
Cartographic Needs of Physical Geography

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the United States, especially in California, in which state he resided for many years, and whose magnificent mountains exercised on him a potent attraction. They were sympathetically described by him in his 'Mountains of California,' published in 1894.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Cartographic Needs of Physical Geography."

MANY will have read with interest the account of Mr. Ogilvie's address on "Cartographic Needs of Physical Geography," published in the *Journal* for January. Doubtless most will regard his full scheme as at present impossible owing to expense, but it is none the less valuable, for we make better progress when we have ideals at which to aim. Part of his scheme, at any rate, is within the range of practical accomplishment. On p. 47 he refers to the fact that the teaching of land-forms is hampered owing to the high price of official maps. It is a difficulty which many schoolmasters have felt. It is true that schools can obtain Ordnance Survey maps at reduced rates by taking large quantities of the same sheet, but these are so bad because of inferior printing, or shoddy paper, or absence of colour, or for all reasons combined, that they are next to impossible to use, and I can only conceive of them producing violent distaste and boredom in the youthful mind. I know of more than one school where these sheets have been tried and abandoned. Moreover, these "home study" sheets are only part of what is needed. Mr. Ogilvie suggests an atlas containing parts of Ordnance Survey sheets illustrative of types of land-forms similar, in fact, to the fine atlas of such topographic maps published in the United States a year or two ago. It would, of course, contain far fewer maps, at any rate at first, so that it could be within financial reach of the classroom; it should be "printed in colours." The best instruction is on the ground; the next best is on good maps. The impression from the map is more vivid, the picture more true, the results wider and more lasting, the educational value far and away greater than anything that can be obtained from books or verbal description. Is it too much to hope, therefore, that the influence of the R.G.S. will be brought to bear on one step forward to Mr. Ogilvie's goal?

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MEETINGS OF THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, SESSION 1914-1915.

Seventh Meeting, February 8, 1915.—DOUGLAS W. FRESHFIELD, Esq.,
President, in the Chair.

ELECTIONS.—*Charles Camshell; Dr. A. J. Chalmers; Dillon Coste; Herbert Jones; Arthur Lee Knight; Charles Monroe Lincoln; Rev. William Paxton; Leslie F. Taylor.*

THE SOCIETY AND THE WAR.

The PRESIDENT spoke as follows: We have had several excellent and instructive lectures lately from Professors, dealing with questions connected with the war, and