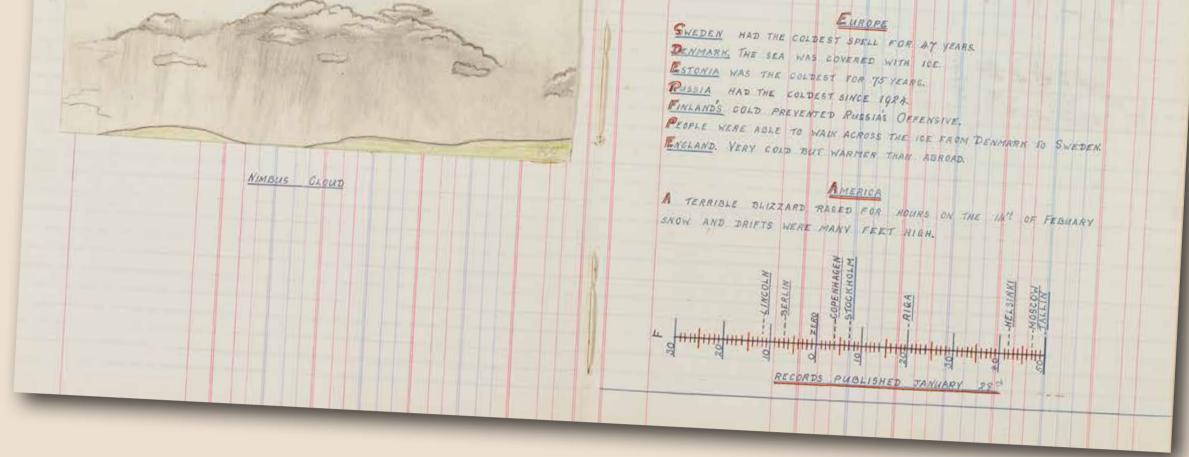
A weather balloon at a British Association lecture, September 1937. Records of University College, Nottingham, UR 1376/3.

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ON THE ELEVENTH BEEN COLD AND SHOWERY UP TO E THUNDERSTORMS IN SEVERN DAYS WAS THE RECORD HELD BY ULY BRINGING A LARGE QUANTITY OF RAIN. MARMER INCED IN AUGUST PRECEDED BY UNSETTLED WEATHER BUT SEPTEMBER LACKED SUNSHINE OR IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD MONTH. UNSETTLED WEATHER AGAIN FOLLOWED IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER WHILE DECEMBER WAS DRY BELOMING YERY COLD

THE SEVERE GOLD WEATHER ACTUALLY, COMENCED ON DEC- 11" WHEN THE WIND TOOK UP IT'S POSITION IN THE NORTH EAST, BUT ONING TO THE CLOUD WHICH PERSISTED IN THE ANTICYCLONE NO PROST WAS RECORDED, THE TEMPERT WHEN THE SKY CLEARED ON THE 20th OF DECENTOER BLE CHANGE AND FROST WAS EXPERIENCED FOR MANY NIGHTS TO-GETHER DECOMING MORE SEVERE AS TIME WENT ON THENTY FOUR FROST IX DAYS BRINGING THE COLD EPELL WEL INTO TANUERY BEFORE ANY SNOW FELL. SHOWERS OF SNOW COMENCED ON THE 16th AND CONTINUED FOR A DAY OR THO FINISHING OFF WITH APPOXIMATELY NINE TO 12 INCHES OF SNOW, ON THE THENTY FIRST RAIN FELL ON THE 24 " AND 25" THE WIND BECOMING ERST AT THE END OF THE RAIN AREA AFTER BLOWING DETWEEN SOUTH AND WEST WERY SHARP FROST HAD BEEN RECORDED UP TO THIS TIME BUT TEMPERATURES WERE NOW SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN OF LATE THAT FELL AGAIN WITH THE RENEWAL OF BASTERLY WINDS. SNOW AND FROST ALTERNATED WITH MILDER RERIODS UNTILL FEDUARY 19", WEATHER IMPROVED AFTER THIS DATE RETURNING FOR & BRIEF





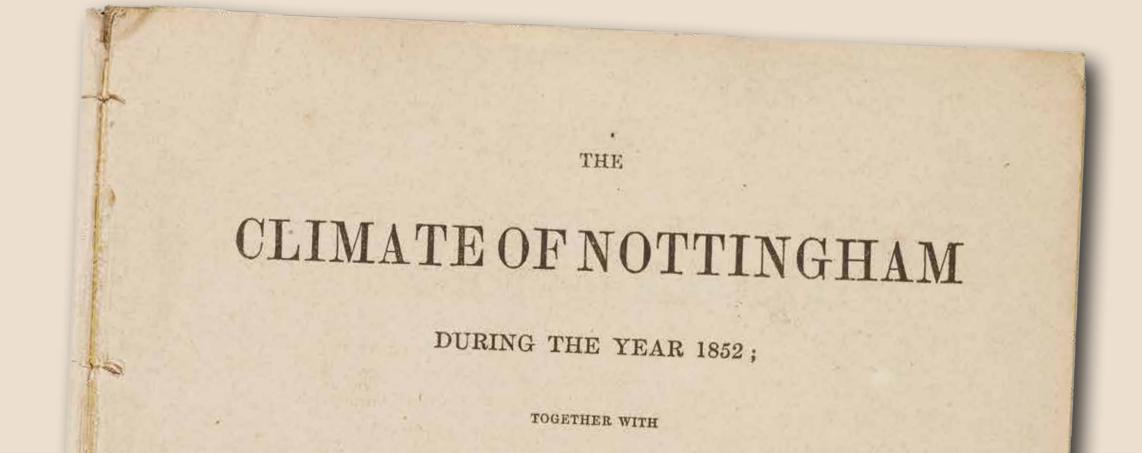
## Detail of sketch of showers and nimbus cloud, from Ronald Osborne's meteorological volume, c1939-1942. Manuscript Collections, MS 696.

