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BOOKS RECEIVED.

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Electric Traction. By A. T. Dover. Pp. xviii+667+illustrations and folding plates. (London: Whittaker and Co.) 18s. net.

Herbs Used in Medicine. (First Series.) With descriptive and explanatory notes by Mrs. J. D. Ellis. Pp. 32. (London: National Herb-growing Association.) 3s.

Clothing and Health. By Prof. H. Kinne and A. M. Cooley. Pp. vii+302. (New York: The Macmillan Co.; London: Macmillan and Co., Ltd.) 3s. net.

The Pruning-Manual: Being the Eighteenth Edition of the Pruning-Book. By L. H. Bailey. Pp. xiii+407. (New York: The Macmillan Co.; London: Macmillan and Co., Ltd.) 8s. 6d. net.

The Passing of the Great Race: or The Racial Basis of European History. By M. Grant. Pp. xxi+232. (London: G. Bell and Sons, Ltd.) 8s. 6d. net.

On Growth and Form. By D'Arcy W. Thompson. Pp. xv+793. (Cambridge: At the University Press.) 21s. net.

The Method of Enzyme Action. By Dr. J. Beatty. Pp. ix+143. (London: J. and A. Churchill.) 5s. net.

Descriptive Catalogue of the Documents Relating to the History of the United States in the Papeles Procedentes de Cuba, deposited in the Archivo General de Indias at Seville. By Prof. R. R. Hill. Pp. 302. (Washington: Carnegie Institution.) 4 dollars

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GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 5.30.—The Morphology and Development of the Ammonite Septum: Prof. H. H. Swinney and A. E. Trueman.
ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 5.—The Diurnal Variation of Atmospheric Pressure at Benson, Oxon., during 1915: E. G. Billham.—Atmospheric Electrical Phenomena during Rain: Lieut. C. D. Stewart.

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MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY, at 5.30.—The Heteranziums of the British Coal Measures: Dr. D. H. Scott.—Hypophysis and Premandibular Cavities; a Suggestion: E. S. Goodrich.—Wooden Scratching Tools made by an African Parrot: Miss N. Layard.
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