

Plant Pathology. An advanced treatise. J. G. Horsfall and A. E. Dimond, Eds. vol. 1. *The Diseased Plant*. Academic Press, New York, 1959. xiv + 674 pp. Illus. \$22.

The art and the science of plant pathology have come a long way since F. Lamson-Scribner's modest 138-page book, *Fungus Diseases of the Grape and Other Plants and Their Treatment*, appeared in 1890 as the first American book dealing with plant diseases. In the volume under review, the editors and their collaborators needed nearly 700 pages to present the available data on the subject of diseased plants, and this is only one of a proposed three-volume work on the general subject of plant pathology. Succeeding volumes in the series will bear the titles *The Pathogen* and *The Diseased Population*.

As stated by the editors, "The purpose of this comprehensive treatise is to present an integrated synthesis of the parts of plant pathology. It is designed for the creative worker not for the beginning student. Many books discuss the specific diseases of plants but this work does not. Rather it treats of the concept of disease, not of diseases."

Nineteen phytopathologists (including the editors), all of whom are recognized specialists along the lines of their several contributions, supplied the 15 chapters making up the first volume. Horsfall and Dimond introduce the subject of the diseased plant by covering such points as "What is plant pathology, what is disease, and the impact of plant disease on society." J. G. Ten Houten and G. W. Keitt present adequate accounts of the scope and contributions of plant pathology and of the history of the science. K. Starr Chester discusses the many points necessary to answer the question: "How sick is the plant?" Six chapters are devoted to the major manifestations of disease—namely, the disintegration of tissue, abnormal effect on growth and reproduction, starvation, water deficiency, and alteration of the respiratory pattern. The several authors have handled their subjects skillfully and adequately.

Other vital aspects of the behavior of diseased plants are covered in authoritative chapters on the histology of defense in plants, the physiology and biochemistry of defense, hypersensitivity, and predisposition. In a final chapter on therapy, F. L. Howard and J. G. Horsfall present a thought-provoking account of disease control; they pay special attention to topical and systemic

chemotherapy, both still somewhat controversial aspects of the subject. Each chapter concludes with a comprehensive series of citations to the literature reviewed in the text so that ready reference can be made to any point on which further detail is desired. In a general work of this nature, dealing to a very considerable extent with abstract matters, a detailed subject index is necessary, and this volume has been provided with a 50-page index.

The editors and their collaborators have succeeded admirably in presenting a scholarly study of an important field of human activity. This three-volume series, international in its scope and preparation, presents a firm foundation on which to erect a superstructure of future research.

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This volume provides a list of place names arranged alphabetically by counties. The entries vary in length from a page or more (for the history of a county) to a few lines (for Mule Shoe Bend and Parrissawampitts Spring), and provide the following information: location, elevation, pronunciation, description, references to volumes containing further information. A bibliography and an alphabetical index are provided. The pronunciation guide was worked out by C. F. Voegelin, head of the department of anthropology at Indiana University.

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