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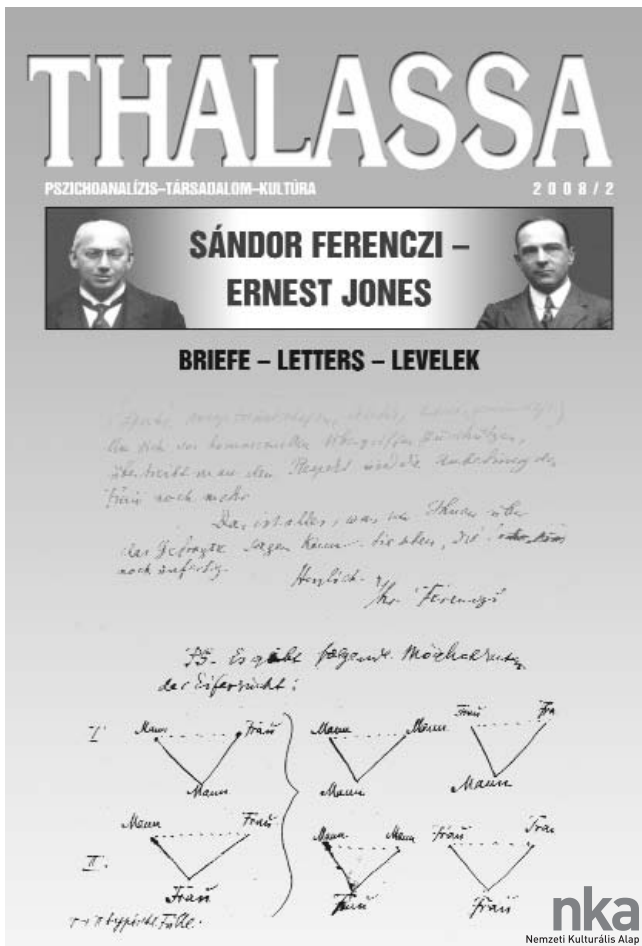
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which is the first publication of the correspondence of Sándor Ferenczi and Ernest Jones between 1911 and 1933 in original languages (German and English). The volume contains, with notes and explanations, the transcribed and edited version of the manuscripts of the letters found in the Ernest Jones collection at the Archives of the British Psychoanalytical Society.

"The Ferenczi-Jones correspondence spans over more than two decades, and all relevant issues of the psychoanalytic movement during these two decades are reflected in them: Freud's relation to Stekel and Jung, the First World War, the debates of the 20s regarding the theoretical and technical ideas of Rank and Ferenczi, problems of leadership, structure, finding a center for the psychoanalytical movement, issues related to telepathy and lay analysis, etc.

Probably the most interesting aspect of these documents is how they allow us to look into an extraordinary relationship developing between these two important figures of the history of early psychoanalysis. Their relationship could hardly be termed harmonious: it was not devoid of rivalry and jealousy, sometimes of hidden passion, and even outright hostility. Nevertheless, friendship, sympathy, collegiality and readiness for cooperation were just as important for Ferenczi and Jones as rivalry, mistrust and suspicion.

Different capacities and personality traits, conflicts of their private lives, professional interests, theoretical disagreements and – last but not least – dynamics of the given group formations within the psychoanalytical movement all affected the ambivalent, sometimes fiercely undulating relationship of these two analysts. Ferenczi analysed Jones in Budapest in 1913, and this episode had a definitive influence on the development of their relationship. The necessity of continuing Jones' analysis is a recurring topic mentioned several times over the years." (From the Introduction by Ferenc Erős and Judit Székács)



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