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bULLETIN No. LII.

## SUMMARY OF PROMINENCE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR 1916.

In this bolletin, the prommence observations made at Srinagar by the Kashmir expedition under Mr. J. Evershed, the Director, have been used to supplement those made at Kodaikanal. At Korlaikanal the visual observations were practically confined to displacements of the hydrogen lines and to metallic prominences, as the position angles, heights, and areas can now be much more satisfactorily determined from the photographs. For those days when Kodarkanal photographs of prominences were incomplete, imperfect or wanting, the observations made at Srinagar were substituted when available. Visunl observations were made at Srinagar until February 28, none of which were required, but cleven prominence photographs taken at Srinagar were used to supplement the Kodaikanal series. Observations wero obtamed on 171 days, counted as 166 effective days.

The distribution of prommences observed and photographed during the half-year ending June 30,1916 , is represented in the accompanying diagram. The full line gives the mean daily areas and the broken line the mean daily numbers for each zone of $5^{\circ}$ of latitude. The ordinates represent tenths of a square munte of are for the full line and numbers for the broken line.

Ftg. 1.-Mean areas and mean numbers of prominences, Kodarkanal and Srinagar.
January 1 to June 30, 1916.


The distribution, which is practically unaffected by the inclusion of the Srimagar observations, is very similar to that in the previous half year, except that the maximum of the belt between $50^{\circ}$ and $70^{\circ}$ has shifted $5^{\circ}$ towards the polos.

The mean daily areas and daily numbers (corrected for partial observations) are given in the table below, where the data for Kodaikanal observations alone are also given separately for the sake of uniformity with previous bulletms. It is seen that the inclusion of Srinagar observations hardly affects the results.


Compared with the previous six months there is a decrease of 22.6 per cent in areas and an increase of $26^{\circ} 1$ per cent in numbers, the average area of a prominence having decreased from 0.324 square minutes in the last half of 1915 to 0.199 square minutes in the first half of 1916.

The monthly, quarterly, and half-yearly frequencies and the mean heights and extents of the prominences observed at Kodaikanal are given below in the following table. The frequencies are derived from the number of effective days.

Abstract for the first half of 1916 (Kodaikanal).

amo is a decrease in both the mean height and the mean extent which accounts for the decrease in the prominence noted above.
Although the mean height has decreased slightly, an eruptive prominence of unprecedented height was photographed at Kodaikanal and Srinagar on May 26. The prominence had attaned its greatest development at $8^{\text {h }} 57^{\mathrm{m}}$ I.S.T. when it resembled an enormous fountain $7^{\prime}$ in height. At $9^{\text {h }} 3^{\mathrm{m}}$ rapid dissolution was
taking place, and the highest portion was found to bo moving with high velocity away from the sun. The last remnants were photographed at $9^{\mathrm{h}} 22^{\mathrm{m}}$ at the enormous height of $18^{\prime}$ above the limb. A full description of this prominence will be published separately.

Distribution east and west of the sun's axis.
In the observations at Kodaikanal and Srinagar combined, areas show a preponderance at the eastern limb and numbers, a slight preponderance at the western limb

| 1916 January to June. | East. | West. | Porcentage east. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Numbers observed } & \text {.. } & \text {.. } & \text {.. } & \text {.. } \\ \text { Total areas in square minutes ... } & \text {... } & \text {.. }\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1595 \\ & 3380 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1605 \\ & 2983 \end{aligned}$ | $49 \cdot 84$ <br> $53 \cdot 12$ |

Metallic prominences.
The following metallic prominences were recorded in the half-ycar. The two prominences printed in italics were recorded at Srinagar :-

Table I.-Metahlio Prominences-January to June 1916.

