

hundred and thirty-one in the Mexican calendar. The religious festivals of the Hopi Indians occupy more than half the year.

These rest days have hindered individual initiative and compelled fitful, intermittent labor, rather than continuous occupation, in this way seriously limiting production and retarding human progress. Gradually the modern holiday, a rationalized day of rest, has evolved out of the holy-day superstitions which have shrouded tabooed and unlucky days.

The book is a valuable addition to the field of social anthropology and will prove most useful as a reference work. It is another one of those careful and serious books wherein the extensive array of anthropological data seems to support the doctrine of the fundamental unity of the human mind—one of the most significant contributions of modern anthropology.

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*The Dack Family, A Study in Hereditary Emotional Control.* By MRS. ANNA WENDT FINLAYSON. Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, N.Y.: Eugenics Record Office, No. 15, May, 1916. Pp. 46. \$0.15.

In giving a description of the Dack family (fictitious name), Mrs. Finlayson summarizes the life-histories of three generations of a given socially troublesome family in Pennsylvania. She worked as a field psychiatrist, giving primary attention, not to feeble-mindedness and matters of intelligence, but to the emotional control and the social reactions of the individuals concerned. In this pedigree of a defective family, data were secured for 153 individuals twenty years of age and over. Forty members are classified as having shown no anti-social traits and as not having been a burden to society; seventy-two are described as being given to shiftlessness, illiteracy, sex irregularity, and heavy drinking; and forty-one are referred to as having been a distinct burden to society, because of insanity, criminality, and so forth.

The study is open to challenge from a scientific standpoint, since considerable hearsay evidence is used (wherever possible, however, the hearsay evidence was verified). The monograph is of distinct value to students of social conditions, for it indicates new possibilities in the way of throwing light on the problems in the field of social pathology.

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