

to expect, he has assimilated a good deal of material, and he provides references and a bibliography.

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#### PUBLICATIONS ALSO RECEIVED

AN APPROACH TO MYSTICISM. By Dr Martin Israel, M.B. Published under the joint auspices of the Mysticism Committee of the Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies 1967 and of the College of Psychic Science. N.p., n.d. 60 pp. n.p.

Six lectures delivered at the College of Psychic Science in 1968. The lectures are entitled 'Mysticism: some Psychological Considerations', 'The Mystical Experience', 'Mysticism and Religion: 1. The Fact of God', 'Mysticism and Religion: 2. God and the World', 'Mysticism in Worldly Living', 'The Fruits of Mysticism', and 'Survival and Immortality'.

THE JOURNAL OF PARAPHYSICS, Vol. 3, No. 6. The Paraphysical Laboratory, Downton, Wilts, 1969. N.p.

Contains a 'Classified Directory' of spontaneous cases occurring in the British Isles during 1969.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### *D. D. Home and the Mystery of Iniquity*

SIR,—It may possibly be remembered by those who read my chapter on D. D. Home in my *Some Human Oddities* (London, 1947) that I mentioned on page 107 a story about 'the mystery of iniquity', about which Lord Normanby's brother told Mrs Browning. A kindly critic has reminded me that in the American re-issue of *Some Human Oddities* I let this passage stand without alteration, although after a series of exhaustive inquiries I had managed to nail down this story to its original source.

Since readers of the *Journal* may like to know what is the solution of the mystery it will be sufficient to tell them that it had no relevance whatever to the sexual inclinations of D. D. Home but referred to some misunderstanding about the acquisition of a greatcoat. So my supposition as to what the mystery was has been shown to be without foundation and I gladly take this opportunity of setting the record straight.

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