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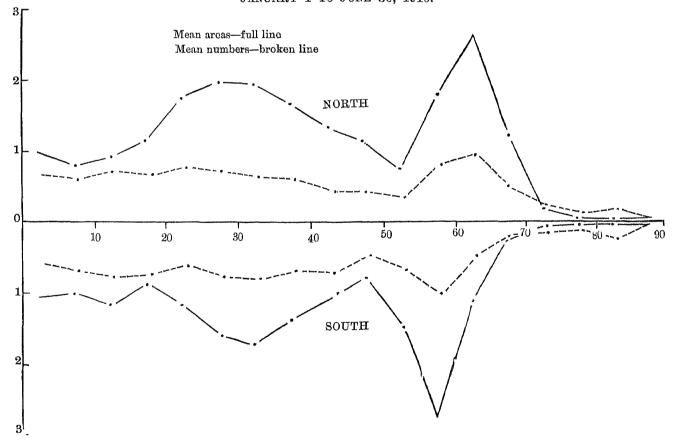
SUMMARY OF PROMINENCE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR 1916.

In this bulletin, the prominence observations made at Srinagar by the Kashmir expedition under Mr. J. Evershed, the Director, have been used to supplement those made at Kodaikanal. At Kodaikanal 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 Kodaikanal photographs of prominences were incomplete, imperfect or wanting, the observations made at Srinagar were substituted when available. Visual observations were made at Srinagar until February 28, none of which were required, but eleven prominence photographs taken at Srinagar were used to supplement the Kodaikanal series. Observations were obtained on 171 days, counted as 166 effective days.

The distribution of prominences 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° of latitude. The ordinates represent tenths of a square minute of are for the full line and numbers for the broken line.

FIG. 1.—MEAN AREAS AND MEAN NUMBERS OF PROMINENCES, KODAIKANAL AND SRINAGAR.

JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 1916.



The distribution, which is practically unaffected by the inclusion of the Srmagar observations, is very similar to that in the previous half year, except that the maximum of the belt between 50° and 70° has shifted 5° towards the poles.

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 bulletins. It is seen that the inclusion of Srinagar observations hardly affects the results.

		Mean daily areas (square minutes)	Mean daily numbers.
Kodaikanal and Srinagar observations (North	•••	 2.06	9.21
Kodaikanal and Srinagar observations { North (166 effective days).	•••	 1.77	9.77
	Total	 3.83	19.28
Kodaikanal observations (158 $\frac{1}{2}$ effective days). {North tive days}		 2.08	9.68
tive days). $\int South$	•••	 1.80	9.97
	Total	 3.88	$\frac{19.65}{}$

Compared with the previous six months there is a decrease of 22.6 per cent in areas and an increase of 26.1 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).

Month.		Number of observ	f days of atıon.	Number of	Mean daily	Mean	Mean	
MOHIU.		Total.	Effective.	prominences.	frequency.	height.	extent	
1916.						"	o	
January		31	31	637	20 5	400	3 03	
February		27	27	529	19.6	34.8	3.16	
March		30	30	661	22.0	35 7	2•65	
April .		29	$26\frac{1}{2}$	533	20.1	35 6	3.11	
May		29	28	488	17.4	37.5	2•78	
June		20	16	267	16.7	34.2	2 76	
First quarter		88	88	1827	20.8	36 9	2.93	
Second quarter		78	70½	1288	183	36 0	3.69	
First half-year	••	166	158½	3115	19 7	36.5	3.25	

are 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 attained its greatest development at 8^h 57^m I.S.T. when it resembled an enormous fountain 7' in height. At 9^h 3^m rapid dissolution was

taking place, and the highest portion was found to be moving with high velocity away from the sun. The last remnants were photographed at $9^{\rm h}$ $22^{\rm m}$ at the enormous height of 18' 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.	Percentage east.		
Numbers observed	1595	1605	49.84		
Total areas in square minutes	3380	2983	53·12		

$Metallic\ prominences.$

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

TABLE I.—METALLIC PROMINENCES—JANUARY TO JUNE 1916.

