

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS TAKEN  
AT JERUSALEM IN THE YEAR 1901.

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THE numbers in column 1 of this table show the highest reading of the barometer in each month ; of these the highest, as usual, are in the winter, and the lowest in the summer months ; the maximum for the year was 27·722 inches, in January, and the next in order 27·706 inches, in December. The highest reading in the preceding 40 years—viz., 1861 to 1900 inclusive, was 27·816 inches, in December, 1879, and the next in order 27·800 inches, in November, 1870.

In column 2 the lowest reading of the barometer in each month is shown ; the minimum for the year was 27·184 inches, in January, and the next in order 27·210 inches, in July. The lowest reading in the preceding 40 years was 26·860 inches, in March, 1898, and the next in order 26·970 inches, in March, 1896.

The numbers in the 3rd column show the extreme range of readings in each month ; the smallest was 0·122 inch, in September, and the next in order 0·164 inch, in August ; the largest was 0·538 inch, in January, and the next in order 0·481 inch, in December. The mean monthly range for the year was 0·266 inch. The mean for the preceding 40 years was 0·312 inch.

The range of barometer readings in the year was 0·538 inch. The largest range in the preceding 40 years was 0·935 inch, in 1898, and the smallest 0·491 inch, in 1883.

The numbers in the 4th column show the mean monthly pressure of the atmosphere ; the highest was 27·558 inches, in December, and the next in order 27·529 inches in November ; the lowest was 27·301 inches, in July, and the next in order 27·320 inches, in August. The yearly mean pressure was 27·436 inches. The highest mean yearly pressure in the preceding 40 years was 27·442 inches, in 1863, and the lowest 27·357 inches, in 1894. The mean yearly pressure for the 40 years was 27·390 inches.

The temperature of the air reached 91°·5 on March 31st. In the preceding 19 years the earliest day in the year the temperature was 90° was on March 25th, in year 1888 ; in April it reached or exceeded 90° on 2 days ; in May, on 1 day ; in June, on 7 days ; in July, on 8 days ; in August, on 9 days ; and in September, on 1 day—viz.,



the 19th—and this was the last day in the year of a temperature as high as  $90^{\circ}$ . In the preceding 19 years the latest day in the year this temperature reached  $90^{\circ}$  was on October 23rd, in both 1887 and 1898. The temperature reached or exceeded  $90^{\circ}$  on 29 days during the year. In the year 1898 the number of days of this high temperature was 12, and in 1887 was 73, the average for the 19 years was 34. The highest temperature in the year was  $98^{\circ}$  on August 30th; the highest in the preceding 19 years—viz., 1882 to 1900—was  $108^{\circ}\cdot 0$ , in June, 1894.

The temperature of the air was as low or lower than  $40^{\circ}$ , in January, on 15 nights, and in December, on 3 nights. Thus the temperature was as low or lower than  $40^{\circ}$  on only 18 nights during the year. In the year 1900 the number of nights of this low temperature was 18, and in 1894 was 113; the average of the 19 years was 53. The lowest temperature in the year was  $31^{\circ}$ , on January 18th. The lowest in the preceding 19 years was  $25^{\circ}$ , which occurred on two nights—viz., December 31st, 1897, and January 1st, 1898.

The highest temperature of the air in each month is shown in column 5. In January it was  $60^{\circ}\cdot 0$ , being  $0^{\circ}\cdot 1$  above the mean of the 19 high day temperatures in January. The high day temperature was also above its average in February, March, April, June, August, November, and December, and below in the remaining months. The mean for the year was  $86^{\circ}\cdot 7$ , being  $3^{\circ}\cdot 0$  above the average of 19 years.

The lowest temperature of the air in each month is shown in column 6. In January it was  $31^{\circ}\cdot 0$ , being the lowest in the year, and  $0^{\circ}\cdot 5$  below the average of the 19 low night temperatures in January. The low night temperature was above its average in every month from February to December. The mean for the year was  $49^{\circ}\cdot 2$ , being  $4^{\circ}\cdot 6$  above the average of 19 years.

The range of temperature in each month is shown in column 7; these numbers vary from  $29^{\circ}\cdot 0$ , in January, to  $49^{\circ}\cdot 5$ , in both March and April. The mean range for the year was  $37^{\circ}\cdot 0$ , being  $2^{\circ}\cdot 1$  less than the average of 19 years.

The range of temperature in the year was  $67^{\circ}\cdot 0$ . The largest in the preceding 19 years was  $81^{\circ}\cdot 0$ , in 1894, and the smallest  $63^{\circ}\cdot 0$ , in 1901.

