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SOME WEATHER LIBRARIES

The chief collection of weather literature in America is the library of the United States Weather Bureau, in Washington, with upwards of 47,000 books, mainly devoted to meteorology and climatology. Other important libraries of this character are those of the Meteorological Office in Toronto and the Blue Hill Observatory near Boston.

The largest meteorological library in London is that of the Royal Meteorological Society, which contains about 25,000 books and pamphlets. A valuable part of this collection was derived by bequest from the distinguished meteorologist G. J. Symons, who died in 1900, leaving the society upwards of 6,000 books and money to provide for their accommodation. The society acquired by purchase from Mr. Symons' executors a vast card bibliography of meteorology, comprising about 60,000 titles.

The Meteorological Office, also in London, has a library of 22,000 books and pamphlets, and is especially strong in the statistical literature of climate.

Other London libraries containing large collections of meteorological literature are the Science Library in South Kensington and the libraries of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, the Patent Office and the Royal Observatory (Greenwich).

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