# KODAIKÁNAL AND MADRAS OBSERVATORIES. 

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1904.

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## I.-REPORT OF THE KODAIKÁNAL OBSERVATORY FOR THE YEAR 1904.

1. Staff-The staff of the Observatory on the 31st December 1904 was as follows:-


The Acting Director, Mr. C. P. Butler, left on the 1st February 1904 and the Director returned from furlough on the 4th February 1904. The First Assistant left on combined leave on the 7th April 1904. The Second and Third Assistants have since acted as First and Second Assistants respectively, while the post of Third Assistant was filled temporarily by Mr. N. C. Krishna Aiyar till Mr. M. G. Subrahmanya Aiyar could be spared from the Madras Observatory.

The Government of India and the Secretary of State for India have sanctioned the appointment of a European Assistant but he has not yet joined the staff.

The subordinate staff of the Observatory consists of a book-binder and bookbinder's boy, a mechanic, four peons, and two lascars.

The Magnetic Observatory is now under the Survey of India and details regarding it no longer find a place in this report.
2. Distribution of Work.-The Director takes charge of the spectrograph and spectroheliograph with the help, when necessary, of the First or Second Assistant. The First and Second Assistants take charge of the work with the Cooke equatorial (spectroscopic), the Lerebour and Secratan (visual), and with the photoheliograph. They take the spectroscopic work on alternate days. They have also to do most of the computing. The Third Assistant helps in the work with the Lerebour and Secre$\tan$ equatorial and with the photoheliograph. He is also in charge of the seismograph and of the clock comparison work. The Fourth Assistant is in charge of all meteorological work. The writer has the correspondence and accounts and assists in making meteorological observations. The Acting Second Assistant, who has become an expert photographer, usually does all special photographic work.
3. Buildings and grounds.-(a) Main building.-A porch has been erected in front of the south door to protect the laboratory from the rain which always drifted in during stormy weather of the north-east monsoon. A glazed verandah has been built to protect the north-west corner of the building which is exposed to the chief storms during the greater part of the year. The beam of light from the siderostat which feeds the spectrograph now passes through the verandah and the tube formerly employed has been removed. There has been great delay in the erection of this building, and though the original orders were that it should be completed by the end of March 1904 it is not yet quite finished.
(b) Spectroheliograph building.-This' consists of two rooms separated from each other by a space of 10 feet. The south room is a masonry building roofed with corrugated iron covered with tilestoneite. The main room is 46 feet long from north to south and 20 feet wide with an alcove on the east side and a large dark room on
the west. It was completed in June 1904. In this room much trouble is experienced from moisture which condenses on the roof and drops down in the early morning. This is probably mainly due to no arrangements having been made for rentilation at night, a matter which will be put right as soon as possible. The north room is 30 feet long and 20 feet wide and consists of a low wall covered by a roof running on rails. The roof consists of an iron framing covered with wood and painted canvas. This part of the building has given a great deal of trouble, and was not completed till the end of November, though it was possible to make use of it from the middle of October. The Acting Director, when designing the buildings, arranged for a system of enlarging with a positive lens, and consequently the space between the siderostat and the spectroheliograph is very much greater than is required with the negative enlarging lens that is to be used. This is unfortunate as every additional foot in the length of the beam adds to the difficulty in obtaining a steady image. It will probably be pecessary to modify the present arrangement, but work is being carried on as originally designed pending the decision of the Public Works Department as to the best means of rendering the moving roof a success. As originally designed it was so weak that after the first storm the walls were two inches out of plumb and twenty men were unable to push it along the rails. The framing has now been strengthened and two powerful winches have been erected for moving it. It can now be used with moderate comfort, but is not nearly strong enough to withstand for long the strains to which it is exposed.
(c) Photohetiograph house.-Plans and estimates for a new dome to take the place of the present iron building have been prepared and sent up for sanction. Meanwhile there is no diffeulty in working with the present house except during high winds.
(d) Transit house.-The walls of this house have been coated with Sizerelmey stone petrifying liquid, which appears to have rendered them much more waterproot. The hinges in the roof broke in June and it took several months to get them replaced, but the building is now again fit for use.
(e) Neer buildings.-Estimates have been sanctioned for a new workshop and for a house for the Fourth Assistant. Plans and estimates are being prepared for a house for the newls sanctioned European Assistant and an excellent site has been fixed upon near the Director's house.
(f) Grounds.--The grounds have been kept in good order immediately round the buildings. A part near the spectroheliograph buildiugs has been cleared and planted with good grass, and the removal of the hill grass (which entails a constant risk from fire) is in progress over another considerable area. The season was an uniarourable one for tree planting so that not very much has been done in this direction. A large number of young trees have, however, been raised from seed and will be planted out whenever the weather is suitable. These young trees are largely pines of various kinds from the hills of Southern Culifornia for which the Director is indebted to Mr. Lukins of Pasadena. A number of pine seeds brought from the Lick Observatory have also grown and the seedlings promise to do well. It is very important, for the sake of shelter, that many more trees should be planted round the Observatory and the work is being carried out as rapidly as circumstances will pernit,
(g) The aermotor and pumps have been brought into use and the supply of water to the dark rooms has thus been greatly simplified. The only diffeulty now will be in the dry months of the year when the water in the well runs very low, or fails altogether, and water has to be brought from a distance.
4. Instruments.-The following are the principal instrumeuts belonging to the

Six-ipeh Cooke equatorial.
Six-inch Lerebour and Secretan equatorial, remounted by Grubb with a 5-inch Grubb.
portrait lens of 36 inches focus atta portrait lens of 36 indhes foous attached.
Spectrograph-consisting of an 11 -inch polar siderostat, 6 -inoh $G$ rubb lens of 40 -feet focus, and a 4 -inch concare grating of 10 -feee focus, mounted on Rowland's plan. A
plane grating with collimator and camera lenses of 8 -feet focus the concave grating.
A rhomb with ends cut at $45^{\circ}$ mounted on a graduated circle, can be placed in front of the silt so as to enable any part of the limb to be brought on to the elit.

