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the road for Darwin, and the *Vestiges* presented the most complete synthesis of the evidence for transmutation of its time. Why Chambers was ridiculed by scholars and read by the public is cogently analyzed. Why Darwin was successful with scholars and the public alike shortly thereafter is a part of the Darwinian problem.

Professor Millhauser has written one of the best books published during the Darwin anniversary. He has produced *the* volume on Chambers and the *Vestiges*.

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FLYING SAUCERS: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies. By C. G. Jung. Translated from the German by R. F. C. Hull. *Harcourt, Brace*. \$3.95.

"Why should it be more desirable for saucers to exist than not?" Dr. Jung asks himself and the reader. Leaving the question of their physical reality aside, he examines the ways in which saucers turn up in modern art, dreams of psychoanalytic patients, in history and in daily occurrences. Because of his belief that we are at the end of the Christian era of archetypes ("God images"), Dr. Jung looks to the flying saucers—which, incidentally, were first sighted in America, the scene, also, of the Martian "invasion" of 1938—as a new potential archetype. He points out that archetypes arise from collective emotional tension that seeks to be dissipated by means of an all-embracing, "redeeming supernatural event."

Dr. Jung suggests that contemporary world distress is a result of the "strain of Russian policies and their still unpredictable consequences." This strain could be relieved somewhat if a collective symbol heralding a resolution of difficulties appeared. It is possible, reasons Dr. Jung, that the saucers are a herald, through their various associations, of a symbolic wedding between Soviet Russia and the United States.

The argument of the book is advanced at leisure through pleasant groves of hermetic philosophy, astrology and mythology. Curiously, the book lacks force, just as the saucer phenomenon lacks real impact today. For example, consider the difference between the panic spread by the prewar Martian epi-

sode and the calm, even complacent manner in which the more recent saucer reports have been received. Wonder and awe before the supernatural seem to atrophy as if strangled by the growth of knowledge of the natural.

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FREE ASSOCIATIONS: Memoirs of a Psychoanalyst. By Ernest Jones. *Basic Books*. \$5.00.

Ernest Jones, to whom Freud "extended a warm welcome," has already demonstrated his place in the world of psychoanalysis by his authorship of the three-volume *Life and Work of Sigmund Freud*. In his own words, Jones was extended this welcome as to one "from the outside world." In this book, unhappily incomplete because of the death of the author, we have an opportunity to savor some of that "outside world."

Free Associations covers the period of Jones's life from his birth on January 1, 1879, to Armistice Day, 1918, and the death of his first wife after only eighteen months of marriage. He weaves in sufficient prenatal geneological information to establish clearly the Welsh roots that undoubtedly played a large part in Jones being an outsider in the medical world of England, and particularly in the cliquish snobbery of Harley Street. It would be interesting to explore the implications of this journey from Wales to England to Vienna in relation to Jones's response to Freud, another outsider once deemed a pariah. Unfortunately, this book is written with such restraint and understatement, consistent with the author's life in the presence of the genius of Freud, that we can only guess and speculate about this.

But what Jones, aided by his son Mervyn (who has compiled the last four chapters from manuscript and appended an Epilogue), has accomplished is to bring alive an era in England and English medicine. His sometimes trenchant characterizations of colleagues of his early years and his warm, simple straightforwardness make up the outside world he brought to Freud and Vienna. This was the instrument that was to bring the English tongue to psycho-