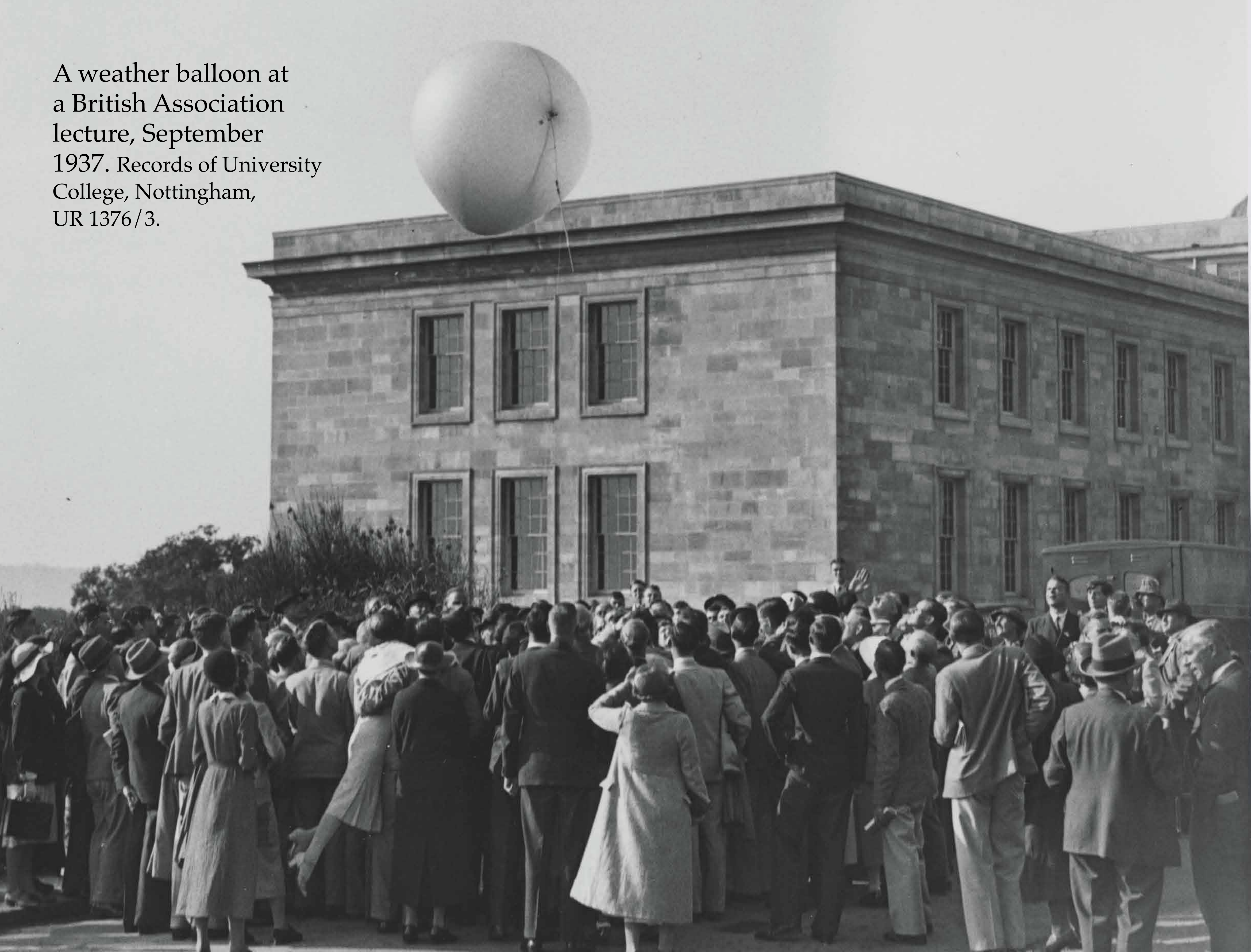