Six-inch transit instrument and barrel chronograph, formerly the property of the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India.
Six-prism table spectroscope-Hilger.
Photoheliograph-Dallmeyer No. 4.
Theodolite, six-inch-Cooke.
Two phototheodolites by Steinheil for cloud photography.
Sextant.
Spectroheliograph with 18 -inch siderostat and 12 -incl Cooke triple acbromatio lens of 20 feet focus, by the Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company, Limited.
Evershed spectroscope with three prisms for prominence and sunspot work, by Hilger.
Mean time clock, Kullberg 6326.
Sidereal clock, Shelton.
Mean time chronometer, Kullberg 6299.
Sidereal chronometer, Kullberg 6134.
Tape chronograph, Fness.
Micrometer for measuring spectrum photographs, Hilger.
Dividing engine, Cambridge Soientific Instrument Company, Limited.
Two Balfour Stewart actinometers.
Buchanan's solar calorimeter.
Induction coil with necessary adjuncts.
Small polar siderostat.
Universal instrument.
Complete set of meteorological instruments, including Richard barograph and thermograph, and wind-recorders.

There are also available for use a small grating spectroscope and a parabolic grating the property of the Director. The latter was obtained on the adrice of Professor Jewell for sunspot work, but arrived only towards the close of the year and has not yet been set up.

The Evershed spectroscope arrived early in the year, but it had been so injured by rough handling during transit thit it had to be sent back to the makers for repairs. It was received back at the end of tovernber and was at once brought into use. It is very convenient and gives an exc ${ }^{5}$ hent spectrum.

The spectrograph.-The polar siderostat has been fitted with electrical slow motions and the lens has been remots in such a way that the focussing can be donerapidly from the eye end. This $\mathrm{h}^{{ }^{\mathrm{a}} \text { 's been shown to be necessary, for, though the }}$ changes in focus with this instrument are comparatively small, they are large enough to render small readjustments necessary from time to time. Owing to the building of the glazed verandah referred to above this instrument has been out of use for the greater part of the year, but as soon as the building is completed, it will be used for work on sunspot spectra, for which work it has now been fitted with a plane grating and collimator.

The spectroheliograph.-The cases containing this instrument arrived between August 14th and August 22nd and by the 26 th it had been set up and roughly adjusted. The instrument consists of a 12 -inch triple achromatic lens by Cooke and Sons of 20 feet focal length, fed by a Foucault siderostat with an 18 -inch mirror, and the spectroheliograph proper. The design adopted for the latter is that one of Professor Hale's in which the image of the sun and the camera remain stationary, while the collimating lens, the camera lens, the prisms, and slits are carried on a rigid frame which moves across at right angles to the optical axis. The collimating and camera lenses are of 5 inches aperture and 6 feet focus. There are two $60^{\circ}$ prisms 4 inches high and $6 \frac{1}{2}$ and $6 \frac{3}{8}$ inches across and a plane mirror of 6 inches diameter. In front of the collimating slit is a collective lens of $3 \frac{1}{2}$ inches aperture. The moving frame, which is very rigid, is carried on' three steel balls lying between plane steel plates and is guided in the necessary line by two guide wheels running against two planed bars. The speed of the motion is regulated by a piston working in oil and containing a valve easily adjusted by a micrometer screw. With the valve wide open the slit crosses the sun's image in about fcur seconds; with the valve nearly closed the corresponding time is over six minutes. The whole details of the design were worked out by the Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company, with the help of Mr. H. F. Newall, to whom and to Mr. Horace Darwin this Ubservatory is very greatly indebted for the extreme care and skill with which the work has been done. An enlarging lens to permit of parts of the sun's disc being photographed on a larger seale, and a plane
grating which can, when required, be put in the place of the plane mirror have been ordered and are expected sbortly. A machine for cutting curved slits for use on the spectroheliograph was supplied at the same time as the instrument, and by its means slits of any required curvature can be cut. It is the intention to use the same collimating slit for all lines, but slits of different curvatures will be required for the camera slit.

The slow motions of the siderostat are worked by electric motors driven by primary batteries. but it is found difficult to get suitable batteries and it is very desirable that the Observatory should for this and for other purposes be supplied with a small electric installation. Estimates for this are being prepared.

