

Concerning application of these terms to snow cover in high polar glaciers, a modified or qualified nomenclature may prove advisable. This is suggested by the fact that percolating melt water is not present in sufficient quantity in high polar firm to create the complicated and irregular diagenetic ice structures, and to help induce other characteristics which are more common to temperate firm. Such consideration may best await the progress of further field research on possible differences in physical character and genesis of polar firm, which recent as yet unpublished studies have suggested.

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NOTE.—Had not Mr. Miller cited what I wrote in 1936, I should myself have quoted this in answer to Dr. Roberts, for I still think, after these many years, that that is the correct solution. (Incidentally, I now think that the term should be just "Firn" and not "Firn Snow.")

Mr. Miller's point that the characteristics of the firm in high polar glaciers may be somewhat different to that in temperate glaciers is a new and interesting one. Whether or not this will need the introduction of an intermediate stage between firm and true ice (Specific gravity 0.82–0.84) is not yet clear; this points to the need for further research on the subject.

Finally, Dr. Robert's remark about the confusion between "firm" and "firn" seems to me to be rather a matter for editors than terminologists.—G. SELIGMAN.

GLACIOLOGICAL LITERATURE

THIS bi-annual list of glaciological literature aims to cover the *scientific* aspects of snow and ice in all parts of the world. Attention is drawn to the bibliographies in each number of the *Polar Record* (Cambridge), which aim to cover the significant work dealing with expeditions, research, equipment and conditions of living in the Polar regions. Both journals, however, deal with Polar literature having specific glaciological interest and with general matters of a practical nature such as snowcraft.

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