

and its treatment (Binet). The "General Reviews" include Histological Psychology and the Texture of the Nervous System (Azoulay); Cutaneous Sensations of Locality (Henri); the Psychology of Smell (Passy); a review of the important question of individual psychology (Binet and Henri); and a mathematical paper on the calculus of probability in psychology.

Then follows the full and well-arranged section devoted to critical analyses of the chief books and papers during the year. A considerable portion of this part is concerned with abnormal and morbid psychology, and it is altogether of great interest and value. The illustrations number about 140. The volume ends with the Bibliography, containing nearly 1,400 entries. By a sensible arrangement *L'Année Psychologique* has here joined forces with the *Psychological Review*, and utilises the work of Mr. Farrand and Mr. Warren. The proper plan is now adopted of making each entry in untranslated form.

The only suggestion we can offer for the improvement of the year-book is that in future it should be issued in two volumes. Original work occupies exactly half of the present rather cumbersome volume, and while of undoubtedly excellent quality it is much less indispensable for use and reference than the second half of the volume, and might more conveniently be issued under a separate cover.

In any shape the work is of great value for psychologists in every field. That this fact is generally appreciated is shown by the statement that the issue for 1894 is now exhausted, with the exception of a few copies which may be obtained from M. Binet at double the original price.

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*Thinking, Feeling, Doing.* By E. W. SCRIPTURE, Ph.D.  
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1895. Pp. 304. Price 4s.

This book—which has circulated, it is said, by tens of thousands in America—has excited much criticism among psychologists of the sober and old-fashioned school. Dr. Scripture is one of the ablest of the younger psychologists; his name is well-known in connection with various highly technical investigations; he is the director of the psychological laboratory at the venerable Yale University; and in this book he has attempted to bring the methods and

results of experimental psychology into the streets, and to carry them down to the level of the meanest intelligence. With the help of a journalistic style, interspersed with jokes and profuse illustrations (there are 209 in this small volume), also occasionally of a comic character, Dr. Scripture courageously attempts to achieve popularity. The coloured frontispiece presenting five pictures of the American flag as it appears in various kinds of colour-blindness, is characteristic of the book. In the preface the author writes: "This is the first book on the *new*, or experimental psychology, written in the English language. That it has been written *expressly for the people* will, I hope, be taken as evidence of the attitude of the science in its desire to serve humanity." In this object he appears to have succeeded beyond all reasonable expectation, and while some objection may be raised to the style of exposition here adopted, there should not be much doubt that the author has done something which was well worth doing, and which he was very competent to do. The book is fragmentary, but it covers all the more important and interesting departments in psychology: reaction-time, "thinking-time," attention, touch, smell, taste, colour, hearing, feeling, emotion, memory, rhythm, etc. The last chapter is a brief historical sketch of "the new psychology," culminating in a brief account of Wundt, "the greatest genius in psychology since the time of Aristotle." The profuse illustrations (process-blocks and diagrams) are sometimes futile, but on the whole extremely helpful to the text. Dr. Scripture adopts a style of oracular infallibility which we are not altogether accustomed to associate with psychology, and which is certainly ill-adapted to inculcate the scientific spirit, but on the whole (though not always) the matter brought forward is fairly non-contentious. As a very simple exposition of the methods and results of experimental psychology, the book is admirable for students of the university extension order; while for all those who are ignorant of modern laboratory psychology it will prove of much interest. Adult readers must forgive Dr. Scripture his magisterial superiority and his attempts to satisfy their supposed craving for innocent amusement and mild jocularity, but if they can do so they will find him a reliable guide.