| Date. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hour } \\ & \text { IS } T \end{aligned}$ |  | Baso | Latitude. |  | Limb | Hoight. | Lines. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | North. | South |  |  |  |
| $J_{\text {January }}{ }^{1916 .}$ |  | II. | M. |  | $\bigcirc$ | - | $\bigcirc$ |  | " |  |
|  | 4 | 8 | 45 | 6 |  | 12 | E | 30 | $\mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~h}_{3}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}$. |
|  | $\stackrel{6}{7}$ | $\stackrel{8}{4}$ | 56 | 9 | 215 |  | E | 60 | $\mathrm{b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}$, elightly bright. |
|  | 7 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 25 5 |  | N | 50 | $\mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, b_{2}, b_{3}, b_{4}$ ovor the whole height at $+23^{\circ}$ and $+20^{\circ}$ and over $25^{\circ}$ at othor places. |
|  | 7 | 8 | 55 |  | 22 |  | W | 35 | $\mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}$ |
|  | 8 | 9 | 5 |  | 21 |  | W | 31) | $6677, \mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, 5316 \cdot 8,5284 \cdot 2,5270^{\circ} 2, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}$, $h_{4}, 50146,5016,4924 \cdot 1$. |
|  | 13 | 8 | 33 |  |  | 17 | W | 10) | $49241,5016, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}, 5234 \cdot 8,52762,52842$, $531\left(64,53254,5337\left(1,53630, \mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}\right.\right.$ |
|  | 18 | 10) | 25 | 2 |  | 19 | W | 25 | Whole promencence visible in $D_{1}, D_{2}, b_{1}, b_{2}$ |
|  | 21 | 8 | 50 | 4 | 39 |  | T | 65 | $\mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{l}_{1}, \mathrm{l}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{\mathrm{g}}, \mathrm{b}_{4}$. |
|  | 岃2 | 8 | 37 |  | 22 |  | E | 15 | $\mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, l_{3_{8}}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}$. |
|  | 23 24 24 | ${ }_{18}^{8}$ | 45 |  |  | 20 | W | (3) | $\mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~h}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}$. |
|  | 24 25 | 1.3 8 8 | 0 | 2 | $33 \cdot 5$ | 42 | $\stackrel{W}{W}$ | 80 |  |
|  | 25 | 8 | 59 | 2 | 24. | 4 | W | 35 | $\mathrm{D}_{1}^{1,} \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, b_{1}, h_{2}, l_{3}, l_{4}, 5,5368$. |
| Fobruary | 5 | 4 8 | 5.1 | 3 |  | $21 \cdot 5$ | W | 45 | $492+1,501\left(6, \quad h_{1}, \quad b_{2}, \quad h_{8}, \quad b_{4}, 5197 \cdot 8,5234 \cdot 8\right.$, 5276", 5316 8, 5361 8, D1, D2, 6677 (tho last line only slughtly bright) |
|  | 13 13 | 8 8 8 | 45 | 1 |  | 185 | W | (1) | \} $6\left(677, \mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}, 5316 \cdot 8,4924: 1\right.$. |
|  | 18 | 8 | 26 | 5 |  | 66.5 | W |  | No prominenco $\mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{l}_{3}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}, 5316.8$ bright over $5^{\circ}$; motallio ai $88^{5} 56 \mathrm{~m}$ also but notat 9 h 20 m . |
|  | 24 | 8 | 4! | 1 |  | 115 | W | 25 | $b_{1}, l_{2}, l_{4}$. |
|  | 26 | 9 | $1)$ | 3 |  | 19 | W | 55 | $\mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, \mathrm{~h}_{2}, \mathrm{~h}_{3}, \mathrm{~h}_{4}, 4924 \cdot 1,5016,5018 \cdot 6$ $5276 \cdot 2,5281 \cdot 2,53168,54(04 \cdot 4,6677$. |
| March | 14 | \% | 33 |  |  | 16 | W | 70 | $\mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}, \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{~h}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}, 4924 \cdot 1,5016,50186$, $5316 \cdot 8,6677$. |
|  | 14 | 8 | 20 | 2 | 20 |  | W | 25 | $\mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{l}_{3}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}, 4924 \cdot 1,5016,5018 \cdot 6,5316 \cdot 8$ 6(i) 57. |
|  | 17 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 15.5 |  | W | 55 | $\mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, \mathrm{l}_{2}, \mathrm{l}_{8}, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, 5316 \%$. |
|  | 23 | 9 | () |  |  | 28 | E | 15 | $4924 \cdot 1,5016,5018 \cdot 6, b_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{8}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}, 5310^{\circ} 8, \mathrm{D}_{1}$ $\mathrm{D}_{8}$. |
|  | 28 | 8 | 44 | 4 | 22 |  | C | 15 | $\mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}, 5316.8 .6677$. |
|  | 31 | 8 | 38 | 2 | 15 |  | E | 40 | $4024 \cdot 1,5016,50186, b_{1}, b_{2}, \quad b_{3}, b_{4}, 5197 \cdot 4$ $5234 \cdot 8,5276 \cdot 2,5284 \cdot 2,5316 \cdot 8,5363 \cdot 0,5425 \cdot 5$ $55355^{5}(1) \mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, 6677,7(655$. |


