Although the Reformer John Calvin was probably not homosexual, the efforts of Catholic polemists to discredit him by such accusations form an interesting chapter in cultural history.


F. BRITISH ISLES

Students of British history are beset by two opposing temptations: to regard the islands as sui generis, at most linking them to the English-speaking world (exceptionalism); or to regard them as offshore dependencies of the European continent (Europeanism). Both trends may be found in actual British attitudes toward homosexual behavior. Exceptionalism is evident in a preference for slow change, rather than abrupt breaks; a desire to preserve propriety and respectability, sometimes at the cost of even forbidding discussion of sexual matters; and a tendency to avoid theoretical approaches among intellectuals. On the other hand, the reception of Christian hostility toward homosexuality, the Reformation inflection of them, and in recent times the emergence of sexual reform attest successive waves of influence from the European continent. Legal aspects are treated under XX.D; the public school tradition under XI.A, and military history under XII.A.


638. BARNARD (BERNARD), NICHOLAS. The Penitent Death of ... John Atherton. Dublin: Society of Stationers,


Transcript of the three trials in London in 1895, accompanied by useful introduction and appendices by Hyde.


671. Miss Marianne Woods and Miss Jane Pirie against
above.

689. Sins of the Cities of the Plain; or the Recollections of a Mary Anne, with Short Essays on Sodomy and Tribadism. London: Leicester Square, 1861. 95 pp.

On the Bolton-Park scandals and other contemporary matters.


Presents evidence, drawn from plays, for the different meanings of effeminacy in the 17th and 18th centuries.


Argues from a survey of the anthropological literature and from the evidence of the raids on the London sodomite sub-culture in the 1720s that Europeans were unique in not tolerating homosexual behavior and that there had probably been illicit sodomite subcultures in the cities of Europe since the 12th century.


Includes: The Tryal and Condemnation of Mervin, Lord Audley Earl of Castle-Have ... 1631 (1699); The Woman-Hater's Lamentation (1707): A Faithful Narrative of the Late Affair between the Rev. Mr. John Swinton, and Mr. George Baker (1739); The Whole Proceedings on the Wicked Conspiracy ... (1751); The Trial of Samuel Scrimshaw and John Ross (1759); The Trial of Richard