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von 1795–1799 vorübergehend zurückgewonnene Kolonialhandelsmonopol dauernd zu behaupten.”¹ This is perhaps the only ill-judged statement in the book, but as a spontaneous and unguarded utterance, it affords a clearer insight into the writer’s convictions than all his pages of reasoned exposition. It cannot be reconciled with his former statements, and we are left to conclude that the somewhat grudging admissions in the chapter on the ethical motive were not genuine expressions of the writer’s opinions so much as concessions to what he regards as the popular, sentimental point of view.

HÉLÈNE REINHERZ

Das Englische Hilfskassenwesen in neuester Zeit. Eine studie über die freiwillige Arbeiterversicherung. Inaugural-Dissertation zur Erlangung der Doctorwürde einer Hohen philosophischen Fakultät der Universität Basel vorgelegt von Oskar Hugo Jenny aus Weuslingen (Basselland). (Bern: Stämpfli & Cie., 1905.)

DR. JENNY treats the expression “English” in the title of his dissertation as including the United Kingdom. He has, with true German industry and minuteness, studied all the voluminous reports issued since 1875 by the Friendly Societies Registry Office, the papers on the subject read before the Royal Statistical Society, the works of independent investigators, such as the Rev. J. Frome Wilkinson, Mr. Neison, Mr. Alfred Watson, Professors Brentano and Hasbach, and the reports of several Royal Commissions. He has threaded his way through the intricacies of the Acts of Parliament and the bewildering variety of classes of societies with great success. To his treatise of sixty-five large quarto pages he appends ten tables compiled from official sources, which must have cost him much labour.

E. W. BRABROOK

La Morphologie Sociale. Conférences tenues à l'Université Nouvelle de Bruxelles. Par ACHILLE LORIA. (Bruxelles et Paris, 1906. Pp. 180.)

THESE lectures present in a popular form and in vigorous outline the salient points in the author’s economic interpretation of society. The key to social evolution is found in the progressive

¹ “Perhaps Great Britain would never have taken the Abolitionist question seriously at all, had she succeeded in preserving that monopoly of Colonial trade which from 1795 to 1799 she had temporarily regained.”