|  | Date |  | Hour IST |  | Base | Latitude |  | Limb | Height | Lines |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | North | South |  |  |  |
| Aprrl | 1916. |  |  | M |  | - | 0 | 。 |  | " |  |
|  |  | 1 |  | 20 | 4 | 13 |  | W | 25 | $D_{1}, D_{2}, b_{1}, b_{2}, b_{3}, b_{4}, 6677$ Prominence well visible in $b_{1}, b_{2}, b_{3}, b_{4}$ |
|  |  | 3 |  |  |  | 19 |  | E | 30 | $D_{1}, D_{2}, b_{1}, b_{2}, b_{3}, b_{4}, 6677$ at base only |
|  |  | 6 |  | 37 | 10 |  | 31 | W | 50 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}, 53168,49241,5018 \cdot 6 \text {, } \\ & 5197 \cdot 8,52348,5276 \cdot 2,6677 . \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | 26 |  | 40 |  | 11 |  | E | 35 | $\mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}$. |
| Mav |  | 29 |  |  | 4 | 12 |  | E | 130 | $49241,50186, \quad b_{1}, b_{2}, b_{3}, b_{4}, 51978,5234 \cdot 8$, 52762, 53168, $\mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}$ |
|  |  | 6 | 8 | 35 | 1 |  | 205 | E | 15 | $4924 \cdot 1, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}, 5197 \cdot 8,5234 \cdot 8,52762$, $52848,5316 \cdot 8,5363 \cdot 0, \mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, 6677$. |
|  |  | 16 | 8 | 43 | 5 |  | $25 \cdot 5$ | E | 25 | $\mathrm{D}_{1}, \mathrm{D}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}, 6677$. |
| June |  | 7 | 8 |  | 4 | 11 |  | W | 30 | $\mathrm{b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}, \mathrm{~b}_{4}$ |

There is an increase on the previous half-year in the number of metallic prominences observed.

Displacements of the hydrogen lines.
The displacements observed at Kodaikanal are given in Table II. A and those observed at Srinagar up to February 28 in Table II. B.

Table II. A.-Displacements of the C Line in Prominences observed at Kodaikanal, January to June 1916.




