

REVIEW.

GROUND WATER. By C. F. **TOLMAN.** pp. xvii + 593, with 189 text-figures. New York and London: McGraw Hill Company, 1937. Price 36s.

IT is scarcely necessary to enlarge on the importance of the scientific study of ground-water, or sub-surface water, from many points of view, and it is somewhat surprising to find, as stated in the preface, that this work is the first treatise in English entirely devoted to the subject. The author is Professor of Economic Geology at Leland Stanford Junior University, and the subject of it is of course of immense importance in the Western States, where prosperity or even existence depends on water supply. The outlook is therefore frankly American and shows the usual American thoroughness in matters of economic geology. In that country both floods and droughts have of late attracted much attention to water problems and the same is true of England, on its appropriate scale. Hence the thorough and systematic treatment of the subject in this book cannot fail to find their application also in this country and in the numerous dry areas of our Dominions, Colonies, and Protectorates.

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The idea of forming the Association for the Study of Snow and Ice originated from the desire of the British members of the International Commissions on Snow and on Glaciers respectively to establish in this country a permanent body to encourage research on the practical and scientific problems of snow and ice, and generally to stimulate interest in the subject. Several meetings have taken place, and the Association can now be said to be well established. Meetings are held every three months for the purpose of reading and discussing papers, and reports of these are circulated to members. In addition, individual members are engaged on practical work and researches of various kinds.

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