The mean of all the high day temperatures in each month is shown in column 8. The lowest was  $50^{\circ}\cdot 2$ , in January, being  $0^{\circ}\cdot 7$

below the average; the highest was  $86^{\circ}1$ , in both July and August, being  $1^{\circ}1$  below the average in July, and  $2^{\circ}1$  below in August. The mean for the year was  $73^{\circ}1$ , or  $1^{\circ}2$  above the average of 19 years.

The mean of all the low night temperatures in each is shown in column 9. The lowest was  $39^{\circ}2$ , in January, being  $0^{\circ}7$  above the average; the highest was  $66^{\circ}7$ , in July, being  $2^{\circ}3$  above the average. The mean for the year was  $55^{\circ}7$ , or  $3^{\circ}0$  above the average of 19 years.

In column 10 the mean daily range of temperature in each month is shown. The smallest was  $11^{\circ}0$ , in January, and the next in order  $12^{\circ}4$ , in December; the greatest was  $21^{\circ}6$ , in June, and the next in order was  $20^{\circ}5$ , in September. The mean for the year was  $17^{\circ}4$ , being  $1^{\circ}8$  less than the average. The smallest ranges in the preceding 19 years were  $9^{\circ}3$ , in January, 1883, and  $9^{\circ}4$ , in December, 1897; the greatest were  $33^{\circ}8$ , in August, 1886, and  $30^{\circ}1$ , in August, 1887. The smallest mean for the year was  $16^{\circ}3$ , in 1900, and the greatest  $24^{\circ}3$ , in 1886.

The mean temperature of the air, as found from the mean of the maximum and minimum temperatures only, is shown in each month in column 11. The lowest was  $44^{\circ}7$ , in January, and the next in order were  $54^{\circ}1$ , in December, and  $57^{\circ}2$ , in February; the highest was  $77^{\circ}4$ , in July, and the next in order were  $76^{\circ}0$ , in August, and  $74^{\circ}4$ , in June. The mean for the year was  $64^{\circ}4$ , being  $2^{\circ}1$  above the average of 19 years. The lowest mean temperatures in the preceding 19 years were  $39^{\circ}8$ , in January, 1890, and  $41^{\circ}1$ , in January, 1898; the highest were  $81^{\circ}2$ , in August, 1890, and  $81^{\circ}1$ , in July, 1888. The highest mean for the year was  $63^{\circ}5$ , in both 1892 and 1900, and the lowest  $60^{\circ}0$ , in 1894.

The numbers in column 12 are the mean readings of a dry-bulb thermometer. If the numbers in column 12 be compared with those in column 11, it will be seen that those in column 12 are a little higher in every month, the difference between the means for the year being  $2^{\circ}5$ ; the mean difference between the mean temperature of the air and that at 9 a.m. for the 19 years was  $3^{\circ}1$ .

For a few days in the winter months the dry and wet bulb thermometers read alike, or nearly so; but in the months from March to August the difference between the readings often exceeded  $15^{\circ}0$ , and was as large as  $25^{\circ}0$  on June 23rd.

The numbers in column 13 show the mean monthly readings of

the wet-bulb thermometer. The smallest differences between these and those of the dry-bulb were  $1^{\circ}3$ , in January,  $4^{\circ}$ , in December, and  $4^{\circ}4$ , in November; the largest were  $13^{\circ}3$ , in July,  $12^{\circ}8$ , in June, and  $9^{\circ}4$ , in April. The mean for the year was  $59^{\circ}5$ , and that of the dry-bulb  $66^{\circ}9$ .

The numbers in column 14 are the mean temperature of the dew-point, or that temperature at which the air would be saturated by the quantity of vapour mixed with it. The smallest difference between these numbers and those in column 12 was  $2^{\circ}8$ , in January, and the next in order were  $7^{\circ}8$ , in December, and  $8^{\circ}1$ , in November. The mean temperature of the dew-point for the year was  $53^{\circ}7$ ; the mean for the 19 years was  $50^{\circ}1$ .

The numbers in column 15 show the elastic force of vapour, or the length of a column of mercury in inches corresponding to the pressure of vapour. The smallest was  $0\cdot276$  inch, in January, and the largest  $0\cdot611$  inch, in September. The mean for the year was  $0\cdot427$  inch; the average for the 19 years was  $0\cdot375$  inch.

In column 16 the weight in grains of the water present in a cubic foot of air is shown. It was as small as  $3\cdot1$  grains, in January, and as large as  $6\cdot6$  grains, in September. The mean for the year was  $4\cdot7$  grains; the average of the 19 years was  $4\cdot1$  grains.

In column 17 the additional quantity of water required to saturate a cubic foot of air is shown; it was as small as  $0\cdot4$  grain, in January, and as large as  $5\cdot9$  grains, in July. The mean for the year was  $2\cdot9$  grains; the average for the 19 years was  $3\cdot3$  grains.

