and regenerating springs and ponds—quite well-known, and oft-tried but with little success.

Half the book comprises appendices (numbering 14, pp. 159-239), tables and photographs—much of them superfluous and irrelevant. The appendices include disparate and unconnected matters such as notes sent to the Prime Minister and presented at international meetings, a self-composed poem, lecture notes, project proposals, memorandum of association of an Institute, excerpts from annual report of a Ministry, etc.

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This handbook is mainly intended for those in pursuit of research for a degree or a profession. The author has been candid to admit that this is not an original contribution, but only a compilation from different sources. This slim volume is organised into six chapters, including a brief introduction. The chapters on Scientific Method and Hypothesis, Theory and Law, provide a historical and theoretical background to scientific research. The discussion is, however, abstruse at places. It is disappointing not to find the names of great Indian savants who advanced the frontiers of science in ancient times. The last three chapters deal with methodology which includes Sampling, Preparation of Research Project and writing a Research Report. These are the more mundane and useful parts of the handbook. On the whole, the text appears to be disjointed and jerky because of piecing together from a variety of sources. This handbook is yet another addition to the host of new publications on the subject. Price is not attractive to the target audience, but this could have been somewhat remedied by a paperback rather than the present hard cover edition.

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The Geological Survey of India, Calcutta, for the first time has brought out an Atlas of Structures and Textures in some rocks of Southern India. The Atlas is the outcome of a Project initiated by the then Deputy Director-General of Geological Survey of India, J. Swami Nath, to bring to light spectacular geological features from various localities, which seldom found place in the text books of Petrology and Structural Geology. It presents some of the important structures found in igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. The photographs depicting the structures are quite good. However, there are a few structures which are left uncovered (e.g. spinifex structure), for which examples are present in southern India. This volume should be of interest to all those who are involved in research and teaching of earth science. We welcome this new publication.

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