OBSERVATIONS.
(a) Solar Physics.
5. The year has been an exceptionally farourable one for work on the sun as there were only 22 days on which some observations could not be made. The following table shows for each day the observations made:-
Solar Observations in 1904.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{$A=$ Spots observed.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{B=Spot speetra.} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{$\mathbf{C = P r o m i n e n o e s ~ r e c o r d e d . ~}$} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{$\mathbf{v}=$ Photoheliograms.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{E=Speotroheliograms.} <br>
\hline Date. \& January. \& February. \& March. \& April. \& May. \& June. \& July. \& August. \& September. \& October. \& November. \& December. <br>
\hline 1 \& A \& A-C- \& $\triangle B C D$ \& A-DD \& A BCD \& ABJD \& A - D \& A - D \& ABCD \& ABCD \& A-CDE \& $\triangle \mathrm{BCDE}$ <br>
\hline 2 \& \& A-C- \& A-CD \& A-D \& ABCD \& $A$ \& A \& A \& A B \& ABCD \& ABCD \& $\mathrm{A}-1$ <br>
\hline 8 \& $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{D}$ \& $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{C}-$ \& $A B C D$ \& $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{C} \mathrm{D}$ \& ABCD \& $A B C D$ \& - \& $A-C D$ \& $A B C D$ \& $\triangle \mathrm{BCD}$ \& ABCD \& - <br>
\hline 4 \& A $B C D$
$A B C D$ \& ABC- \& ABCD
$A B C D$ \& A-C D
$A-G D$ \&  \& A-CD \& ${ }_{\text {A }} \overline{\mathrm{BCD}}$ \& A-OD \& A B C D
$A B C D$ \& A B C D
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A \&  \& - <br>
\hline 6 \& ABCD \& ABC- \& A-OD \& ABCD \& ABUD \& A-CD \& A $\boldsymbol{B}-\mathrm{D}$ \& ABGD \& ABCD \& ABCD \& ABCD \& ABCD <br>
\hline 7 \& ABCD \& $A-$ \& A-CD \& $A B C D$ \& $A-C D$ \& \& $A B C D$ \& $A B C D$ \& $A-C D$ \& ABCD \& ${ }^{\text {A BCD }}$ \&  <br>
\hline 8 \& $A B-D$ \& A B C- \& $A-\mathrm{CD}$ \& $\triangle B C D$ \& ABCD \& \& $A B C D$ \& ${ }^{A}-D$ \& $A-D$ \& A \& A BCD
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$A B C D$ \& A BCD
A B C \& ABCD
ABCD \& ${ }_{\text {A }} \mathrm{BCO}$ \& A-CD \& A BCD
$\boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{B} \mathbf{C}$ \& A BCD
A B C D \& A $=$ \& ABCD \& A B C D E
A $3-\mathrm{D}$ <br>
\hline 11. \& AB- \& A- \&  \& ABCD \& $\boldsymbol{A}$ \& ABCD \& $A B C D$ \& ABC- \& $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{D}$ \& $A B C D$ \& ABCD \& $A-D$ <br>
\hline 12 \& \& A \& $A B C D$ \& $\triangle B C D$ \& ABCL \& A B $C$ D \& ABCD \& A-CD \& $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{C}$ D \& $A-$ \& A B-I \& ABCDE <br>
\hline 13 \& A B-D \& A B O- \& ABC- \& ABCD \& ABCD \& ABCD \& ABCD \& ABCD \& A- \& ABCD \& $A B C D$ \& $A B-$ <br>
\hline 14 \& $A B-D$ \& A-O- \& ABOD \& ABUD \& ABUD \& ABCD \& A \& ABCD \& $A$ - \& A B-D \& ABCD \& ABCDE
ABCDE
A <br>
\hline 15 \& ABCD \& A $B$ C- \& A $B C D$ \& ABCD \& A-CD \& A - D \& ABCD \& $A B C D$ \& A-C- \& A - D \& A B C
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A \& A BCDE
A B CDE <br>
\hline 16 \& ABCD \& $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{C}$ - \& $A B C D$ \& $A B C D$ \& ABCD \& $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{D}$ \& $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{D}$ \& A B O
$A B C D$ \& ABCD
A B C D \& ABCD \& ${ }^{\text {A }} \mathrm{B} \mathrm{BCD}$ \& ${ }_{\Lambda}^{\text {A B CD }}$ <br>
\hline 18 \& A-D \& $\stackrel{\text { A-C- }}{\text { A-C }}$ \& $\triangle \mathrm{ACO}$ \& AB-D \& $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{D}$ \& $\stackrel{A-D}{ }$ \& $A=D$ \& ${ }_{\text {A }}$ \& A-CD \& $A B C D$ \& A BCD \& <br>
\hline 19 \& A \& $A B O D$ \& ABCD \& ABOD \& $\triangle \mathrm{ACD}$ \& \& A - \& $\mathrm{A}-O \mathrm{D}$ \& $\triangle B C D$ \& ABCDE \& ABOI) \& A <br>
\hline 20 \& ABOD \& $\triangle B C-$ \& $A B C D$ \& $\wedge B C D$ \& $A B C D$ \& \& A B - D \& A \& $\triangle B C D$ \& A-CDE \& ABCD \& A-C 1 ) <br>
\hline 21
22 \& A B-D \& ABCD \& ABCD
$A B C D$ \& ABCD
ABCD \& ABCD \& ABCD
$A B C D$ \& A - \& A-CD \& A
$\mathbf{B C O}$
D \& A \& A BCD
A B C \& ${ }_{\text {A- }- \text { C }}$ D E <br>
\hline 23 \& ${ }_{\text {A }} \overline{B-D}$ \& ABCD \& ABGD \& ABCD \& A B B
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d \& A
$\mathbf{B}-\mathrm{D}$ \& A BCD \& A B $C$ D \& A BCD \& \& ABCD \& $\Lambda-\mathrm{CDF}$ <br>
\hline 24 \& A \& ABCD \& $A B C D$ \& ABCD \& A-C- \& A - D \& A 3-D \& ABCD \& $\mathrm{A} B-\mathrm{D}$ \& A B $\sigma$ D \& A B C I \& <br>

\hline 25 \& A B-D \& $\triangle B C D$ \& ABCD \& $\triangle B C D$ \& A-C D \& $\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{D}$ \& A BC \& | A B C |
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| $A$ | \& A.B-D \& A B-D \& ${ }^{\text {A B C }}$ ( \& A-C-E <br>

\hline 27 \& $\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{A}} \mathrm{B}$ - ${ }^{\text {d }}$ \& A PGD \& A-C- \& ABCD \& ${ }^{\text {A B B O }}$ D \& $A-C D$ \& $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{CD}$ \& A B \& ABCD \& $A B C D E$ \& ABCD \& A-CDE <br>
\hline 28 \& A $\mathcal{B}$ \& A $130-$ \& ABCD \& ABCD \& ABCD \& A \& ABC11 \& ABCD \& $\triangle \mathrm{BCD}$ \& ABCDE \& $\triangle \mathrm{BCD}$ \& A-CDE <br>
\hline 39 - \& A \& ABCD \& $\triangle B C D$ \& $\triangle \mathrm{ACD}$ \& $\triangle B C D$ \& ${ }^{\text {A }-C D}$ \& ABCD \& ABCD \& $\triangle \mathrm{B}$ ¢ - \& ABCDE \& ABCD
A BCil \& ${ }_{\text {A-CD }}$ <br>
\hline 31 \& - \& \& ABGD \& \& A B-D \& \& \& A \& A B ${ }^{\text {d }}$ \& ABCDE \& \& ABCDE <br>
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6. Photographs of the sun with the Dallmeyer photoheliograph were taken on 264 days and could have been taken on more days had it not been that the stock of photographic plates was allowed to rum short in the early part of the year and, as a fresh supply of suitable plates could not be got in India, photographs were taken only when they would be of special interest till a fresh supply of plates was received When high winds are blowing the shaking of the instrument is apt to render the photograpls rather poor, but at other times very good negatives are usually obtained showing much detail of the solar surface. The prevailing direction of the wind here for the year being north-westerly and the photographs being taken in the early forenoon, a dome will usually protect the instrument from wind and so more uniformly good results may be expected when the dome is built.
7. Observations of sunspots.-The sun is examined for spots and faculae every morning when the weather permits. If possible, the sun's image is projected on an 8 -incl dise, and the positions of the spots and faculae are marked on it. "The spots are then carefully studied visually and sketches are made of important details. There were only 22 days throughout the whole year in which this part of the work could not be done more or less completely.
S. Sunspot spectra.-Observations of the spectra of sunspots were made on 227 days. This does not represent the whole number of dars on which such work was possible since there were a good many days throughout the year ou which there was no spot risible which was large enough for the work. This work, during the first eleven months of the year, was carried on with the grating spectroscope described in last report ; since then it has been done with the Evershed spectroscope attached to the 6 -inch Cooke equatorial. Whenever a spot is large enough for this work the spectrum between $D$ and $F$ is studied and some 12 of the most widened lines are selected betreen D and b and other 12 between b and F . An estimate of the amount of widening is made in each case. Such an estimate is, of course, only a rough one, but it is better than no estimate at all, and with lengthened experience on the part of the observers it is likely to get more and more trustworthy. When time is available and the sky good after the other routine work has been finished a record is made of all widened lines between C and F . All spots, except the very minute ones, are examined as regards the behaviour of hydrogen and belium. For the former the examination is made either in the C or in the F line and for the latter in $\mathrm{D}_{3}$. Where the displacements are large the amounts are recorded, and where changes are taking place rapidly a continuous examination is kept up for as long as is necessary. The wave-lengths of all the widened lines observed are at once determined by reference to Rowland's map and Rowland's Preliminary Table of Wave-lengths.
8. Prominences.-Prominences were observed on 251 days, but on 21 of these clouds came up before the whole limb had been examined. The record of prominences is made round the dise on which the spots and faculae have been projected, and these dises form a very convenient index of the condition of the sun day by day. The general form is sketched as accurately as possible and the heights of all large prominences are measured and recordel. Notes are also made of bright lines seen in the speetra and of any displacements ubserved in the $C$ line. When the prominences show rapid changes of form several sketches are usually made at short intervals.
9. Spectrohelicgrams. The work with the spectroheliograph was largely preliminary, but by the close of the year the chief difficulties connected with the use of the instrument had been overcome and fair or good negatives were being got regularly. There has, unfortunatelr, been some difficulty in getting a supply of suitable photographic plates, since the size required ( 5 inches by 4 inches) is one rarely used in this country. This has hampered the work considerably, but it is only a temporary difficulty and an ample supply of plates is expected shortly. Spectroheliograms good enough for preserving were obtained ou 22 days; only one was obtained in November owing to the absence of the Director during most of the munth, but during December one or more was obtained on every possible day. Photographs of the dise and prominences are usnally taken on the same plate by a double exposure, with and without the shield. Some very good prominence photographs have been obtained and a number of plates have been compared with the sketches made by the assistants with the spectroscope. The agreement was very satisfactory. The scale of the photographis is, however, hardly large enough to do justice to the prominences and.
for the present the work of sketching the prominences at the spectroscope will be continued．When the enlarging lens is received it may be possible to do the whole work photographically．