7 0. /		H	our	***	Latr	rude.			
Date.		IS	S T	Base	North.	South	Limb	Height.	Lines.
1916. January	4 6 7 7 8	17. 8 8 9 8	M, 45 56 5 5 55 5	6 9 5	21·5 25·5 22 21	12 12	E E E W W	30 60 50 35 30	$D_1, D_2, b_1, b_2, b_8, b_4$. b_1, b_2, b_4 slightly bright. $D_1, D_2, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4$ over the whole height at $+23^\circ$ and $+26^\circ$ and over $25''$ at other places. $D_1, D_2, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4$ $6677, D_1, D_2, 5316^\circ 8, 5284^\circ 2, 5276^\circ 2, b_1, b_2, b_3$ $b_4, 5018^\circ 6, 5016, 4924^\circ 1,$ $4924^\circ 1, 5016, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, 5234^\circ 8, 5276^\circ 2, 5284^\circ 2,$
	18	10	25	ລ		19	W	25	49247, 5016, b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₃ , b ₄ , 52348, 52762, 52842, 53168, 53258, 53370, 53630, D ₁ , D ₂ Whole prominence visible in D ₁ , D ₂ , b ₁ , b ₂
	21 22 23 24 25 25	8 8 13 8 8	50 37 45 <i>0</i> 50 59	2 2	39 22 23.5 24	20 42	E E W W	65 15 60 20 60 35	$ \begin{vmatrix} D_1, D_2, b_1, b_2, b_8, b_4, \\ D_1, D_2, b_1, b_2, b_8, b_4, \\ D_1, D_2, b_1, b_2, b_8, b_4, \\ \theta\theta77, D_1, D_2, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, \\ D_1, D_2, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, 5316 8, \\ D_1, D_2, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, 5316 8. \end{vmatrix} $
February	5	8	54	3		20.5	w	45	4924-1, 5016, b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₃ , b ₄ , 5197-8, 5234-8 5276-2, 5316-8, 5361-8, D ₁ , D ₂ , 6677 (the last line only slightly bright)
	13 13 18	8 8 8	45 45 26	1 1 5		18 5 15 66·5	W W W	90 30	6677, D ₁ , D ₂ , b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₃ , b ₄ , 5316·8, 4924·1. No prominence D ₁ , D ₂ , b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₃ , b ₄ , 5316· bright over 5°; metallic at 8h 56m also bu
	$\frac{24}{26}$	8 9	49) ()	3		11.5 19	W	25 55	not at 9h 20m. b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₄ . D ₁ , D ₂ , b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₃ , b ₄ , 4924·1, 5016, 5018·6, 5276·2, 5281·2, 5316·8, 5404·4, 6677.
March	14	8	36			16	w	70	D ₁ , D ₂ , b ₃ , b, b ₃ , b ₄ , 4924:1, 5016, 5018:6 5316:8, 6677.
	14	8	20	2	20		w	25	D ₁ , D ₂ , b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₃ , b ₄ , 4924·1, 5016, 5018·6, 5316·6, 6677.
	17	9	()	7	15.5		w	55	D ₁ , D ₂ , b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₈ , b ₁ , 5316·8.
	23	Ð	()			28	E	15	4924·1, 5016, 5018·6, b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₃ , b ₄ , 5316·8, D ₂ , D ₂ .
	28	8	44	4	22		Œ	15	$D_1, D_2, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, 5316.8.6677.$
	31	8	38	2	15		E	40	4924·1, 5016, 5018·6, b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₃ , b ₄ , 5197·6 5234·8, 5276·2, 5284·2, 5316·8, 5363·0, 5425·6 5535·0, D ₁ , D ₂ , 6677, 7065.

Data		Ho	ur	Base	Latit	ude	Limb	Height	Lines		
Date		IS	T	Base	North			Height	Dillos		
1916.		п	м	0	o	٥		"			
Aprıl	1	9	20	4	13		w	25	D ₁ , D ₂ , b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₃ , b ₄ , 6677 Prominence well		
	8	8	56		19		E	30	visible in b_1 , b_2 , b_3 , b_4 D_1 , D_2 , b_1 , b_2 , b_3 , b_4 , 6677 at base only		
	6	8	8 37 10			31	w	50	D ₁ , D ₂ , b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₃ , b ₄ , 5316 8, 4924 1, 5018 6, 5197 8, 5234 8, 5276 2, 6677.		
	26	8	40		11		E	35	$D_1, D_2, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4.$		
	29	8	36	4	12		E	130	$ \begin{vmatrix} 4924 \ 1, & 5018 \ 6, & b_1, & b_2, & b_3, & b_4, & 5197 \ 8, & 5234 \ 8, & \mathbf{D_1}, & \mathbf{D_2} \end{vmatrix} $		
Mav	6	8	35	1		20 5	E	15	4924·1, b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₈ , b ₄ , 5197·8, 5234·8, 5276·2, 5284·8, 5316·8, 5363·0, D ₁ , D ₂ , 6677.		
	16	8	43	5		25.5	\mathbf{E}	25	D ₁ , D ₂ , b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₃ , b ₄ , 6677.		
\mathbf{J} une	7	8	34	4	11		w	30	b ₁ , b ₂ , b ₈ , 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.

