

No doubt the authors would themselves agree that this work does not tell the whole story either of the gland's normal activities so far as size is concerned, nor of the factors which cause it to depart from a normal size; but as an attempt to introduce order into the chaos which surrounds the subject of goitre, this *Memoir* is a notable achievement and an important contribution to Biometric as well as to Medical Science.

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In a small pamphlet received by the last mail, Lt.-Col. J. Stephenson gives '*A Short Historical Survey of the Annals and Magazine of Natural History from 1828 to 1932.*' This historical sketch of one of the foremost zoological journals is of special interest, for it directs our attention to its chequered career since its inception in May 1828, to the illustrious contributors to its pages and to the great and noble rôle it has played in the development of human thought and in the dissemination of knowledge concerning

Natural History subjects. The scope of the *Annals* was very wide in the beginning as it included Zoology, Botany, Mineralogy and Meteorology, but soon after 1878 the journal came to consist, as at present, of Zoology and Palæontology. In later years when the scope of Zoology became wider and specialization became necessary for the different branches of this science, other journals sprang up so that the scope of the *Annals* came to be largely restricted to Systematic Zoology (including Palæontology). Systematic Zoology forms the bed-rock on which all other zoological research ultimately rests, and the *Annals* in its present rôle is a storehouse of this essential knowledge. It is gratifying, therefore, that the Publishers, Messrs. Taylor and Francis, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, London, E. C. 4, are now offering a limited number of complete sets of *The Annals and Magazine of Natural History* (1838-1931) in 188 volumes at a special price of £210 net.

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Coming Events.

Twentieth Indian Science Congress.

The Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Indian Science Congress will be held in Patna from January 2nd to 7th, 1933.

His Excellency Sir James David Sifton, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., C.I.E., B.A., I.C.S., Governor of Behar and Orissa, has consented to be Patron of the Meeting.

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