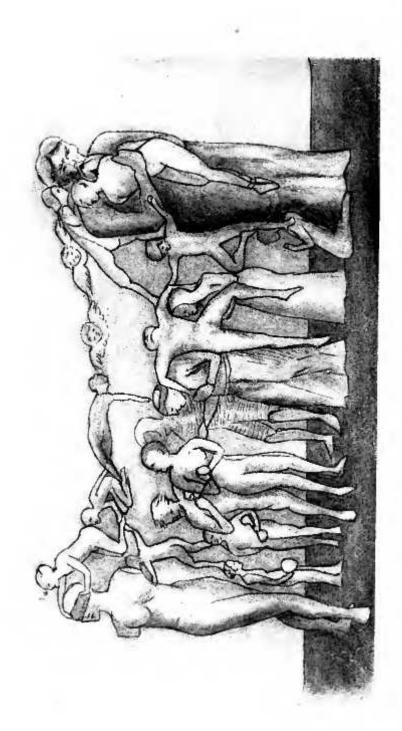
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"Look within. Within is the fountain of good, and it will ever bubble up, if thou wilt ever dig."-

MARCUS AURELIUS, VII. 59. Tram. G. LONG.

"For out of the heart come evil designs, murder, adultery, sexual vice, stealing, false witness, and slander."-

St. Matthew XV. 19. Trans. MOFFAT.

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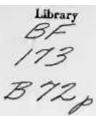
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PREFACE

SINCE the publication of Freud's "Studien über Hysterie" (with Breuer) in 1895 and of his "Dic Traumdeutung" in 1900 (English translation 1918), the subject of Psycho-analysis has been claiming an ever increasing amount of attention, both from the medical profession and also from the thoughtful public. There is a certain danger, on the one side, of its being treated from the somewhat narrow point of view inseparable from any particular branch of knowledge, and, on the other, of its being taken out of the realm of serious and scientific thought by amateurs who, "rushing in where angels fear to tread," think themselves competent to discuss a highly technical subject without the essential training in its technique, viz., a thorough course of psycho-analysis under the guidance of an expert analyst.

A study such as the one presented here is, therefore, greatly to be welcomed. It introduces the subject from the point of view of a layman, who is at the same time a serious student of psychology, of psycho-analysis, and of human life in general as viewed intimately in more than one social stratum, for since taking the Mental and Moral Science Tripos at Cambridge Miss Bradby has been engaged in educational and social work.

The psycho-analyst proper, whether he agrees or not with the opinions expressed, can only be grateful

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for such a book, raising as it does interesting and important questions which have not yet engaged his attention. The author's very individual outlook on life seems to me to enhance the stimulating qualities of the work.

I share with her the belief that in this new branch of mental science we have another means of approaching both the individual and the social problem. Psychoanalysis presents but one aspect of the work to be done. We aim at a reconstruction of life which can only be conceived as a psycho-synthesis. But we must not fall into the error of superficial minds who would step over the analytical side and arrive, as it were, by magic at the synthetic.

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