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numerous references to his authorities. An excellent characteristic of the book is that it gives quotations in full. These will be found most interesting and suggestive. They add considerably to the value of the book, which may be heartily recommended to all those who are interested in the history of the poor law in England.

M. EPSTEIN

Die Weltwirtschaft: Ein Jahr- und Lesebuch. Herausgegeben von E. VON HALLE. (III. Jahrgang, 1908. I. and II. Teil.)

THIS year-book continues to justify its existence. The information appears accurate, and is in general as nearly up-to-date as circumstances allow, and the descriptive and explanatory articles are written by well-informed authorities. The actual meaning of the statistical history of 1907 cannot be understood for some years hence, when prices have settled down to a permanent level, and we know how far the ebb of foreign trade will neutralise the flow that culminated in that year.

We notice that Mr. Hooker, in the paper read in May to the Royal Statistical Society, has stated more recent figures for live-stock than those in the table Teil I., p. 24, where the data for Hungary are thirteen years old. Continual care will be necessary to include the most modern estimates, if the use of the year-book as a handy place of reference for existing international statistics is to be preserved. For example, some statistics exist (and others will soon be added) of dairy and poultry produce, and these should find a place in the agricultural statistics. We have also looked in vain for the world's production of cotton and of wool. The year-book is incomplete in working-class (occupation and wage) statistics, though there are articles on legislation affecting the working classes the world over, and a special account of the German labour market. We regret that it has been necessary to increase the size of the page of the publication.

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