\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{\multirow{2}{*}{Date.}} \& \multirow{2}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
\& \text { Hour } \\
\& \text { TS T }
\end{aligned}
\]} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Latitude} \& \multirow{2}{*}{Limb} \& \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{Amount of displacement.} \& \multirow{2}{*}{Remarks.} \\
\hline \& \& \& N \& S \& \& Red \& Violet. \& Both ways \& \\
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{1916.} \& 11 M \& - \& - \& \& A \& A \& \(\AA\) \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{4}{*}{March} \& 29 \& \(\begin{array}{ll}9 \& 40 \\ 9 \& 43\end{array}\) \& 14 \& 195 \& E
E
W \& 05 \& Shight \& \& Over whole prominence To red in the sonthern half, to violet in the northern. \\
\hline \& \multirow{3}{*}{30
31} \& 9
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8 \& \& 20 \& W \& 1
05 \& \& \& Over whole prommence \\
\hline \& \& 8 838 \& 16 \& \& E \& \& Slight \& \& At north end \\
\hline \& \& 8
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8 \& 8 \& 59 \& \({ }_{\text {E }}\) \& \& Do. \& \& At top. \\
\hline \multirow[t]{31}{*}{April} \& 1 \& 95 \& 13 \& \& W \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{25} \& 1 \& 1 \& \(C\) bulged out \(1 \AA\) on the lower mass and displaced at 6 or 7 points on the upperpart \(25 \AA\) to rod and \(1 \AA\) to violet \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{3} \& 856 \& 26 \& \& E \& \& Slight \& \& At northern end of prominence \\
\hline \& \& 9 () \& 11 \& \& E \& \multirow[t]{4}{*}{\[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Slight } \\
\text { Do. }
\end{gathered}
\]} \& \& \& At base. \\
\hline \& \& \(\begin{array}{ll}9 \& 14 \\ 8 \& 35\end{array}\) \& (925 \& 72 \& \(\underset{\mathrm{E}}{\mathrm{E}}\) \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \& \& 95 \& 195 \& \& E \& \& Slight \& \& \\
\hline \& \& 9814 \& \& 72 \& W \& \& Do. \& \& \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{6} \& 845 \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{28} \& \& W \& Slight \& Slught \& \& \\
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8 \& \& 31 \& W \& Slight \& Slight \& \& At two or threo pomis. \\
\hline \& \& \begin{tabular}{ll}
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9 \& 33 \\
\hline \& 32
\end{tabular} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{21} \& 155 \& W \& Do. \& Slight \& \& \multirow[t]{4}{*}{Over wholo prominence.} \\
\hline \& \multirow{2}{*}{7} \& (9)40 \& \& 535 \& W \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{4} \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{\[
\underset{1}{\text { Slight }}
\]} \& \& \\
\hline \& \& 920 \& 29) \& \& W \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \& 10 \& 853 \& \& 15 \& W \& \multirow{3}{*}{15} \& \& \& \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{11} \& \(\begin{array}{ll}8 \& 29 \\ 8 \& 48\end{array}\) \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{6
35} \& \& \(\stackrel{\mathrm{E}}{\mathrm{W}}\) \& \& \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Whole prominence displaced, amount ranging from 1 to 5 A .} \\
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \& \& 1 to 5 \& \& \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{18} \& \& 29 \& \& \(\pm\) \& \& Slught \& \& \\
\hline \& \& 8.53 \& 23 \& \& E \& \& Do. \& \& \\
\hline \& 22 \& 8. 32 \& 8 \& \& E \& \& Do. \& \& \\
\hline \& 23 \& \(\begin{array}{ll}9 \& 2 \\ 9 \& 0\end{array}\) \& 65
23 \& \& \({ }_{\mathbf{E}}^{\mathbf{E}}\) \& Slught \& Slight \& \& A.t hase \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{24} \& \(\begin{array}{lr}9 \& 0 \\ 8 \& 41\end{array}\) \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{22} \& \& E \& \multirow{9}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
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\end{tabular}} \& \multirow[t]{5}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Do. \\
05
\end{tabular}} \& \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{At top.} \\
\hline \& \& \(8 \quad 43\) \& \& 25 \& E \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \& \& 849 \& \& 84 \& E \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{25} \& 8
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8 33919 \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{595} \& \& \begin{tabular}{c} 
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\end{tabular} \& \& \& \& At northern ond. At top. \\
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8 \& \& \(75 \cdot 5\) \& \(\underset{5}{4}\) \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \& 26 \& 840 \& \& \& E \& \& 1.5 \& \& \\
\hline \& \& \(8 \quad 32\) \& 11 \& 66 \& E \& \& \(0 \cdot 5\) \& \& At top. \\
\hline \& 27 \& 8 40) \& 25 \& \& E \& \& Slight \& \& \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{4}{*}{29} \& \(\begin{array}{ll}8 \& 45 \\ 8 \& 58\end{array}\) \& 79 \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{ki} \& \(\underset{\mathrm{E}}{\mathrm{E}}\) \& \& Do.
0.5 \& \& \\
\hline \& \& 8
8
8 \& 32 \& \& E \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{gathered}
0.5 \\
\text { Slight }
\end{gathered}
\]} \& \& \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{To red at base, to violet at top.} \\
\hline \& \& 8 36 \& 12 \& \& E \& \& Slight \& \& \\
\hline \& \& 832 \& \& 16 \& E \& Slight \& \& \& \\
\hline \& 30 \& \(\begin{array}{ll}8 \& 32 \\ 8 \& 44 \\ 8\end{array}\) \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{14} \& 18 \& \(\underset{\mathrm{E}}{\mathrm{E}}\) \& Slight \& Slight \& \& \\
\hline \multirow[t]{8}{*}{May} \& 2 \& 8
8
8 \& \& 175 \& E \& Slight \& 1 \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{At top.} \\
\hline \& \& \(8 \quad 25\) \& \& 57 \& E \& Slight \& \& \& \\
\hline \& \multirow[t]{6}{*}{4