	Hour		Latit	ude.			Displacement		Remarks
Date.	IS?	r.	N	s.	Limb	Red.	Violet	Both ways.	Remarks
1916	н.	M,		0		Å	Å	Å	
January 1 2 3 4 4 5 6 7 8 9 12 13	888888 899888888888888888	55 48 49 45 45 46 48 40 55 54 48 42 40 55 50 29 22 22 24	1	19 49 12 9 86 58 5 53 39 69 5 34 35 44 5	W W W E E W E	Slight Slight Slight Slight Slight 2 1 Slight Slight Slight Slight Slight Slight	Slight Slight 0.5 Slight 0.5 Slight 2		At north end. At top. To red at base; to violet at top. Over lower portion. Over upper half. At south end. Over jets At base At top.

T D - 1		Ho	ur	Latit	ude.	r ,	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{mo}$	unt of displace	ment	
Date	е.	I.S.	$\overline{\mathbf{T}}$	N.	s.	Limb.	Red	Violet.	Both ways	Remarks.
1916	3	ıı	м.	٥	0		Å	Å	Å	
January	15 16 17 19	***********	54 39 56 48 42 32 32 30 48 56	63 85 23 10 6 5	31 8 55 65 77	E W E E E E E E	Slight Do. 15 15	0.5 Slight D o.		At base. At top, not seen at 9h 5m At base. Over lower part
	22	8	35 35	36 42		E	1	0 5 Slight		To red at top, to violet at base
	23 25	8 8	$\frac{49}{59}$	24	30	w	$^{\mathbf{Slight}}_{1}$	2		To red at top; to violet at base
	27 28 29	9 9	$\begin{smallmatrix} 5\\10\\0\end{smallmatrix}$	71	23 24	W W E	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Slight} \\ \text{Do.} \\ \text{0.5} \end{array}$	1 1·5		At base. To red at base; to violet at top. No displacement at 9h 2m.
	30	888888888888	37 36 50 51 56 32 27 47	17 32 66 5 79 71	55 5 44 5 82	W W W W E E	Slight I	Slight 1	Slight Slight	Symmetrically widehed.
		8 8 8	51 44 37		79 34 3	W W W	Slight	Slight 05	ungito	To red only for 0.5 Å a 8h 49m. At top. At base.
February	1 3	9 9 8	55 50 55	51.5 15.5 26		E W E	2 Slight	Slight Do.		At top. The violet displacemen a little to the north o
	4 5	9 8 9 8 9 9	22 40 43 16 20 54	62 34·5	55·5 0·5 17 37 20·5	W W E E E	Slight 0 5 1 0.5 2 0.5	0·5 Slight		the other. At base; not soen a gh 6m. At top. At top. To red at top; to viole
	6	9 8 8 8	9 49 47 54 50	59 25	14 5 5	W W W E	Slight Slight	2 Slight	Slight Do.	at base To red at base; to viole
	8	9 8	0 55	20 25·5		W	Slight	Slight Do.		at top. To red at top; to viole
	10	8 8	53 55	63·5 12·5		WE	0.5	Slight		at base. Two bright points of
	12 13	8 8 8 8	46 45 43 45		82 66 28 15	E W E W	Slight Do. 0.5	3		At base. 4 Å to viol and 1 Å to red at 8 ^h 47 No displacement
		8	45		19	w		0.5		3 Å to violet at top
	14	8 8 8	39 47 31	59 43	82.5	W W W	Slight	Slight	Slight	