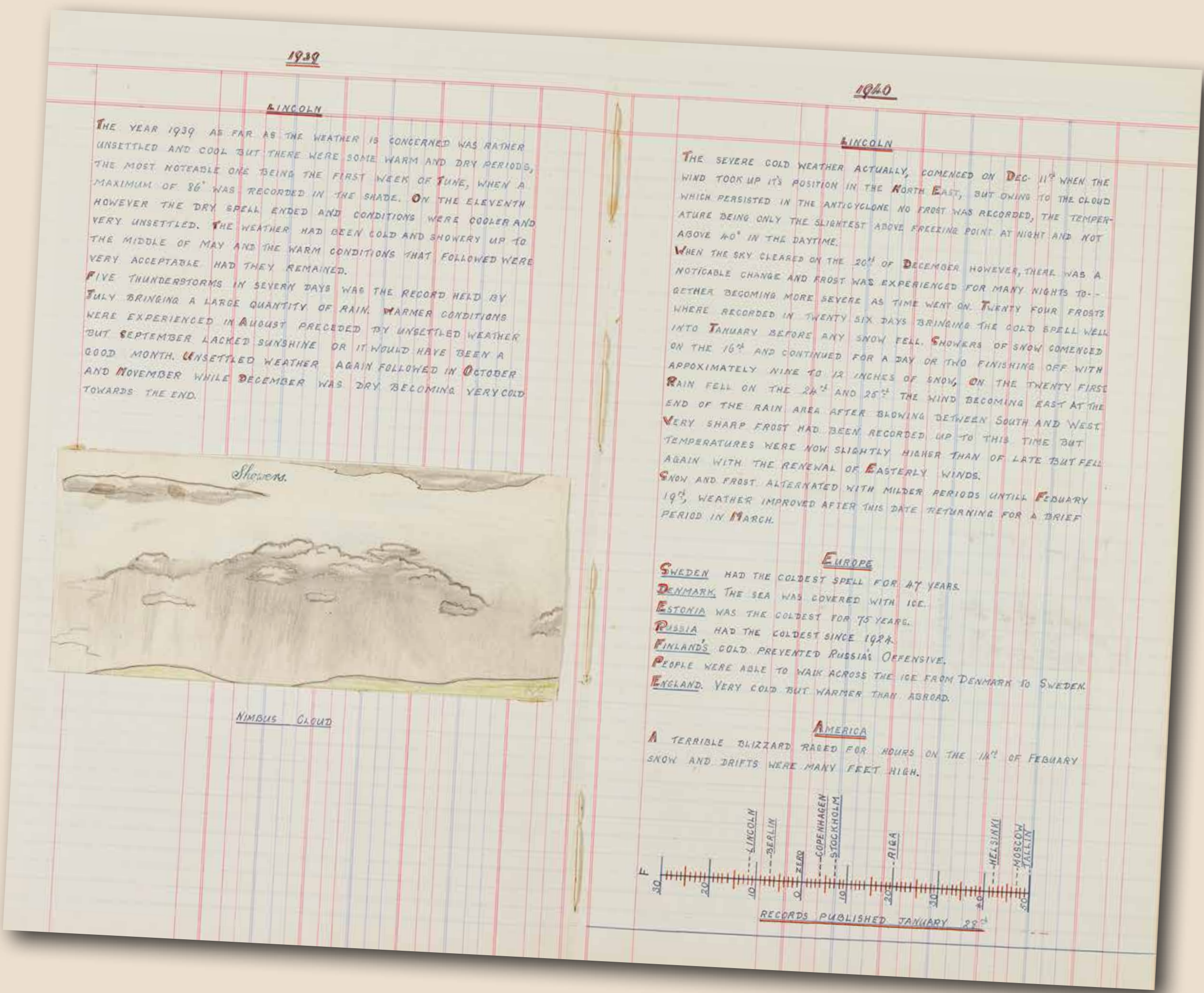