## Summary of Results．

11．Sunspots．－There was a marked but by no means uniform increase in the number of spots over the previous years．The following were the monthly numbers for the year：－

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| New groups ．．．．．． | 13 | 11 | 22 | 19 | 26 | 12 | 15 | 24 | 17 | 21 | 29 | 30 | 239 |
| Mean daily number of groups | $3 \cdot 2$ | $2 \cdot 3$ | $4 \cdot 1$ | 3.8 | $4 \cdot 2$ | $3 \cdot 1$ | $3 \cdot 6$ | $4 \cdot 1$ | 2.7 | $4 \cdot 2$ | $4 \cdot 0$ | $2 \cdot 0$ | 3－7 |

The sun has not been free from spots since 1903 September 23 ，but there were a number of days during 1904 on which only one group was visible，viz．，on January 30 and 31，February 1，4，17，18，March 13，June 2，September 5，6，16，17，Nov－ ember 9 and December 29．On the other hand six or more groups were visible at the same time on January 1，March 8，19，21，24，25，26，29，30，31，May 6，11，12，13， 16，July 16，20，21，26，September 24，October 11，Norember 2，6，19，27，29，30， December 8 to 17 and 22．On December 13 no fewer than eleven groups were visible at once．

The distribution of spots between the two hemispheres was far from uniform，for in most months the northern spot groups have exceeded the southern both in number and in importance．Of the 238 new groups recorded 133 were in the northern and 105 in the southern hemisphere．During the year spots appeared in the northern hemisphere between latitude $5^{\circ}$ and latitude $38^{\circ}$ and in the southern between latitude $3^{\circ}$ and latitude $32^{\circ}$ ，but the great majority in both hemispheres had latitudes of between $10^{\circ}$ and $25^{\circ}$ ．

The most important spot groups visible during the year were the following：－
No．209，visible from January 13 to January 24.
No．221，visible from February 5 to February 16，was a very fine and active group；it showed many changes while under observation，and the hydrogen lines in and near it were frequently reversed and distorted．
No．229，visible from March 2 to March 7.
No．237，visible from March 15 to March 27，was chiefly notable for the large size of the chief spot．
No．254，visible from April 8 to April 21，was preceded and followed by a very large area of faculæ，and a fine group of prominences was seen elose to the spot on the 21st．
No．266，visible from April 21 to May 3，was also preceded by a large area of faculæ，and prominences of considerable size appeared near it on the 21st， 22nd and 23 rd ．
No．314，visible from July 16 to July 27，was seen first as a large leader and a number of small spots following．The leader continued to increase in size as it crossed the disc，while the followers disappeared one after another．
No．339，visible from August 22 to September 2，was a large scattered group and was followed at short intervals by three other very similar groups in almost the same latitude（ $14^{\circ}$ to $21^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$ ）．
No．354，visible from September 18 to September 25，appeared first as a small spot far from the limb in latitude $18^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$ and rapidly developed into a considerable group．

No. 356, visible from September 23 to September 27, appeared first as four or five minute dots a little to the east of No. 354 and in latitude $23^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$ and by the following day had developed into an important group showing much disturbance.
No. 376, visible from October 24 to November 2, was another example of a group which developed rapidly from a very small beginning. At its maximum it covered nearly $18^{\circ}$ of longitude and $6^{\circ}$ of latitude. The $\mathbf{C}$ line was frequently seen reversed in and near it.
The series of groups, $413,414,416,417,418,419,420$, all visible at the same time in the northern hemisphere in mid December, formed a nearly complete belt across the sun.
12. Spot spectra.-Owing to the very large number of observing days it has not been possible fully to reduce the spectroscopic observations and no useful summary of them can yet be given. The work is well in hand and will be completed as soon as possible.
13. Prominences.-Complete observations of the sun's limb for prominences were not begun till the middle of February and the following list is complete only after February 21. The list contains only a small proportion of the prominences recorded as it has been restricted to those which attained a height of a minute or more, or covered $5^{3}$ or more of the limb, or were eruptive and showed either displacements in the C line or bright metallic lines. The heights given do not claim to be within less than $10^{\prime \prime}$.