		TET	our	Latri			Amo	unt of displace	ment	
Date		I.s	S.T.	N.	s.	Limb.	Red.	V10let.	Both ways.	Remarks
1916		п.	М	0	D		Å	Å	Å	
February	17	8	55	12		w	Slight	1		To red at base, to viole at top
	18	8 8	$\frac{31}{28}$		82·5 55	$\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{W}}$	Do. Do.			At base
	20	9 8	28 8 24 25 48 49	48 5 63	67	W	$_{\mathbf{Do}}^{\mathbf{Do}}$	CI a colo de		
	$\frac{22}{24}$	8 8	20 48 49	10	11.5	E W E	Slight	$\begin{array}{c} {\bf Slight} \\ {\bf 1} \end{array}$		
		9 8	4 35		68 8	W	Ďo	Slight		Over lower half
	25	8 8	37	27	20 15	E W	1.5	1		Over chromosphere At base.
	26	8 8	53	62	20	E	Slight		Slight	
	27	9 8	14 3 44		18 58	\mathbf{E}	Do. Do	1.		
	29	88	3 26	105	21 10	W		$\begin{array}{c} 0.5 \ \mathrm{Slight} \end{array}$		At top.
March	1 2	3	3 17 3 55	100	15 17	E E E	$\operatorname*{Slight}_{2}$	1.5		1 -
	2	8			22 62-76	E	$egin{align*} \mathbf{Slight} \ \mathbf{Do} \end{aligned}$	Slight 15		At two different points. To red at top; to violet base.
		8	5 90		02-70	, E	.D0	15		Changing, at 8h 56m who prominence bodily d
										placed to violet for 1.5 at northern end and slightly displaced to i
										at 74° E. Southern h
										to violet for 1.5 Å
	4		8 36 9 3	34 82 5		WE	Slight	Glamb#		At top.
	4		9 3 8 50	18	'	E	Slight	$rac{ ext{Slight}}{ ext{Do}}$		To red at base; to vio
	5		8 44 8 28	61	57.5	\mathbf{E}	Do	Slight		
	6	İ	8 32 9 3 9 0	25-9 18 70	27	E	0.5	Do. 1		Over streamers At top.
	8		8 28 8 30	20	70 57•5	E	25 Slight	2		In different places.
	$^{9}_{10}_{12}$		8 35 8 35 8 27	60.	67	1 E	Slight	Clarab 4	Slight	
			8 28 8 30 8 35 8 35 8 27 8 20 8 45 8 36 8 20	82.	24	E W E	Slight 1	Slight		Over chromosphere
	13 14		8 36 8 20	20	16	W	Slight 0 5	Slight		At different points. At top
	15 16		8 27 8 55 8 15	21	20·5 32	W W E	0.5 1 Slight	1 0·5		Over chromosphere.
	17		8 25 8 30	15	24	w	$rac{ ext{Slight}}{ ext{Do.}}$		2	At top. To violet only for 1:5 at 9 ⁵ 0 ^m .
	20			42.	5	E W	671-4	2		
	20 21 23		8 55 8 39 8 35	76	5 62	E	$egin{array}{c} ext{Slight} \ ext{Do.} \end{array}$	Slight		At top To red at top; to vio at base.
			8 55 9 0	26	28 34 ·	E E W	Slight		Slight	wo source
	$\begin{array}{c} 26 \\ 28 \end{array}$		8 30 8 36 8 44 8 46 8 48	82 22	34 %	5 W E E E		Slight Do.	Slight	At top
			8 46 8 48	22	10 5 19 5	E	$rac{ ext{Slight}}{ ext{Do.}}$	Slight	bugut	To red at base, to vi
										at top.

