

blueprints which, in their countless variations, make up the behaviour patterns of the individual and form the basic structure of his psyche.

The late Erich Neumann's article deserves to be mentioned particularly, for it is a contribution of outstanding and far-seeing quality. He deals with the genetic aspect of analytical psychology and points out the path of further development in elaborating Jung's statement that 'the distant goal of these researches leads to a phylogony of the mind'. It is in this field, which lies apart from the therapeutic one, that new discoveries can be expected.

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A MATCH TO FIRE THE THAMES, by Ann Stafford; Hodder and Stoughton; 21s.

This, the story of the London Dock Strike of 1889, was well worth telling and Miss Stafford has made the most of it. There had been a strike-prone situation in the docks for a long time, but the men's leaders had not been able to find the solidarity that would have made a withdrawal of labour possible. Miss Stafford shows, from contemporary sources, how first the strike of the match-girls, then the strike of the busmen followed by the gas workers at Beckton Road Gas Works, all put heart into the dockers and especially into Ben Tillett and Will Thorne and made them believe that a strike was possible. She follows the strike through its tortuous history, the involvement of the Lord Mayor of London, the Bishop of London and Cardinal Manning, the Thames completely idle and Tillett and John Burns at the head of a hundred thousand men. When peace came it was largely through the intervention of the Cardinal when negotiations seemed about to break down completely, but Miss Stafford shows how he could not have achieved what he did without the expert advice of Mr Sidney Buxton and the support inside the Dock Directors of Mr Lafone, the only employer who consistently supported the men's claim to a fair wage and actually himself paid his own men strike pay. One factor which hitherto has not received due weight in this momentous story is the large sum of money sent from workers in Australia to support the strikers; without it and the promise of more the strike must inevitably have collapsed through sheer attrition.

The text, which is without *parti pris*, is enhanced by a number of reproductions of cartoons from contemporary dailies and weeklies; though one could quite well do without the first chapter the deep purple of which is in contrast with the sober matter-of-fact tone of the rest of this important and valuable contribution to social history.

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