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| 23rd | " | " |  | 8 -30. |  | - 47 W. .. |  | - | 96 |  |
|  | " |  |  | 8-45. |  | - 32 W. .. |  | . | 89 |  |
| 24th | " | $"$ | $\cdots$ | 8-30. |  | - 32 T. |  | . | 60 |  |
| 25 th | " | " | $\cdots$ | 11-35. |  | -36 W. .. | . | . | 120 |  |
| 28ih | 12 | " | . | 9-40. |  | - 43 W. .. | - | . | 72 |  |
| $29 t h$ | " | $\cdots$ | . | 10-17. |  | - 38 W. .. | . | .. | 83 |  |
|  | $7{ }^{7}$ th March |  |  |  | 10-53. |  | - it E. . |  | . | 70 |  |
|  |  |  | " | $\cdots$ | 9- 0. |  | - 70 E. .. |  | . | 60 |  |
| 16th | " | " | - | 9-31. |  | - 4 S E. .. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 72 |  |
| 23 rd | " | " | $\cdots$ | 10-22. |  | - 4 W. . | . | $\cdot \cdot$ | 60 |  |
| 24th | , | , | $\cdots$ | 10-34. |  | + ${ }^{13} \mathbf{3} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{W}$. | . | $\cdots$ | 72 |  |
| 2fth | ". | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | - |  | - $35 \mathrm{~W} . .$. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 60 |  |
| 27 h | " |  | . | 0-9. |  | - 5 W. | . | $\cdots$ | 77 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 10-0. |  | + 40 E. .. |  | .. | 65 |  |
| ${ }_{4}{ }_{\text {rid }}$ April |  |  |  | 10-56. |  | + 29 E. ${ }^{29}+\ddot{5} 4 \mathrm{E}$. | . | .. | 60 |  |
|  |  |  | .. | 10-0. |  | - $40 \mathrm{~m} . .$. | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | 85 | A nuraber of short jews. |
| 7th | $\cdots$ |  | .. | 9-55. |  | -60 E. .. | .. | $\cdots$ | 96 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 10-5. |  | t 4 E. . | . | .. | 60 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 10-15. |  | + 54 E. |  | $\cdots$ | 96 |  |
| 10 lh | $\because$ | " | . | 9-2\%. |  | -64 W. .. |  | . | 60 |  |
| 13th | $\because$ | " | $\cdots$ | $8-80$. 9.50. |  | - 66 w. | $\cdots$ | .. | 72 |  |
|  | . | " | . | 10-84. |  | $\text { F }{ }^{66} \text { W. ... }$ |  | $\because$ | 96 66 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | + 11 W. .. |  | .. | 84 | Fnint. |
| $\begin{aligned} & 15 \mathrm{th} \\ & 28 t h \end{aligned}$ | $\cdots$ | * | $\cdots$ | 10-3.3. |  | + 31 W. . | - | .. | 75 |  |
|  | * | " | - | 8-10. |  | + 39 E. ${ }^{\text {¢ }}$. | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | 84 |  |
| 20\%h | $\cdots$ | * | -• | 8 -3.5. |  | - 78 E. |  |  | 86 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 10-0. |  | - 59 W. .. | .. | .. | 60 |  |
| 21at | , | - | $\cdots$ | 9-30. |  | - 9 W. .. | $\cdots$ | .. | 60 |  |
| 23 nd | " | " | . | 9-45. |  | + 36 W . .. | $\cdots$ | .. | 60 |  |
| 23 rd | * | " | .. | 10-30. |  | - 39 W. .. | .. | $\cdots$ | 72 |  |
| 26 th | $\stackrel{ }{\square}$ | " | $\cdots$ | 9.45. |  | +28 E. . |  | .. | 96 |  |
|  | " | " | . ${ }^{\prime}$ | 10-12. |  | - 28 W. . | .. | . | 60 |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\cdots$ |  | - 22 W. | .. | .. | 60 |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\because$ |  | + 89 W. . |  | . | 84 |  |
| 27th | * |  | ! | $\ddot{10-45 .}$ |  | +62 W. ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 100 |  |
|  | " |  | $\cdots$ | 10-4. |  |  |  |  | 75 | Fraint pyramid detached from ehromo sphere. |
| 284 | " | " | $\cdots$ | 1-0. |  | + 66 w. ${ }^{\text {+ }}$ | $\cdots$ |  | 72 72 | Joined at top. |
| 29th | " | : | ..' | 10-6. |  | +51 E. .. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 108 | A number of tall stems, tops of some of them hanging down on one side. |
| 30th |  | " | $\cdots$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11-0 . \\ & 12-0 \end{aligned}$ |  | - 26 W. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\begin{aligned} & 84 \\ & 88 \end{aligned}$ | Pyramid. |



* A number of bright streaks were first seen at 9 hours 50 minutes tretween position angles $275^{\circ}$ and $282^{\circ}$. Within 10 minutes a terrace-like prominence had formed at P. A. 285 of about $66^{n}$ in height and from this an orerhanging areh stretched out to another broad eruptive jet at P, A. 275. This jet ahowed diaplaoement in $C$ to as muoh as $\lambda 3.5$ to red end. There were seen very'many bright metallic lines in the prominenee of which $D_{1}, D_{2}, b_{1}, b_{2,}, b_{31}, 5,014 \cdot 457,6,678 \cdot 235$ were the most important.




## (b) Other Observations.

14. Time.-Time is determined with the transit instrument when required, preferably by observations of stars but occasionally by the sun. Unlike the experience of last year, no difficulty has been experienced in getting as many observations as were required, but as no work is in progress here for which very accurate time is required only such observations are made as are necessary for rating the clocks and for keeping the assistants in practice. The 4. p.M. signal which is sent daily over all the Indian telegraph lines from the Madras Observatory is transmitted direct to Kodaikanal and is received 0 on the Fuess chronograph. A direet comparison is thus made daily between the Madras and Kodaikanal clocks. During the time that the transit building was under repair the time received from Madras was accepted as the standard for rating the cloeks and chronometers.

During the season a time signal was given daily to the station by means of a flag signal. The flag was "broken" at 10 a.m. and hauled down at 10 hours 10 minutes. This signal was much appreciated.
15. Meteorology.-Meteorological observations have been carried on as in former years; no change was made either in the instruments or in the methods of observing.