		Hour	Lati	tude		\mathbf{A} mo	ount of displace	ement.	
Dε	ate.	IST	N	s	Limb	\mathbf{R} ed	Violet.	Both ways	- Remarks.
1916	6.	II M	0	٥		Å	Å	Å	
March	29	9 40 9 43 9 23	14	19 5 20	E E W	0 5	Slight Do.		Over whole prominence To red in the southern half, to violet in the northern. Over whole prominence
	30 31	9 23 8 40 8 38 8 37 8 32	6 16 8	59	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$egin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0.5 \\ ext{Slight} \end{array}$	Slight Do.		At north end At top. At south end.
Aprıl	1	9 5	13		w	2 5	1	1	C bulged out 1 Å on the lower mass and displaced at 6 or 7 points on the upper part 25 Å to red and 1 Å to violet
	3	8 56 9 0	26 11		E	\mathbf{Slight}	Slight		At northern end of prominence At base.
	4 6	9 14 8 35 9 5 9 14 8 45 8 50	62 5 19 5 28	72 72 81	E E E W W	Do. 1 Slight	Slight Do. Slight		
	7	8 37 8 33	21	31	W	$_{\mathbf{Do.}}^{\mathbf{Slight}}$	Slight		At two or three points. Over whole prominence.
	•	9 32 9 40 9 20	29	15 5 53 5	W W	4	Slight		Over whose prominence.
	10 11	8 53 8 29 8 48	6 35	15	W E W	1.5	1 to 5		Whole prominence displaced, amount ranging from 1 to 5 Å.
	18	8 53 8 53	29 23		E		Slight Do.		2001
	22 23	8, 32	82 65		Ē	\mathbf{Slight}	D_0 .		At base
	24	9 0 8 41	28 22		E	Slight	$egin{array}{c} ext{Slight} \ ext{Do.} \ 0.5 \end{array}$		At top.
	25	8 43 8 49 8 33 8 39 8 35	59 5	25 84 34 75.5	EEEE	Do. Do. Do. Do.	0.5		At northern end. At top.
	26 27	8 40 8 32 8 40 8 45	11 25	66 81			1 0.5 Slight Do. 0.5		At top.
	29	8 58 8 40 8 36	79 32 12		E E E	0°5 Slight	0.5 Slight		At base. To red at base, to violet at top.
May	30 2	8 32 8 32 8 44 8 30	14	16 18 17 5		Slight Slight	Slight		At top.
-	4	8 25 8 19 8 40	82	57 17	E	$egin{aligned} \mathbf{Slight} \end{aligned}$	$rac{ ext{Slight}}{ ext{Do.}}$		To red at base; to violet at top.
	$\frac{6}{7}$	8 21 8 31	57	28 5	W E E	$\begin{array}{c} {\rm Slight} \\ {\bf Do.} \end{array}$	Slight		At top.
	7	8 35 8 40 8 26	29	19·5 36	E W	Do. Slight	Slight		At top. At top.

TD .		Hou	r	Latite		amb -	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m}o$	unt of displacer	nent	Remarks.
Date		I.S T	r.	N	S.	11110 -	Red.	Violet.	Both ways.	nemurks.
1916		н.	м.	•	0		Å	Å	Å	
May	11	8 8	$\frac{26}{42}$		45 17	E W	Slight	Slight	Slight	Symmetrically widened. The violet displacement a little to the north of
	13 14 15 16	98888888	0 49 41 40 23 37 43	8 69 80.5 17	45 17 25 5	EWEWEEE	Slight Do. Do. Do.	Slight Do.		the other. At base Over the streamer at top.
	21 22	9 9	$12 \\ 12 \\ 52$	37	13 5 12	E	$_{\rm I}^{\rm Slight}$	Slight		At top
	23	10 9	19 34	22	17.5	E E E	$_{\rm Slight}^{1}$	Slight		To violet over lower and to red over upper part of prominence.
	24	8	23	56		w		Do.		
	25	8	39		23	w		Do.		
		8	35	15.5		W		0.5		
	26	8	23	64		Е		Slight		An extraordinarily tale prominence over 19 in height. At 8h 50 C was displaced 3 Å t
										C was displaced 3 Å tred over lower half an slightly to violet over upper half.
	27	8		25		E	Slight			At northern end
		8		1		E		Slight		Do.
		8		1	10	W	1	Do.		To red at top; to viol at base.
	30 31	10	0 3 47 3 40	22 5	71	WWW	0.5 Slight	Slight		At base
June	1	8	3 46		32 t	E E	Slight	15		Slightly to violet at the over northern half and for 1.5 Å to violet over southern half; slight to red at base southern end. 8h 52m C was displace 3 Å to violet over the of southern half
	2 7 8	1	8 29 8 20 10 20 9 27 9 29 8 34 9 35 9 46	11	$\begin{array}{ c c c } & 61 & 61 & 61 & 61 & 61 & 61 & 61 & 6$	W W W E W	3 Slight Do. Do.	Slight Do. 1		At top Not seen at 9h 29m. At top
	9 10 14 17 23 30		9 18 9 9 11 6 8 35 8 35 9 20	11:	$\begin{bmatrix} 14 & 15 \\ 11 & 10 \\ 10 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$	S E W	Slight 1	1 Slight	Slight Slight	Over whole prominence

Table II. B.—Displacements of the C line in prominences observed at Srinagar.

