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SOLAR OBSERVATIONS

SOLAR AND SKY RADIATION MEASUREMENTS DURING FEBRUARY, 1926

By HERBERT H. KIMBALL, Solar Radiation Investigations

For a description of instruments and exposures and an account of the method of obtaining and reducing the measurements, the reader is referred to the REVIEW for January, 1924, **52**:42, January, 1925, **53**:29, and July, 1925, **53**:318.

From Table 1 it is seen that solar radiation intensities averaged slightly above February normals at all three stations except for a. m. observations at Lincoln.

Table 2 shows that the total solar and sky radiation received on a horizontal surface averaged below normal for all four weeks at the three stations for which normals have been determined.

No skylight polarization measurements were obtained at Madison, as the ground was covered with snow throughout the month. Measurements made on five days at Washington give a mean of 58 per cent with a maximum of 60 per cent on the 25th. These are close to the February averages for Washington.

TABLE 1.—*Solar radiation intensities during February, 1926*

[Gram-calories per minute per square centimeter of normal surface.]

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date	Sun's zenith distance										
	8 a.m.	78.7°	75.7°	70.7°	60.0°	0.0°	60.0°	70.7°	75.7°	78.7°	Noon
	75th mer. time	Air mass									Local mean solar time
		A. M.					P. M.				
	e.	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	*1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	e.
	mm.	*cal.*	*cal.*	*cal.*	*cal.*	*cal.*	*cal.*	*cal.*	*cal.*	*cal.*	*mm.*
Feb. 5	2.26	0.72	0.87	1.07	1.34	------	1.33	1.20	------	------	2.16
11	1.52	------	------	------	1.07	------	------	------	------	------	1.45
16	1.96	------	0.75	0.93	1.09	------	1.22	0.98	------	------	2.26
17	2.74	0.64	0.79	0.92	1.18	------	------	------	------	------	3.00
20	1.68	0.63	0.84	0.96	1.20	------	------	------	------	------	2.62
23	3.45	------	------	------	------	------	1.38	1.17	0.92	0.80	2.16
24	1.96	0.66	0.82	0.95	1.07	------	------	------	------	------	2.26
26	3.00	0.92	1.00	1.16	1.25	------	------	------	------	------	3.30
Means	------	**0.71**	**0.84**	**1.00**	**1.17**	------	**1.31**	**1.12**	**(0.92)**	**(0.80)**	------
Departures	------	**±0.00**	**+0.03**	**+0.02**	**+0.01**	------	**+0.12**	**+0.15**	**+0.08**	**+0.04**	------