The year was a distinctly abnormal one in several respects, but especially in the low rainfall. The fall for the year was only 46.62 inches falling on 86 days as against an average of about 64 inches falling on 180 days. In November, when a fall of about 10 inches is due, less than a tenth of an inch fell. On the other hand thunderstorms, many of them accompanied by hail, were very numerous during March, April'and May. There was 5 per cent. less cloud than for the mean of the previous four years while the number of hours of bright sunshine was in considerable excess of the mean. The average wind direction was one point more northerly than in any of the other years for which a record exists, and the average daily velocity was 343 miles. The highest wind record for a day was 824 miles on June 7 th, and for the
whole of June the average daily velocity was 552 miles. The highest shade temperature recorded was $77^{\circ} .3$ on April 6 th and the lowest $39^{\circ .9}$ on January 7 th. The grass. minimum fell to $23^{\circ} \cdot 4$ on February 1. As usual, the humidity fell very low on some occasions in January, February, March, November, and December.
16. Seismology.-The Milne horizontal pendulum Seismograph was in use throughout the year. In February it was thoroughly cleaned and glass plates were placed under the three levelling screws, as suggested to the Director by Professor Milne. This has made the adjustments much simpler. One case containing the supply of bromide paper for three months was lost in the wreck of the S.S. Den of Seaton and the packet sent to replace it was lost on the railway for six weeks. The following quarter's supply was happily received just two days before the exhaustion of all the paper that could be obtained in India by borrowing from Bombay and Calcutta.
17. Library.-In addition to books and periodicals purchased about 500 books and pamphlets were receive $\hat{u}$ as exchanges. The library also received 103 sheets of the Greenwich Astrographic Chart and 79 sheets of the French Carte Photographique $d u$ Ciel. One hundred and forty-one volumes were bound during the year..
18. Pablication.-The first Bulletin of the Observatory is in type and will soon be distributed.
19. General.-The Director inspected the Madras Observatory in November. The Periyakulam Observatory was inspected by the Director in November and by the first assistant in August. The whole of the staft has worked well during the year and the acting first and second assistants deserve special mention for the energy which they have displayed, and the interest which they have shown in their work.

The advantages of co-operation in astronomical work are so evident that it is. almost unnecessary to state that this observatnry has welcomed the proposals put forward by Professor Hale for co-operation in Solar research, and has undertaken to do as much as possible to help forward the work. Though the scheme is still only in course of elaboration it may not be out of place to state that, in the opinion of the Director, the fundamental principle laid down by Professor Hale is the only one on which such co-operation can ever be a success-unity of purpose with perfect freedom in execution to the individuals taking part in the work.

Eodarkáyal,<br>1st February 1905.<br>C. MICHIE SMITH,<br>Director, Kodaikánal and Madras Observatories.

## II. REPORT OF THE MADRAS OBSERTATORY FOR THE YEAR 1904.

Staff.-The First Assistant, Mr. M. G. Subrahmanyam, was deputed to act as Third Assistant at the Solar Physics Ohservatory, Kodaikanal, on the 12th of June, and Mr. C. Chengalvaraya Mudaliar, of the Meteorological office, was appointed to act in his place.

Mr. Solomon Pillai, the Computer, took one month's privilege leare from the 9 th May, and the Acting First Assistant tool privilege leaye from Ist November to Loth December.
2. Time Service,-The astronomical observations made during the year were, as usual, solely directed tio time determinations. For this the transits of 503 clock stars and 98 azimuth stars were abservid, and 98 determinations of level and collimation were made. During the latte: part of the year transits of the sun were observed occasionally in order to check the rate of the clock when cloud or unfarour. able weather prevented the regular stcr observations from being made.

In addition to these observations, special observations were made every night from the End to the 8th Mareh by Mr. Solomon Pillai to determine the clock rate, in connection with the pendulum observations then being made at the Observatory by Major Lenox-Conyngham, R.E., of $\operatorname{tl}_{\theta}$ G.T. Survey of India.

One change was made during $t^{\prime}$ ie year in the system of time signals sent from the Observatory. The Director suggested that in the 4 P.M. roll the signal at the 60 th second should be omitted at the end of the 1 st and 2 nd minutes, while the last signal of all, at the end of the third minute, i.e., at 4 P.N., should be given by the clock alone and not by hand and the clock as hitherto. This change was effected on the 2nd of May, and I understand that the roll is much improved in consequence, identification of the signals when the spacing is imperfect is easier, and the last signal is much clearer.

The time gun at the Forf was fired correctly at noon and at 8 p.m. on 688 occasions out of 732 , giving a prcentage of successes of $94 \cdot 0$. This result is not satisfactory: Out of 44 failures, 16 occurred in October and November. These and many of the other failures were ultimately traced to defective earth at the Observatory. The earth-wire here is led into and buried in an old well and has always proved gaod hitherto. Owing, however, to the unprecedented deficiency in rainfall ap to the end of November of the year under report, the well dried up, the earth connection became defective and the current becarne too wealk to actuate the firing apparatus. A new earth-wire was put in by the Telegraph authorities in December and all trouble arising from this cause has ceased.

The time ball at the Port office was dropped correctly on all except two occasions. On one of these it was dropped correctly at 2 p.r. ; on the other occasion it failed at 2 p.M.
3. Meteorological Observations.-Meteorological observations were made as in former years, namely, at $8 \mathrm{hr} ., 10 \mathrm{hr}$., 16 hr . and 20 hr . The observations of 10 hr . and 16 hr . were reduced and sent to the office of the Meteorological Reporter to the Government of India, Calcutta, every month, together with the record of movements of the clouds observed by means of the nephescope. Besides the ordinary daily weather messages special storm observations were called for and supplied to (i) Simla on four occasions, and (ii) Calcutta on the following dates:-January 9; May 7, 23,26 ; October 8, 9, 14-16, 19; November 16, 20-22; December 4, 5, 18-21.

The tabulation of the traces "of the barograph, thermograph, and anemograph at Madras and of the anemograph at Dodabetta have been brought up to date.
4. Buildings.-Some repairs to the buildings are urgently required. A full list of these with details has been given to the officer depated by the Consulting Architect to Government to examine and report on them. Work had, however, not commenced at the end of the year. The dome sheltering the 8 -inch equatorial will probably have to be replaced before long as it is very old and in an indifferent state of repair.
5. Instruments.-All the instruments are in good order except the transit clock by Dent. The rate of this clock has not been satisfactory, and were it not for the two Kullberg chronometers, which have been behaving very well, there would have been, on occasions, more uncertainty about the time than is at all desirable.
6. Weather Summary.-The following is a summary of the meteorological and weather conditions at Madras during the year 1904:-

Pressure was above normal in February and from September to December, and below normal during the remaining months of the year: the greatest excess was $0 \cdot 051$ inch in November, and the greatest defect $1 \cdot 045$ inch in April. The highest daily mean pressure was 30.212 inches on December 31st and the lowest 29.522 inches on June 19th.

