

population, but also for the further academic reason that it is an instructive study in the art of making a report. To the professional librarian pp. 54-60 will be of special interest. We learn that 774,144 cards were filed; 43 sections were either recatalogued entirely or are now in process of recataloguing; considerable progress has been made in securing uniformity of Catalogue rules in the United Kingdom and the United States.

Considerable interest attaches to the acquisition by the Library of Congress of the private library of Mr. Yudin of Siberia, comprising 80,000 volumes all relating to Russia and Siberia, and all save about 12,000 volumes in the Russian language. So ample a collection, so well balanced, in this particular field may not exist outside of Russia. The owner's manuscript catalogue accompanies the collection.

It is rather significant that in the same year in which the library secured this valuable collection of books concerning Russia there was also added a similar library concerning Japan. This is a valuable "working collection for the student of Japanese literature, history, and institutions. It is the personal selection of Professor Asakawa, formerly of Dartmouth, now of the faculty of Yale University.

The general reader may be interested in the figures of the Copyright Office. There were in the fiscal year 11,255 foreign and 112,574 domestic entries, a total of 123,829. The present status of the copyright law is discussed in an interesting manner. The attention of serious investigators may justly be called to pp. 70-78, and the last appendix, which give complete information concerning the unique privileges accorded to unique persons by the most unique library in the civilized world.

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*New Reading of Evolution:* A Study Plan Correlating the Known Facts of Nature and Forming a Scientific Basis for a Synthetic Philosophy of Individual and Social Life. By HENRY CLAYTON THOMPSON. Chicago: New Reading Publishing Co. Pp. 355.

Reading this book one gets the impression that the author is an intelligent man of fair general education, but with no scientific or

specialized training of any kind. He urges that everyone can and should work out a philosophy of life and society for himself. Then on the basis of having read a few books, mostly on biology and evolution, eked out with a history of the sciences and some encyclopaedia articles, he shows by example how to work out your life-philosophy. He cites, with criticism, Darwin, Spencer, Huxley, etc., but with complete approval *The Great Work, Miracles and Modern Spiritualism*, by Alfred R. Wallace, *The Evolution of Love* and *Harmonics of Evolution* by Florence Huntley. Thus mixing without discrimination science and pseudo-science, practically ignoring the literature of psychology and philosophy, he goes on his way rejoicing.

A few ideas picked up apparently from Ward's *Dynamic Sociology* and *Outlines of Sociology* guide him to a fairly satisfactory result under the circumstances. The author evidently felt the need of new ethical standards and rushed in to supply it forthwith.

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*The Growth of English Industry and Commerce During the Early and Middle Ages.* By B. W. CUNNINGHAM, D.D. Cambridge: University Press.

The fourth edition, carefully revised, of this valuable work of Dr. Cunningham testifies to its increasing usefulness. It is to be hoped that we shall soon have as thorough a work on American economic development.

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*The World's Peoples: A Popular Account of Their Bodily and Mental Characters, Beliefs, Traditions, Political and Social Institutions.* By A. H. KEANE, LL.D., F.R.A.I. New York: Putnam, 1908. Pp. viii+434. With 270 illustrations reproduced from original photographs.

The scope of Dr. Keane's latest work is sufficiently indicated by the title. He has managed the matter of illustrations admirably. No book in English of anything like the scope can compare with it on this score.