

coffee and cacao, have both been damaged by unseasonable rains which have greatly delayed the maturity of the crops.

#### NOTES ON PUBLICATIONS

“Manual of Meteorology, Volume 1: Meteorology in History.” By Sir Napier Shaw. Cambridge, The University Press, 1926. Sole American Agents, the Macmillan Company, N. Y. 339 pp. Illus. If any book may be called indispensable, this is such an one. It is no dry historical treatise, but it manages to include a world of information on the varied phases through which meteorology in its many branches has developed to its present status among the sciences. Though it is impossible to indicate here the range of materials presented, this may be faintly suggested by noting such diverse items as the biographies of pioneers in meteorology, a discussion of Mediterranean climates, tephigram (tee-fee-gram) paper as a graphical aid in aerological research, 95 beautiful little cloud photographs, Roman weather lore, aneroid barometers.

“Health and Environment.” By Leonard Hill and Argyll Campbell. London, Edward Arnold & Co., 1925. 208 pp. Illus. The reader will find here in brief, simplified and, for certain purposes, more usable form, the substance of three extremely important “Medical Research Council’s Special Reports,” Series Nos. 32, 50 and 73, being respectively: “The Science of Ventilation and Open Air Treatment, parts 1 and 2,” and “The Kata-Thermometer in Studies of Body Heat and Efficiency.” That the findings presented in this book might with profit be widely acted upon in these United States, is suggested by the following quotations from the preface: “Our aim has been to bring before the educated and patriotic public, in addition to students and others interested in the pure medical and ventilation sciences, the main conditions which at present are apparently opposing the improvement of National health and efficiency. We hope it will be fully recognized that our aim is not to pamper the individual by improving his surroundings and conditions undeservedly and unnecessarily, but to keep him a hardy, fit, and efficient working unit such as he became in the late War by hard training with open-air life and proper food. . . . Most of the information herein contained should become known to those who are interested in the welfare of their country. It has been shut away in Medical and Official Journals. We have attempted to generalize most of it, so that an ordinary educated individual may understand the important facts. There is a certain amount of technical matter scattered throughout the book. We thought it wiser to include this as only an elementary knowledge of physics is required to understand most of it. It appears to us to be impossible to omit technical matters completely without disadvantage to the more scientific reader.”

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