

[DIGBY MS. 176, fol. 4.]

TEMPERATURE OF THE AIR AT OXFORD FOR SEVEN YEARS.

It is to be noted that a day begins from sunrise, and since frost never begins from sunrise, but in the previous night, therefore the first night on which it takes place is not reckoned among the days to which the frost is attributed.

A.D. 1337.

In **January** there was warmth, with moderate dryness, and in the previous winter⁽¹⁾ there had not been any considerable cold or humidity, but more dryness and warmth.

In **February**, during the first week there was moderate frost, and after an interval of three days there was slight frost for another week.

In **March**, for almost two weeks there was cold, with moderate humidity. The remainder of the month was dry, with moderate warmth.

In **April** there was moderate warmth, with great humidity.

In **May**, four days were humid, with moderate warmth. All the remainder was moderately warm and dry, with moderate showers at intervals, but on the 17th there was sudden heavy rain, with thunder, heavier than any that had fallen at Oxford in so short a time for many years.

In **June** there was great heat with dryness, but on the 17th there was heavy thunder continuously for two hours, and heavier rain in certain parts of Lyndesay than had fallen in so short a time for a long while. In the last week a moderate wind rose, which lessened the heat and increased the dryness.

In **July** there was moderate heat and wind, with moderate showers occasionally falling, and after the first week, all the remainder of the month was rainy, with moderate wind, except three or four days at the end, on which no rain fell.

In **August** there was very strong wind, and showers fell occasionally. In the middle of the month three or four days were dry and windy, with the wind continually increasing.

In **September** the wind abated and there were moderate showers, but about the 10th and 11th there was very heavy rain. The remainder was moderately rainy, except five or six days at the end.

In **October** there was more warmth than in September, and throughout the month it was moderately humid, but on the 19th there was heavy rain all day.

In **November** there was much rain. On the 6th the air was moderately moist. All the last week was extremely rainy. There was a slight frost beginning at the feast of St. Leonard [Nov. 6] and lasting three days.

In **December** the first week was extremely rainy, and the second extremely foggy. In the third there was slight frost, and in the fourth also, but not so much.

A.D. 1338.

In **January** the first week was dark and rather foggy. In the second there was slight frost, and in the third also. The fourth was mild.

In **February** the first week was moderately windy. On the 8th and 10th days there was a slight storm. The second week was rainy and windy, and the third also. The fourth was dry, windy and clear.

In **March** the first week was warm, dry and clear; the second was the same, and the third likewise, with wind. The fourth was warm, dry and clear.

In **April** the first week was windy and dry, with showers occasionally. The second was dry, with moderate wind; the third dry and clear, and the remainder likewise. There was hoarfrost throughout the month.

In **May**, in the first week there was heavy rain; the second was moderately dry; the third and remaining weeks were warm and dry.

In **June** the first week was dry and moderately warm, with light showers occasionally. In the second there was more rain than in the first week.

⁽¹⁾ MS. has "*in yeme precedenti.*" This may mean in the *last* winter, or in the previous part of *this* winter.