Temperature.-The mean temperature of the air was above the average in all months except February, March, and May. The greatest excess was $2^{\circ} \cdot 1$ in June and the greatest deficiency $I^{\circ}(0$ in February. The maximum temperature in the shade was above normal in all months except January, February, March, and May. The minimum in the shade and the grass minimum were abcve the average in January, April, June, August, September, and December and below normal during the remaining six months. The highest maximum temperature recorded vas $103^{\circ} .5$ on June 3rd and the lowest minimum was $61^{\circ} \cdot 2$ on February 1st. The greatest "solar heat in vacuo" was $161^{\circ} \cdot 2$ on September 1之th.

Eumidity.--Humidity was above the average duing the year except in June and from dugust to December. The driest day was No, vember 5 th when it was only 27 per cent.

Rainfull.-The rainfall was rery much bedow the average in all months except July, the greatest defect being 13.01 inches in Nevembiar. The monsoon rainfall from October 15 th to the end of the year was only 5.11 iyches against an average of 26 inches. The rainfall for the whole year was on ${ }^{1} 5 \cdot 0 \cdot 64$ inches on 79 days- 28.38 inches below the average. The rainfall in Novembir $(0.20$ inch) was the lowest ever recorded at Madras since 1815. In November 18. $8^{i}$ the fall was 0.90 inch and in November 1832 it was 0.41 inch. The greatest fal in one day was 1.64 inches on September 20th.

Winds.-The direction of the wind differed little from the normal except in June when it was 3 points more westerly and in October when it was 3 points more northerly than usual. The daily velocity was above dormal in January, A pril, June, and December and below normal daring the rest of the year. The greatest velocity for any day was 365 miles on December 20th.

Cloud.-The amount of cloud was below the average in all months except January, May, June, and December. In November it was 27 per cent. less than the average.

Surshine.-The percentage of bright sunshine was above normal in July, August, September, and November and below the average during the rest of the year. There were $2,365 \cdot 8$ hours of bright sunshine during the year, which was 53.5 per cent. of the possible maximum.

Storms.-No storm crossed the Madras coast. One storm formed in the Bay to the east of Madras in November, but it took a north-easterly course, ultimately erossed the Arakan coast and drew the rain into Bengal and Burma.
7. The following is the list of the publications in store at the Observatory on the 31st December 1904 :--

|  | Number of copies. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Madras Astronomi | Wrapper. | Bound. |
| 2. Madras Astronomical Observations in 1832-33 | 10 | 2 |
| $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 3. } & \text { Do. } & \text { do. in 1834-35 } \\ \text { 3. } & \text { do. }\end{array}$ | 12 | 3 |
| $\begin{array}{llll}\text { 4. Do. } & \text { do. in 1836-37 }\end{array}$ | 23 | 3 |
| 5. Madras Solay, Lunar and Planetary Observations, 1831 to 1847 | 22 | 3 |
| 6. Madras Astronomical Observations (Jacob's), 1848 to | 8 | 3 |
| 7. Madras Meteorological Observations, $1 \ddot{8} 22-1 \ddot{843}$ | 10 | 1 |
| 8. Do. Hourly Magnetical Observations, 1846-1850. | 24 | -• |



## Appendix I.

Kodaikáxal Observatory seismological records.


Kodaikánal Observatory seiemological records-cont.


## Appendix II.


Appendix III.

Appendix IV.
Kodaikínal.-Maen hourly bright sunshine for the year 1904.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Month. | 最 67. | 7.8. | 8.9. | 9-10. | 10.11. | 11-12. | 12-13. | 18-14. | 14-16. | 15-16. | 10-17. | 17-18. | Remarks. |
| Jannary .. | 0.05 | 0.52 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.63 | 0.88 | 0.65 | 0.68 | 0.62 | 0.54 | 0.31 | 0.04 | The total number of hours of |
| Fobruary .. .. | 18 | ${ }^{81}$ | ${ }^{89}$ | . 90 | .90 | .86 | 79 | $\cdot 77$ | .72 | 71 | -60 | $\cdot 18$ | wai 2,0999 or 48 per oent. of the maximuna possible. |
| March .. | :6 | 95 | -99 | 1.00 | -98 | . 92 | . 83 | 78 | -63 | . 58 | $\cdot 61$ | 25 |  |
| April .. .. | $\cdot 26$ | 81 | 94 | -9t | 92 | -86 | 74 | . 58 | -50 | $\cdot 41$ | '29 | 17 |  |
| May .. .. | .23 | . 69 | ${ }^{67}$ | ${ }^{6} 9$ | -69 | $\cdot 61$ | - 51 | ${ }^{35}$ | . 29 | -23 | 25 | $\cdot 12$ |  |
| June .. .. | .03 | $\cdot 19$ | $\cdot 24$ | -28 | $\cdot 32$ | 24 | 24 | $\cdot 26$ | 22 | $\cdot 13$ | .08 | . 04 |  |
| July .. .. .. | $\cdot 11$ | $\cdot 34$ | 4 | . 56 | 48 | 41 | -30 | . 27 | $\cdot 31$ | $\cdot 22$ | $\cdot 17$ | . 05 |  |
| Augut .. .. | $\cdot 30$ | . 65 | . 75 | . 68 | $\cdot 63$ | . 50 | $\cdot 47$ | $\cdot 30$ | $\cdot 31$ | 26 | $\cdot 21$ | .05 |  |
| September .. .. | $\cdot 23$ | - 57 | 75 | ${ }^{69}$ | .63 | -9 | . 38 | -34 | . 26 | $\cdot 27$ | -19 | -07 |  |
| Ootober .. | $\cdot 11$ | . 54 | - 89 | ${ }^{64}$ | ${ }^{6}$ | -59 | .65 | $\cdot 36$ | .29 | $\cdot 25$ | 24 | . 01 |  |
| November .. .. | 09 | . 80 | .90 | .92 | $\cdot 87$ | 78 | 75 | $\cdot 61$ | $\cdot 60$ | $\cdot 44$ | . 30 | .03 |  |
| Dooember .. | .02 | $\cdot 45$ | . 67 | $\cdot 66$ | 70 | -68 | . 87 | .50 | ${ }^{5} 5$ | $\cdot 37$ | 27 | . 04 |  |
| Total .. | 1.77 | $7 \cdot 22$ | 8.38 | 8.68 | ${ }^{8.38}$ | 7.72 | 6.97 | 5.82 | 5.29 | 4.41 | 3.42 | 1.00 |  |
| Mean .. | 0.15 | 0.60 | 0.70 | 0.72 | 0.70 | 0.84 | 0.68 | 0.48 | 0.44 | 0.37 | 0.28 | 0.08 |  |

## Appendix $V$.

Kodatránal Oeqervatory.-Number of days in each month on which the Nilgiris were visible.

