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A FAMOUS SOCIETY OF WEATHERMEN

The Royal Meteorological Society, a famous body of professional and amateur meteorologists, is domiciled in England but numbers persons of many nationalities among its fellows. It was founded, as the "British Meteorological Society," in 1850, succeeding an earlier "Meteorological Society of London." It was incorporated by royal charter in 1866, and was granted permission to adopt the prefix "Royal" in 1883.

The society holds monthly meetings in London from November to June and occasional summer meetings at other places. The March meeting takes the form of a lecture by some recognized expert in a branch of science allied to meteorology. The Quarterly Journal of the society is found in scientific libraries throughout the world. Its importance to meteorologists is so great that the United States Weather Bureau maintains more than sixty files of it at as many stations of the Bureau, besides circulating it to other stations. The society also publishes a series of Memoirs, dealing with some of the more recundite branches of meteorology, and a semi-annual bibliography of meteorology.

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