

these reports that while the reports from individual asylums have reference to the general statistics for the previous year ending December 31st and to the financial statistics for the period ending March 31st of the current year, the Inspector's Report, although dealing with the general statistics for the same period as those from the several asylums, are a year behindhand in their tables of finance. A probable explanation may be that the more recent accounts have not yet been audited at the time when the Inspector's Report is being written, and that they do not wish to touch on unaudited accounts. But such a plea in defence of a practice which we venture to think is to be deprecated, can hardly be regarded as adequate, unless this method is a statutory regulation. For, although the later accounts may not have been audited at the time the writing of the reports is undertaken, the audit will have almost certainly been made before they are completed, and in the hands of the publisher; and any necessary amendments or alterations in the figures could readily be made before publication. This would bring these tables as nearly up-to-date as possible. Those which appear in the Report under review have reference to an annual period which terminated over two years ago on March 31st, 1915. Some remedy ought to be devised for an anomaly of this kind.

Except for the fact that a large number of the asylums, practically one-half, are overcrowded, some greatly so, there is nothing of special interest or that requires comment as regards these institutions.

*Christianity and Sex Problems.* By HUGH NORTHCOTE, M.A. Second edition, revised and enlarged. Pp. 478. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis and Co. London: Stanley Phillips, 1916. Price 12s. 6d. net.

Attention was called to this book in the *Journal*, on its first publication ten years ago, as a treatise in moral theology, discussing the problems of sex from a remarkably enlightened and liberal standpoint of Anglican Christianity. In the present thoroughly revised edition the author has greatly enlarged the book, nearly doubling it in size, and adding six new chapters with numerous appendices. The usefulness of the work has thus been greatly increased for all those—from whom the medical psychologist can scarcely be excluded—called upon to consider sexual problems from the point of view of morality and social hygiene. As the author points out in the new Preface, bad casuistry has often been condemned, but a sound casuistry remains more than ever necessary, and the science of sexual moral theology "holds a rightful place in the scheme of knowledge, and has an important function to fulfil in the moral education of mankind." Even those who are indifferent to moral theology may still find that the author's fairness of mind, his practical acquaintance with difficulties, and his extensive knowledge of the most recent scientific literature of sex, render his book an interesting introduction to sexual psychology.

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*Raymond: Or Life and Death.* By SIR OLIVER LODGE, F.R.S.

This book consists of three parts: *First*, what is called the "Normal Portion," consisting of reminiscences of Raymond Lodge, who was