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THE present volume contains the annual statements of rainfall published by the various Local Governments for the year 1912 and gives the data of the monthly and annual rainfall of 2,799 stations in India. Symon's rain-gauges were in use at the great majority of stations during the whole of the year, the only important exception being the Mysore rain-gauge stations, which are provided with rain-gauges of local construction. The rainfall is measured at all stations daily at 8 A.M.

It may be noted that these statements are prepared in most cases by local officers appointed by the Provincial Governments, and that they are published in the first place in the Provincial Gazettes. Copies are sent to the India Meteorological Office, Calcutta, which arranges through the India Government Press for their combination into volumes and for their issue to the recipients. The India Meteorological Office is hence not responsible for the accuracy of the data. Great attention is, however, now paid to the correct registration of rainfall in India by the Provincial Governments, and it is believed that the returns are as a whole accurate and reliable.

The tables are arranged according to months and the provinces are arranged in the order adopted in the India Daily Weather Report and the other publications of the Meteorological Department.

They are drawn up in a form which as far as possible explains itself. It should be carefully noted that, although the rainfall is measured to hundredths of an inch, a "rainy day" is assumed to be that on which a tenth of an inch or upwards has fallen, and the figures in the column "Total number of rainy days" and "Normal total number of rainy days" are calculated on this assumption.

It may be noted that the available rainfall data of India were originally collected and tabulated in the Meteorological Office, Calcutta, in the year 1888, and that the average monthly rainfall and number of rainy days in each month were calculated from this tabulated information for all stations for which at least five years' rainfall statistics were available. These averages were used in the tables of the previous volumes of this "Rainfall of India." In 1901 the additional data for the period from 1889 to 1900 were utilized and fresh normals based on the whole of the available data up to the year 1900 were prepared. In the great majority of cases the rainfall data now extend back to 30 or 40 years. The averages obtained in 1901 are utilized in several of the provincial statements.

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