

Dr. Edson was an enthusiastic member of the American Meteorological Society and, several years ago, was Chairman of the Society's Committee on Coöperation with the American Climatological and Clinical Association. Dr. Edson, while on a trip east a few years ago spoke of his deep interest in medical climatology, and outlined a five-year project that would have led to a much needed volume on this subject. Thus it would seem most fitting if this gift of \$1000, so generously made by Dr. Edson's sisters, may be the means for furthering research in medical climatology and perhaps lead to the publication of a book on the subject.—*C. F. B.*

BENTLEY'S SNOW-CRYSTAL PICTURES SOON TO APPEAR IN BOOK FORM

"Snow Crystals" by Wilson A. Bentley and W. J. Humphreys is scheduled for publication in September, by the McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York (cf. May BULLETIN, p. 106). This unique book will contain more than 2200 microphotographs of snow crystals and many of frost and dew made by Mr. Bentley over a period of nearly 50 years. These have been arranged by types and discussed by Dr. Humphreys. The photographic reproductions, proofs of which were exhibited at the May meeting of the Society, are marvels of the engraver's art.

In Dr. Humphreys' 1928 presidential address, "Meteorology's Frozen Assets," he called attention to three such assets which might well be liquidated. One of these was, quite appropriately, Mr. Bentley's fine collection of snow-crystal photographs, which, Dr. Humphreys said, should be published, thus preserving all of the best of these and making them available to the public. Mr. H. S. Shaw, a member of the Society, heard the address, and becoming interested in the matter, later agreed to make a contribution to the Society, which, with other funds already in its hands, was sufficient to pay for the many prints, for their mounting, and for the guarantee (\$1800) which would be required by the publishers of the book. If enough copies are sold this money will be repaid to the Society and will be available for such further use as the Council may determine.

The book, beautifully bound, will be priced at the truly modest figure of \$10.00 for such a work of art, and there will be a special pre-publication price of \$8.00 to members of the American Meteorological Society.

A HOT WIND IN HAWAII

The highest temperature of record for the Hawaiian Islands occurred on April 27, 1931, at the Pahala cooperative station on which date the temperature reached 100° F. The previous highest temperature recorded was 98° at two other stations. The remarkable facts about the high temperature were that it occurred during the prevalence of a local hot wind, and that it occurred during April, whereas the warmest month of the year in the Hawaiian Islands is August. During the wind which blew from early morning until the latter part of the afternoon, the temperature at Pahala rose from 70° F. about 7 a. m. to 96° F. about 9 a. m., a rise of 26° F. in about two hours.