petitive world. There is nothing here about the self regarded as the inner core of the person, and Hamachek appears quite ignorant of any such concept. This is all the more extraordinary since this concept of a real or true inner self is one of the most distinctive features of humanistic psychology, which Hamachek claims to be representing. But if you are looking for copious up-to-date references on the self-image, this is the place to find them.

Hamachek quotes psychoanalytic concepts with approval, and transactional analysis concepts with approval, and experimental findings with approval, and humanistic psychologists with approval, and interactionist sociologists with approval—he's really intent on being nice to everybody. So I don't really know where Hamachek is coming from, and I don't think he does either. Maybe if he discovered more about his own self...

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Basic Statistics for Medical and Social Science Students. By A. E. MAXWELL. London: Chapman and Hall. 1978. Pp 126. £1.50.

Professor Maxwell claims this must be 'one of the simplest textbooks on elementary statistics ever written', but he is mistaken. This is not a simple book. Technical terms like 'skew' are introduced with no explanation; formulae proliferate unnecessarily; and there are not nearly enough worked examples. The section on 't'-tests is good, but there is too much probability and not enough useful information on subjects such as non-parametric techniques. This book is also intended to provide an introduction to experimental design. Unfortunately his comments are too condensed to be of practical use. As a starting text for a course on statistics, this book may be useful, if supplemented by practical examples. Psychiatrists will learn little, however, if they try to work through it on their own.

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Some Books Received

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENTS

Drug Treatment in Psychiatry. Second edition. By TREVOR SILVERSTONE and PAUL TURNER. *Routledge & Kegan Paul.* £6.50, £3.75 (paperback).

A Systems Approach to Alcohol Treatment. By FREDERICK B. GLASER, STEPHANIE W. GREENBERG and MORRIS BARRETT. *Addiction Research Foundation, Toronto, Canada.* $14.95.

Psychiatric Drugs. Second edition. By GILBERT HONIGFELD and ALFREDA HOWARD. *Academic Press.* £8.75.

The Benzodiazepines: Use, Overuse, Misuse, Abuse. By JOHN MARKS. *MTP Press.* £4.95.

SOCIOLOGY

Social Deviance: Perspectives and Prospects. By CHARLES S. SUCHARD. *Holt-Saunders.* £5.00.

Patients, Practitioners and Medical Care: Aspects of Medical Sociology. By DAVID ROBINSON. *William Heinemann.* £3.25.

The Social Context of Health Care. By PAUL BREARLEY, JANE GIBBONS, AGNES MILES, EDA TOPLISS and GRAHAM WOODS. *Martin Robertson and Basil Blackwell.* £8.95, £3.95 (paperback).

PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY

Handbooks of Psychopharmacology. Edited by LESLIE L. IVERSEN, SUSAN D. IVERSEN and SOLOMON H. SNYDER. *Plenum Publishing Corporation.* Volume 10: **Neuroleptics and Schizophrenia.** $30.00. Volume 11: **Stimulants.** $39.00. Volume 12: **Drugs of Abuse.** $39.00. Volume 13: **Biology of Mood and Anti-Anxiety Drugs.** $39.00. Volume 14. **Affective Disorders: Drug Actions in Animals and Man.** $35.40.

SCHIZOPHRENIA

Contributions to the Psychopathology of Schizophrenia. Edited by BRENDAN A. MAHER. *Academic Press.* $9.50.

The Nature of Schizophrenia: New Approaches to Research and Treatment. By LYMAN C. WYNNE, RUE L. CROMWELL and STEVEN MATTHYSSE. *John Wiley.* £31.75.

Annual Review of the Schizophrenic Syndrome. Volume 5. Edited by ROBERT CANCRO. *Brunner/Mazel.* $27.50.

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