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MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY.

SURVEYING.

'A Text-Book of Theodolite Surveying and Levelling, for the use of Students in Land and Mine Surveying.' By James Park, Professor of Mining Engineering, etc. *With ninety-one Illustrations and Plates.* London: C. Griffin & Co., Ltd. 1908.

This text-book gives a considerable amount of information on surveying which should be useful to civil and mining engineers, for whom it is specially intended. It deals with survey work in all its branches, including astronomical observations, although this and some other sections are in parts perhaps too condensed to be of as much practical value as might be desired. In certain instances improvements might be suggested, as in the case of the transit theodolite described and shown in the figure, which is of a form that is quite unsuitable for the accurate measurement of vertical angles, such as are required for astronomical observations, owing to the fact that the level is on the telescope instead of on the vernier arm, thus rendering it impossible to read level divisions when the telescope is reversed, and to apply the necessary correction. There are one or two other points that might be noticed, but, on the whole, the book is a good one, and will no doubt be found serviceable to many.

GENERAL.

'The Broad Stone of Empire.' By Sir Charles Bruce. (London: Macmillan. 1910. Two vols., pp. xxxiv., 511; viii., 555. *Maps.* 30s.) The sub-title, 'Problems of Crown Colony Administration,' indicates the scope of this important work. The author, whose principal official connection has been with Mauritius, discusses national and colonial policy in introductory chapters, and writes, of course, with first-hand knowledge on local government, law, racial and labour questions, health, education, and other important branches of administration. The book is well indexed and admirably easy of reference; the maps are adequate, but as regards those of the individual colonies, of inordinately large scale for the amount of information they contain.

'The Prevention of Malaria.' By Dr. Ronald Ross. (London: Murray. 1910. Pp. xx., 669. *Illustrations.* 21s.) Dr. Ross has the collaboration of a number of contributors of various nationalities in this important work on what is "perhaps the most important of human diseases." His collaborators deal at first hand with the prevalence and prevention of malaria in every part of the world where work has been carried on, and thus the book includes a valuable contribution to a knowledge of the geography of the disease.

THE MONTHLY RECORD.

EUROPE.

Time in France.—After full discussion and some opposition in the French Senate, the bill lately introduced for the universal adoption in France, for the purposes of everyday life, of a time 9 minutes 21 seconds behind that of Paris, was finally passed on February 10, an amendment having been previously rejected by 213 votes to 73. The time thus adopted is to all intents and purposes that of Greenwich, although some of the speakers in the discussion were careful to point out that it is not absolutely correct to speak of it as such. France thus at last comes into line with most of the nations of the world by concurring in the system of "hour zones" first introduced in the United States