

bition of mental state by motor actions ; (4) inhibition of bodily functions by emotions ; (5) inhibition of bodily movements by will. When no distinct and definite physiological activities are involved, it is held there is no true inhibition.

The experimental part of the study deals with the first and third classes of inhibition. The chief investigation deals with the phenomena of binocular rivalry, *i. e.* the manner in which two incongruous fields, when separately presented to the corresponding points of the two retinae at the same time, tend alternately to suppress each other. It is unnecessary to summarise the elaborate experiments here described ; the general result is that the phenomena of binocular rivalry are found to be both psychical and physiological, fundamentally a rivalry of discharging centres whose activity is inseparably connected with incoming sense stimuli.

A further series of experiments showed that there is marked inability to remember a series of colours when all motor movements of articulation are entirely suppressed. The author concludes that in general inhibition of the motor elements tends to inhibit consciousness, and that the condition of consciousness is the transference of the action of the stimulus into a tendency towards motor activity.

The author severely criticises the suppression of motor activity in schools, which thereby tend to become institutions for the suppression of mentality. He considers that children should be taught to *do* as well as to think, and that their motor activity should not be inhibited but directed. A hesitating and ineffective bodily reaction is the accompaniment of a weakened or confused state of mind.

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*The Psychological Index for 1898.* Compiled by HOWARD C. WARREN.  
London and New York : Macmillan, 1899. Pp. 173, large 8vo.

This is the fifth annual issue of an index which, either in this or in its French form as an appendix to Binet's *Année psychologique*, is almost indispensable to every psychologist and alienist. It is issued without charge to subscribers to the *Psychological Review*, and may also be purchased separately, though the price is not mentioned. There are 2558 entries in the present index, of which not less than 706 come under the heading (with appropriate sub-headings) of "abnormal and pathological." We note, as a slight flaw that might be avoided in future, that some works printed and published in England (such as Talbot's *Degeneracy*) are entered as though produced by the firm issuing them in America.

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*L'Année sociologique.* Publiée sous la direction d'ÉMILE DURKHEIM.  
Deuxième année. Paris : Alcan, 1899. Pp. 596, large 8vo.  
Price 10 fr.

The second issue of Prof. Durkheim's sociological year-book fully maintains the high level of excellence set by the first volume, and

various new features are added. In a preface the editor defends the important place which he devotes to studies bearing on the evolution of religion; he argues with much force that in primitive stages of culture religion is a phenomenon of the first importance, and that we cannot understand innumerable facts in the life that surrounds us until we have traced them back to their beginnings in myths, legends, and rites; as a primitive fact religion is of the first importance, although as civilisation continues it more and more yields place to the social forms it has engendered. The volume is, however, by no means devoted only to the study of primitive religions; we find considerable sections devoted to, among other subjects, the recent literature of penal law, responsibility, criminal sociology, moral statistics, psychiatry, criminal anthropology, &c. It will thus be seen that the alienist may here find his own studies co-ordinated with the study of the other aspects of social life; and as Prof. Durkheim is a sociologist whose methods are truly scientific, this year-book may be warmly commended to all psychologists who are interested in the wide social bearings of their own work.

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*Die Konträre Sexualempfindung.* Von ALBERT MOLL. Dritte Auflage. Berlin: Fischer, 1899. Pp. 652.

This third edition of Dr. Moll's monograph on sexual inversion has been re-written and enlarged with all the care and thoroughness which mark this author's work. The book is now more than twice the length of the first edition, and the increase in size is not obtained by the easy method of throwing in new histories, although many cases have been added. Every page has been worked over afresh, and the author's knowledge of the most recent literature of his subject seems never at fault. No doubt this substantial volume contains much more than most alienists and psychologists need know concerning this subject, but for those who desire an exhaustive and judicial discussion of every aspect of sexual inversion there is now certainly no book to be placed beside this of Moll's.

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*The Psychology of Reasoning, based on Experimental Researches in Hypnotism.* By ALFRED BINET. Chicago: Open Court Publishing Co., 1899, pp. 191, 8vo. Price 3s. 6d.

This is a translation of *La Psychologie du Raisonnement*, rendered into English by Mr. A. G. White, and issued by the enterprising Open Court Company. As we reviewed the original work two years ago it is unnecessary to deal with it again, beyond repeating that it is probably the most widely interesting and the most suggestive book of an author who is deservedly regarded as the first of French experimental psychologists. We have tested the translation at various points, and