

of criticism. Some biologists may not regard the omitted, long chapter on rate of growth as all useless. Bonner, in his introduction to the famous chapter on transformations, repeats Medawar in calling the method "analytically unwieldy"; he indicates this to be the reason for so few applications on the transformation method and also that allometry is more practical. Nevertheless, the allometric and transformed coordinates are parts of a generalized method. Only the lack of adequate growth data delays use of the inclusive general method.

I believe that Thompson would have preferred to be read in the original and to have his mistakes known than to be abridged and purged. He would have held that the universities must maintain the breadth of scholarship exhibited in his own work rather than join in the modern rush and half-done technics. *On Growth and Form*, which has been praised as a classic, is now passing through the ordeal of criticism and has not yet reached the period of evaluation. It may be too early to distill the rare essence from Thompson's errors and ours!

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