

A Survey of Scientific Literature.

Statistical Bibliography in Relation to the Growth of Modern Civilization: Two Lectures delivered in the University of Cambridge in May 1922. By E. Wyndham Hulme. Pp. 44 + 5 Tables + 4 charts. (London: Grafton and Co., 1923.) 6s. net.

THIS book contains two out of the four lectures delivered by Mr. Wyndham Hulme as Sanders reader in bibliography at the University of Cambridge in May 1922, and forms a notable contribution to the science of bibliography. Mr. Hulme's thesis is the need

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War has so vitiated all statistics for years later than 1913 that it is impossible to check the extent and the duration of this depression.

Another surprising feature to which Mr. Hulme directs attention is shown in the geographical distribution of the journals indexed in the Catalogue throughout the period 1901-13. The figure for Germany and Austria is only just less than those for France, Russia, the United States, and Great Britain combined, while these four countries follow in the order given, with Russia appreciably higher than the United States or Great Britain.

In connexion with the English patent statistics which

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