1st January to 28th February 1916.

T	Hour.	Latit		T 1	\mathbf{A} mo	unt of displacer	nent	
Date	I.S T.	N,	s.	Limb.	Red	Violet.	Both ways.	Remarks.
1916.	н. м	0	o		Å	Å	Å	
January 2 4 5 7 8 8 10 17 21 22 24 25 February 18 22	9 45 10 30 14 30 16 10 12 20 12 24 11 2 15 33 14 10 11 18 13 0 11 15 14 33 9 57	9·5 71 31·5 70·5 22 16 23·5 28·5 27·5	8 20·5 23·5	E E W W W E W W E W W	Slight Slight Do	2 05 Slight Do 1 0:5	1	Prominence 5°5 broad. C displaced 1 to 3 Å to violet at the southern end and the same amount to red over the rest of the prominence. Displacement to violet same as before but only 0.5 Å to red at 9h 52m Displacements in both directions very slight at 10h 45m. At base. Near base. At base. Near base at northern end. Over whole prominence. 1 to 2 Å to red at 15h 0m

There was a large increase on the previous half-year in the number of displacements observed at Kodai-kanal. There were 127 in the northern hemisphere and 133 in the southern; there were 148 or 56'9 per cent in the eastern and 112 in the western. One hundred and fifteen were to the violet, 129 to the red and 16 both ways simultaneously. Between 0° and 30° of latitude there were displacements observed in 152 prominences, between 31° and 60° in 47, and between 61° and 90° in 61.

Reversals and Displacements of the C line on the Disc.

Three hundred and five reversals of the C line, 34 darkenings of the D_3 line, and 103 displacements were recorded. Each of these is an increase on the second half-year of 1915. Their distribution east and west of the central meridian is given below:—

					East.	West.
	(Reversals of C near s	spots	 •••	 •••	161	144
Kodaikanal.	$iggl\{ { m Darkenings\ of\ D_3} iggr\}$	•••	 •••	 •••	17	17
	Displacements of C		 	 	58	45

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

Prominences projected on the Disc as Absorption Markings.

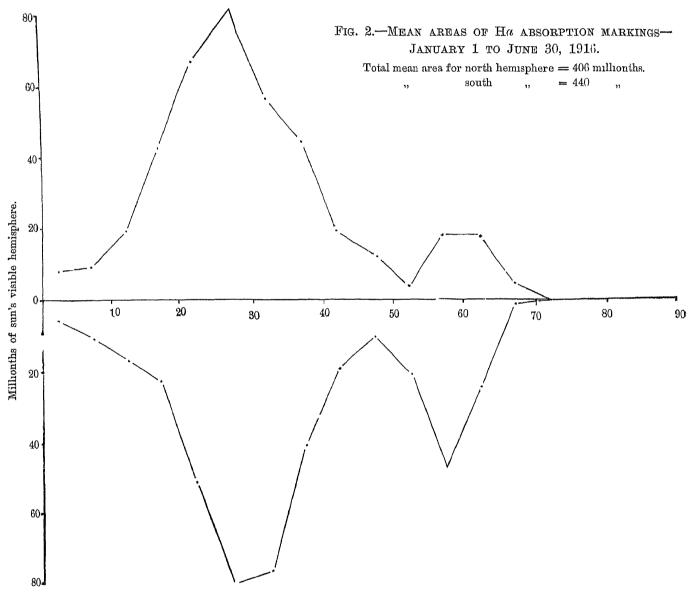
The grating spectroheliograph for photographing the absorption markings in H_a light was in regular use during the six months. Photographs were obtained on 147 days, counted as 133 effective days. The

mean daily areas in millionths of the sun's visible hemisphere, corrected for foreshortening, and the mean daily numbers are given below:—

							1916 Jan —June	
							\mathbf{Areas}	Numbers.
North	•••	• • •	•••	•••	•••	•••	4061	5.0
South	•••	•••	•••		•••	•••	439.9	5.7

					Total	•••	846.0	10.7

The daily 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° and 70°.



Hitherto there has been a persistent excess of Ha markings on the eastern side of the central meridian, but for this half-year there is a defect in both areas and numbers; the percentage on the eastern side of the central meridian is 48.56 in areas and 48.77 in numbers.

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