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7} \& $\begin{array}{ll}8 & 19 \\ 8 & 40\end{array}$ \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{82} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{$$
17
$$} \& $\underset{\mathrm{E}}{\mathrm{E}}$ \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Slight} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Do.} \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{To red at base ; to violet at top.} <br>

\hline \& \& $\begin{array}{ll}8 & 40 \\ 8\end{array}$ \& \& \& E \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& \& $\begin{array}{ll}8 & 21 \\ 8 & 31\end{array}$ \& \multirow[t]{4}{*}{57

9} \& \multirow[t]{4}{*}{$$
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& 285 \\
& 19 \cdot 5 \\
& 36
\end{aligned}
$$} \& $\underset{\text { W }}{\text { W }}$ \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{\[

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Slight } \\
& \text { Do. }
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\]} \& Slight \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{At top.} <br>

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$$ \& \& \& $\underset{\text { E }}{\text { E }}$ \& \& Slight \& \& At top. <br>

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8 \quad 26
$$ \& \& \& W \& Slight \& \& \& At top. <br>

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\end{tabular}

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Table II. B.-Displacements of the C line in prominences observed at Srinagak. 1 s t January to 28 th February 1916.


There was a large increase on the previous hall-year in the number of displacements observed at Kodaikanal. There were 127 in the northern hemisphere and 133 in the southern; there were 148 or $56^{\circ} 9$ per cent in the eastern and 112 in the western. One hundred and fifteen were to the violet, 129 to the red and 10 both ways simultaneously. Between $0^{\circ}$ and $30^{\circ}$ of latitude there were displacements observed in 1.52 prominences, between $31^{\circ}$ and $60^{\circ}$ in 47 , and between $\left(31^{\circ}\right.$ and $90^{\circ}$ in 61.

## Reversals and Displacements of the C line on the Disc.

Three hundred and five reversals of the 0 line, 34 darkenings of the $\mathrm{D}_{8}$ line, and 103 displacements wore recorded. Each of these is an increase on the second hall-year of 1915. Their clistribution east and west of the central meridian is given below :-
Kodaikanal. $\left\{\begin{array}{llllllrc}\text { Reversals of } C \text { near spots } & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & 161 & 144 \\ \text { Dnrlkenings of } D_{3} & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & 17 & 17 \\ \text { Displacoments of } \mathrm{C} & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & 58 & 4.5\end{array}\right.$

There was, as usual, a large proponderance of displacements towards the red, 70 boing to the red, 25 to the violet, and 8 both ways simultaneously.

Promanences projected on the Disc as Absorption Markings.
The grating spectroheliograph for photographing the absorption markings in $\mathrm{H}_{a}$ light was in regruar use during the six months. Photographs were obtained on 147 days, counted as 133 effectivo days. The
mean danly areas in millionths of the sun's visible hemisphere, corrected for foreshortenng, and the mean daily numbers are given below:-

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The dally number is the same as for the previous six months, but there is again a diminution in areas. The distribution in latitude is given in the accompanying diagram. The diminution in the mean daily areas is seen to be largely due to the decrease in activity in the belt between $50^{\circ}$ and $70^{\circ}$.


Hitherto there has been a persistent excess of $\mathrm{H} a$ markings on the eastern side of the central meridian, but for this half-year there 15 a defect in both areas and numbers; the percentage on the eastern side of the central meridian is $48^{\circ} 56$ in areas and $48^{\circ} 77$ in numbers.
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