

tions of the test and also to the laboratory worker and research man who can find a concise technic to follow and the bibliography including all of the important papers which have appeared on the subject renders easy access to explanations and views of different phases of the problem.

BARNES.

Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 1907; with the Report of the General Agent and Secretary, including Statistics of Hospitals, Asylums and Penal Institutions, and also the Report of the Committee on Lunacy. Transmitted to the Legislature, January, 1909. (Harrisburg, Pa.: Harrisburg Publishing Co., State Printer, 1909.)

The second part of this volume comprises the 25th annual report of the Committee on Lunacy of the Board of Public Charities of Pennsylvania and occupies 102 pages. From it we learn that on September 30, 1907, there were 11,808 patients under care in Pennsylvania, 7091 being in State hospitals where they were cared for at an average cost of \$3.99 per week. Various other statistical matters are briefly tabulated, and then we find brief reports, which are also somewhat descriptive, from the five private hospitals. The remainder of the volume is given over to statistical tables from the various institutions. The volume is well printed and bound.

W. R. D.

Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, with Report of the Superintendent, the Medical and Surgical Statistics, House Rules, with Rules for Admission, Discharge, and Government of Patients, etc. For the forty-fifth year, February 1, 1908, to January 31, 1909, inclusive. (City of Boston, Printing Department, 1909.)

The above title fully describes the subject-matter of this well-printed volume of 174 pages. A large view and plans of the hospital and numerous half-tones of the newer buildings and wards illustrate graphically the size and material excellence of this great hospital. The statistics are also illustrated with diagrams which naturally impress them more upon the reader. It is with regret that we learn of the retirement of the superintendent and resident physician, Dr. George H. M. Rowe, on February 1, 1909. Under his wise supervision the hospital has been brought to the high rank which it now occupies.

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