

philosophical themes such as, *Whitehead's theory of value* and *Whitehead's idea of God*.

The book as a whole is well designed, and the print is good. There is an occasional typographical error such as formula (12) on page 150 which should read,

$$[\hat{\alpha} \sim (\alpha \in \alpha) \in \hat{\alpha} \sim (\alpha \in \alpha)] \equiv \sim [\hat{\alpha} \sim (\alpha \in \alpha) \in \hat{\alpha} \sim (\alpha \in \alpha)].$$

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Introduction to Logic and to the Methodology of Deductive Sciences. By Alfred Tarski. Enlarged and Revised Edition. New York, Oxford University Press, 1941. 18+239 pp. \$2.75.

This is an amplified and revised version of a book which first appeared in Polish in 1936, and was translated into German in 1937. The intention of the original book was to give an elementary but clear account of the concepts of modern mathematical logic for the benefit of readers interested in mathematics but with no technical knowledge of it beyond that possessed by a well trained college freshman. In the English version various additions have been made to make the work more suitable as a textbook for college courses.

This book and its preceding editions have been already reviewed in several places; in particular the German version was reviewed in this Bulletin (vol. 44, p. 317) by Quine. For a considerable list of other reviews see the indexes to volumes 4 (1939) and 6 (1941) of the *Journal of Symbolic Logic*—on pp. 193 and 187 respectively—; to the lists there given should be added the review by Frink in *Mathematical Reviews*, vol. 2 (1941), p. 209. In view of this fact it is superfluous for the present reviewer to do more than summarize the general purport of these reviews and to add to the criticisms certain amplifications of his own.

All reviewers, including the present one, are agreed that this is a work of exceptional merit. For the purpose for which it was originally designed it is a masterpiece of exposition. Whether the patching which the book has received to convert it into a textbook will succeed in that endeavor is doubtful—for some there will not be enough technique and for others not enough application to extra-mathematical domains—; but the value of the book for the independent reader is enhanced thereby. The exercises at the ends of the chapters are an excellent feature. For the seasoned mathematician the book is, perhaps, too easy, and it certainly does not give an adequate idea of the difficulty of some logical problems; nevertheless it contains material of interest and value. Within the limitations imposed by its objec-