Appendix VI.


## Appendix VII.

Abstract of the mean meteorological condition of Madras in the year 1904 compared with the average of past years.


Doration and quantity of the wind from different points.

| From | Hours. | Miles. | From | Hours. | Miles. | From | Hoars. | Miİes. | From | Hours. | Miles. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| North | 54 | 500 | East | 203 | 1,000 | South | 115 | 914 | West. .. | 254 | 2,443 |
| N. by E. .. | 191 | 1,160 | E. by B. .. | 258 | 1,309 | S. by W... | 182 | 1,314 | W. by N... | 220 | 1,807 |
| N.N.E. | 269 | 1,838 | E.S.E. | 167 | 873 | S.S.W. | 185 | 1,268 | W.N.W. | 111 | 893 |
| T.E. by N.. | 609 | 4,544 | S.E. by E. | 351 | 1,921 | S.W. by S . | 230 | 1,418 | N.W.by W. | 82 | 661 |
| N.E. | 643 | 4,431 | S.E. | 382 | 2,194 | S.W. | 130 | 966 | N.W. | 44 | 285 |
| N.E. by E. | 481 | 3,739 | S.E. by S. | 1,070 | 7,950 | S.W. by W. | 262 | 1,873 | N.W.by N. | 66 | 377 |
| E.N.E. | 217 | 1,520 | B.S.E. | 415 | 3,449 | W.S.W | 265 | 2,063 | N.N.W. | 65 | 419 |
| E. by N. | 217 | 1,341 | S. by E. .. | 200 | 1,597 | W.by S... | 468 | 4,026 | N. by W... | 105 | 938 |

There were 273 calm hours during the year. The resultant corresponding to the above numbers is represented by a S.E. wind, blowing with a uniform daily velocity of 32 milea.
Appendix VIII.

Appendix IX.
Madras Observatory.-Number of miles of wind from each point in the year 1904.

Appendix X.


## Appendix XI.

Madras Obsbrvatory. - Wind, cloud and bright sunshine.

Appendix XII.

Appendix XIII.

| Abnormals of |  |  |  | January. | February. | March. | April. | May. | June. | July. | August. | September. | Ootober. | November. | December. | Annual. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reduced atmogpherio pressure | . | . | . | -0.002 | $+0 \cdot 006$ | $-0.012$ | $-0.045$ | $-0.001$ | Same as | -0.011 | $-0.003$ | $+0.018$ | + 0.005 | $+0.051$ | +0.034 | +0.004 |
| Temperature of air .. | -• | $\cdots$ | .. | +0.7 | $-1.0$ | $-0.8$ | + 0.6 | $-0.8$ | + 2.1 | Same as | + 1.7 | + 1.5 | $+1 \cdot 1$ | $+1.5$ | $+0.6$ | $+0.6$ |
| Do. of evaporation | $\cdots$ | -• | . | +1.8 | -0.4 | $-0.3$ | $+1 \cdot 3$ | + 0.4 | $-0.4$ | $+0.4$ | $+0.7$ | $-0.1$ | $+0.7$ | $-1.8$ | $-0.8$ | $+0.1$ |
| Pereentage of humidity | . | -• | .. | $+5$ | +3 | +2 | $+3$ | + 4 | $-7$ | + 2 | $-3$ | - 5 | Same as | -13 | - 5 | $-1$ |
| Greatest solar heat in vacuo .. | . | . | . | $-6.8$ | -8.2 | $-5 \cdot 6$ | $-17$ | $-5.0$ | + 1.3 | $-4.0$ | $-2.2$ | + $2 \cdot 2$ | $-3.3$ | $+1.6$ | -4.9 | -3.1 |
| Maximum in shade .. | . | .. |  | - 1.6 | $-2.2$ | $-1.0$ | +1.5 | $-1.0$ | $+1.5$ | + $0 \cdot 4$ | $+2 \cdot 3$ | + $2 \cdot 5$ | + 1.2 | + 4.4 | $+0.1$ | $+0.6$ |
| Minimum in blade .. | $\cdots$ | -' | . | $+1.7$ | $-13$ | $-2 \cdot 1$ | $+0.6$ | - $1 \cdot 4$ | +1.7 | $-0.6$ | +1.0 | +0.1 | $-0.5$ | - 30 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Do. on grass .. | . | .. | . | $+2.5$ | $-1.2$ | $-2.2$ | $+1.1$ | $-0.8$ | $+2 \cdot 1$ | $-0.3$ | $+0.7$ | $+0.7$ | $-0.2$ | $-3 \cdot 1$ | $+1 \cdot 2$ | $+0.1$ |
| Rainfall in inohes .. | . | . | . | +0.11 | $-0.28$ | $-0.39$ | $-0.62$ | - 1.20 | $-1.50$ | $+2 \cdot 31$ | -2.01 | $-1.18$ | $-8.67$ | -13.01 | - 1.94 | - |
| Do. since Janaary |  | -• | . | - | $-0.17$ | $-0.56$ | - i•18 | - $2 \cdot 38$ | $-3.88$ | $-1.57$ | $-3.58$ | - 4.76 | $-13 \cdot 43$ | $-26.44$ | $-28.38$ | - 28.38 |
| General direotion of wind . | -• | -• | . | 1 point E . | Same as | Same as | 1 point S . | 1 point E. | 3 points W. | Same as | Same as | Same as | 3 pointa N . | 1 point E. | 1 point E. | Same ns |
| Daily velocity in milos . | . | $\cdots$ | . | +17 | -9 | -23 | +9 | - 44 | +1 | -14 | - 13 | - 1 | -15 | $-1$ | $+35$ | - 5 |
| Percentage of cloudy Aky | - | . | . | +3 | $\cdots 3$ | -12 | - 7 | + 2 | +5 | - 6 | -- ${ }^{\text {9 }}$ | $-10$ | -7 | -27 | $+3$ | -6 |
| Do. of bright sunshine | - | - |  | $-14.8$ | -8.4 | $\pm 5.9$ | $-7 \cdot 3$ | $-16.2$ | $-16.0$ | + $2 \cdot 1$ | + 13 | +5.6 | $-1.1$ | $+17.1$ | - 77 | - 4.9 |

+ maans above normal,