A weather balloon at a British Association lecture, September 1937. Records of University College, Nottingham, UR 1376/3.



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Detail of sketch of showers and nimbus cloud, from Ronald Osborne's meteorological volume, c1939-1942. Manuscript Collections, MS 696.

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The weather has been a source of fascination for centuries. It shapes human experiences and is the subject of everyday conversation, oral histories, proverbs, folklore and narrative.

Weather influences the way we feel, the clothes we wear and the places we live, and has modified the natural and built environment in many ways.

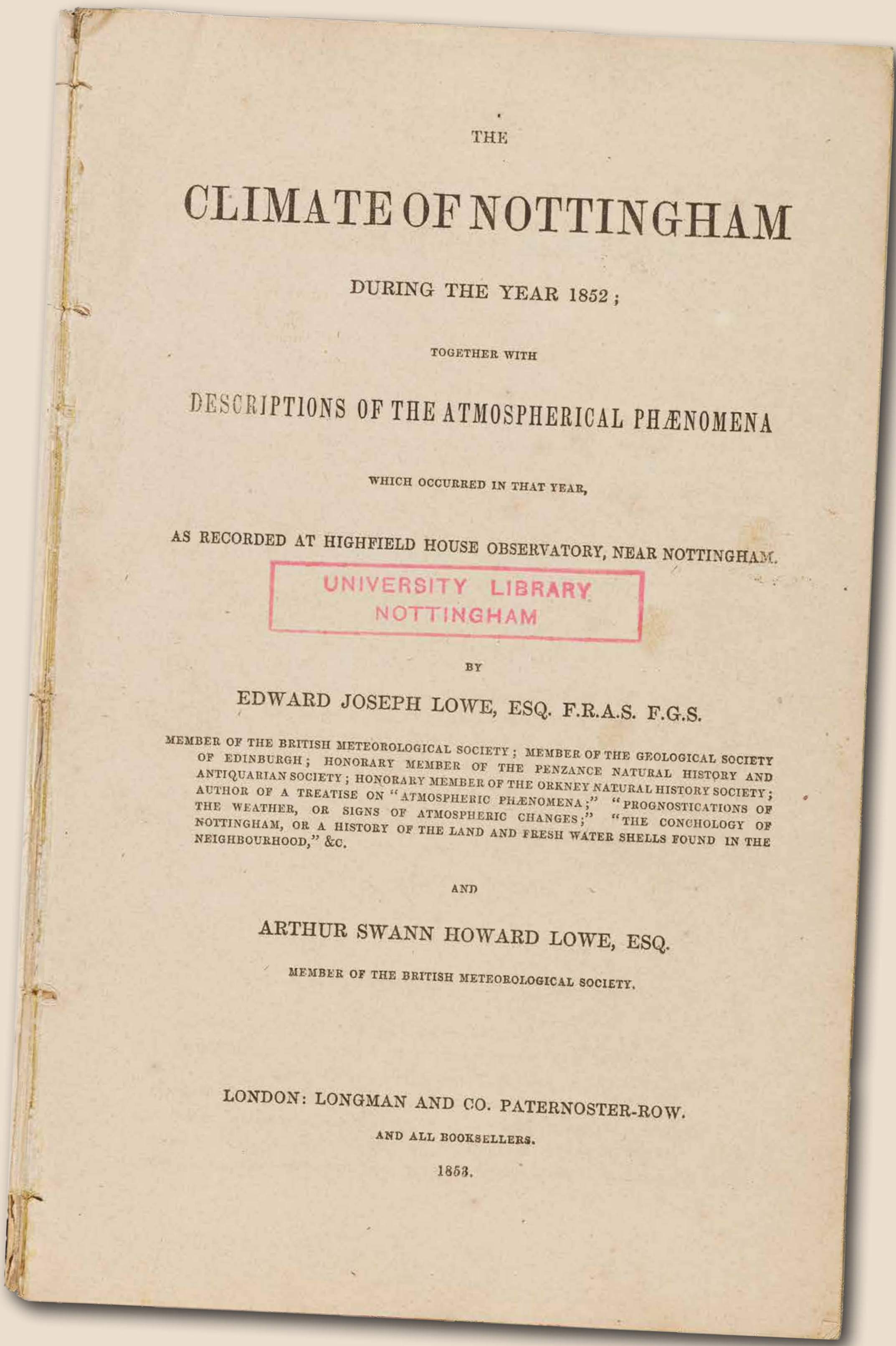
“Moderately rigorous but distinctly invigorating” was how Frank Barnes described the climate of the Nottingham area in 1993.

(Frank Barnes, *Priory demesne to university campus: a topographic history of Nottingham University*, p.27)

There is a long history of observation and recording weather in Nottinghamshire and the region boasts

a number of famous meteorological observers. However, weather records have been maintained by a range of people, from high-profile, influential Nottingham citizens and organisations, through to informed amateurs and schoolchildren. There are also many documents that tell the story of the way in which the region's people have been affected by and have lived with the weather. This exhibition draws primarily on historical documents held at The University of Nottingham, to explore how people have understood, been affected by and have responded to extreme or unusual weather events in the UK over time.

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Frontispiece of Edward Joseph Lowe, *The Climate of Nottingham During The Year 1852*. East Midlands Collection QC989. G72. N68. LOW.



Students skating on Highfields Lake, 1947. Courtesy of *The Nottingham Post*. University Photographs, ACC 855/8.