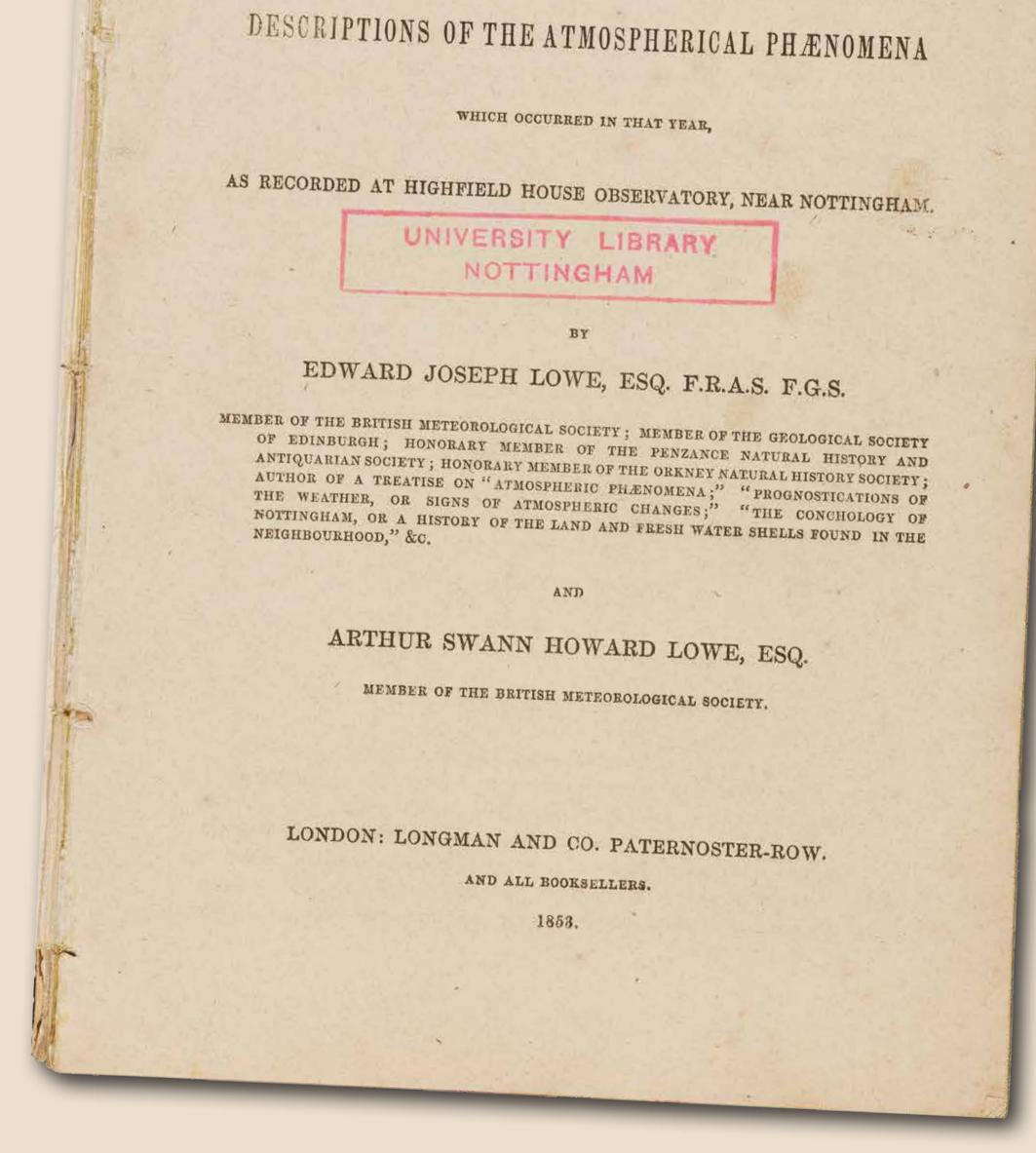
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The weather has been a source of fascination for centuries. It shapes human experiences and is the subject of everyday conversation, oral histories, proverbs, folklore and narrative.

Weather influences the way a number of famous we feel, the clothes we wear meteorological observers. and the places we live, and However, weather records has modified the natural and have been maintained by a range of people, from built environment in many high-profile, influential ways. Nottingham citizens and "Moderately rigorous but organisations, through to distinctly invigorating" informed amateurs and was how Frank Barnes schoolchildren. There are also described the climate of the many documents that tell Nottingham area in 1993. the story of the way in which (Frank Barnes, Priory demesne to the region's people have university campus: a topographic been affected by and have history of Nottingham University, lived with the weather. This p.27) exhibition draws primarily There is a long history of on historical documents observation and recording held at The University of weather in Nottinghamshire Nottingham, to explore how and the region boasts people have understood, been affected by and have responded to extreme or unusual weather events in the UK over time.





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



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