The numbers in column 18 show the degree of humidity, saturation being represented by 100; the largest numbers were in January, November, and December; and the smallest were in June and July. The mean for the year was 74; that of the 19 years was 60.

The numbers in column 19 show the weight in grains of a cubic foot of air under its mean atmospheric pressure, temperature, and humidity. The largest number was 503 grains, in January; and the smallest 467 grains, in July. The mean for the year was 482 grains; the average of the 19 years was 483 grains.

The most prevalent winds in January were N.W., N.E., and S.E., and the least prevalent were N., E., and S.; the most prevalent in February was N.W., and the least prevalent were N., S., and S.W.; in March the most prevalent were N.W. and W., and the least were N., S.E., S., and S.W.; in April the most

prevalent was N.W., and the least were N., E., S., and S.W.; in May the most prevalent was N.W., and the least were N., E., and S.; in June the most prevalent was N.W., and the least were N., E., S., and S.W.; in July the most prevalent was N.W., and the least were N., N.E., E., S.E., and S.; in August and September the most prevalent were N.W. and W., and the least were N.E., E., S.E., S., and S.W.; in October the most prevalent were N.W. and N.E., and the least were S.E. and S.; in November the most prevalent was N.W., and the least were N. and S.; and in December the most prevalent were N.W., N.E., and E., and the least were N. and S.E. The most prevalent wind in the year was N.W., which occurred on 198 times, of which 24 were in June, 23 in May, and 22 in September; and the least prevalent wind was S., which occurred on only 3 times during the year—viz., 1 in each of the months of January, October, and December.

The total number of times of each wind in the year are shown in the last line of columns 20 to 27; those winds less in number than the average of the preceding 19 years were:—

N.	by 19,
N.E.	„ 2,
E.	„ 11,
S.E.	„ 12,
S.	„ 6,
S.W.	„ 31,
W.	„ 1,

and the N.W. wind was greater in number than the average of 19 years by 81.

The numbers in column 28 show the mean amount of cloud in each month; the month with the smallest amount is July, and the largest November. Of the nimbus or rain cloud there were 8 instances; of the cirrus 2 instances; of the cirro cumulus 81 instances; of the cirro stratus 16 instances; of the cumulus stratus 112 instances; and 146 instances of cloudless skies, of which 23 were in July, 18 in June, and 16 in August.

The largest fall of rain for the month in the year was 7.42 inches, in January, of which 1.60 inch fell on the 18th, 1.50 inch on the 27th, and 1.48 inch on the 1st. The next largest fall for the month was 5.42 inches in December, of which 3.05 inches fell on the 4th, and 1.85 inch on the 3rd. No rain fell from May 18th

MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL TABLE.

Deduced from observations taken at Tiberias, under the direction of Dr. TORRANCE, at about 652 feet below the level of the Mediterranean Sea, and 30 feet above the level of the Sea of Galilee, open on all sides. Latitude, 32° 48' N.; Longitude, 35° 34' E.

Table with columns for Months, Pressure of atmosphere, Temperature of the air, 8 a.m. (Mean reading, Vapour, Degree of humidity, Weight of a cubic foot of air), 4 p.m. (Mean reading, Vapour, Degree of humidity, Weight of a cubic foot of air), and Rain (Number of days on which rain fell, Amount collected). Rows include months from January to December and a Means row.

till October 2nd, making a period of 137 consecutive days without rain. The total fall of rain for the year was 17·42 inches, being 9·66 inches below the average of 40 years—viz., 1861 to 1900 inclusive. The number of days on which rain fell was 40, being 15 less than the average.

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THE numbers in column 1 of this table show the highest reading of the barometer in each month. The highest appear in the winter, and the lowest in the summer months. The maximum for the year was 31·170 inches, in January, and the next in order 30·988 inches, in December.

In column 2, the lowest reading in each month is shown. The minimum for the year was 30·175 inches, in July, and the next in order 30·200 inches, in August.

The range of readings in the year was 0·995 inch. The range in the morning observations was 0·886 inch, being 0·348 inch greater than the range at Jerusalem.

The numbers in the 3rd column show the extreme range of readings in each month. The smallest was 0·217 inch in September, and the next in order was 0·313 inch, in August; the largest was 0·656 inch, in January, and the next in order 0·637 inch, in December.

The numbers in columns 4 and 5 show the mean monthly reading of the barometer at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., and in column 6 the amount by which the reading at 4 p.m. is lower than at 8 a.m.; the smallest difference between these two readings was 0·074 inch, in August, and the next in order 0·077 inch, in April; the largest was 0·110 inch, in both September and October, and the next in order 0·104 inch, in November. In England, in January, the readings at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. are practically the same, in all other months the reading at 4 p.m. is lower than at 8 a.m.; the greatest difference is 0·025 inch, in June. The mean for the year at Tiberias was 0·089 inch, being about four times greater than in England.