

case, there was presumably a great reduction in the soil temperature "as the surface was never warmed up by the sun, whilst evaporation continued its cooling effect increased by the occasional irrigation." A series of soil temperature measurements recorded by Mr. Nautiyal at depths of 3 and 12 inches below the surface gave results in accordance with this conclusion.

The reviewer can confirm this conclusion by his observations on the Beech (*Fagus silvatica*) in central Europe. As a rule, experience with these Forests indicates that the immediate causative factor in Frost damage is not so much the element of temperature as of *dryness*. It is to be hoped that Mr. Nautiyal will continue his researches in this direction also.

The Author says (p. 5) that the "same Centigrade thermometer was used in recording temperatures". Since there was a set of six readings for each measurement, and since, obviously, there must be the lapse of an interval for the thermometer to correctly record the temperatures, the method admits of a small error in that the temperatures are not taken at exactly the same time. This, of course, could easily be avoided by having six calibrated thermometers to simultaneously take the readings. The record of 40° F. (p. 2) is rather discordant in a scientific paper wherein all other temperatures are reckoned on the Centigrade scale.

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Francis Amory Septennial Prize.

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In case there is work of a quality to warrant it, the first award will be made in 1940. The total amount of the award will exceed ten thousand dollars, and may be given in one or more awards. It rests solely within the discretion of the Academy whether an award shall be made at the end of any given seven-year period and also whether on any occasion the prize shall be awarded to more than a single individual.

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