We note with interest that it is to be followed by a second part dealing with the complex processes of writing lapses. W. S. TAYLOR.

THE DEFECTIVE DELINQUENT AND INSANE. By Henry A. Cotton, Princeton University Press, Princeton, N. J., 1921. Price, \$3.00.

This book comes as the culmination of several years of work by Dr. Cotton, during which time he has maintained his position with enthusiasm, despite the expression of a good deal of doubt, as to his conclusions, by other workers. Dr. Myer's foreword is a frank and fair discussion of the book. He says: "To the lay reader I should give a warning not to sit in judgment over the physician who is conservative, and not to run at once to the man who promises marvels."

The problem of curing or relieving insanity is so baffling and discouraging that one instinctively reads claims of cure in a spirit of skepticism. Yet the general psychiatry in this book is conservative and sound. The author discusses the problem of the insane in a most comprehensive manner. He sees the fallacies of unwarranted claims by observers in other fields. This rather lends weight to his own conclusions.

As to the chapters which deal with focal infection, its relation to mental disease, and the cure of insanity through its treatment, one must know to believe. Dr. Cotton presents cases, a great many of which, as published in this book, cannot be refuted or torn apart. The inference, from the experience of others, is that the benefits from treating these conditions are overstated; and yet, in the last analysis, one must form an opinion as to this work almost entirely upon his opinion of Dr. Cotton as an observer. When we review the tremendous opportunity and need for aggressive research with the insane, and contemplate the general apathy in this field on the part of those having to do with the management of institutions, it seems to the reviewer that all should commend a piece of work like Dr. Cotton's.

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