

DUKE UNIVERSITY PRESS BOOK TRANSLATED INTO JAPANESE

A Duke University Press book which, when published in 1936, won a Scientific Book Club selection has been issued in Japanese translation by the Rokakuho Uchida Press.

The Migrations of Animals from Sea to Land is the title of this book and the author is Prof. A. S. Pearse of the Zoology Department of Duke University, well-known writer on scientific subjects. He has written many books and articles which have had wide recognition and have been widely read.

Sometime after this volume was published the Japanese scientist, Tametke Nagano, became interested in it, and, fully realizing its importance, asked the Duke University Press and the author for permission to translate it into the Japanese language and issue it in his country. Cooperating with him in the translation were Shichroku Nomura and Shiuzou Eshida. The first copies of this edition have just reached the United States.

Reviews of the English edition have been received from all parts of the world. "The fascinating problem of the migrations of animals to and from the water," said the reviewer in The Biologist, "here receives its meed of attention from one who, perhaps of all American zoologists, is by nature and interest best fitted to attack the problem thus presented."

Dr. Pearse, Duke University's most traveled scientist, required a trip around the world with extended stays in China, Japan, Siam, India, Nigeria, and Yucatán to gather material for this volume. In addition, his many years of research and study as well as the works of more than five hundred other investigators have inspired his conclusions. The author has sketched the paths by which he believes animals through the ages have gradually modified their behavior from that of originally wholly marine organisms to that of, first, forms at least tolerant of brackish water and later fresh water; second, forms which spend much of their lives on land, returning, as in some crabs, to deposit their ova in the sea; finally, forms which have become adapted in form as well as behavior to an existence strictly terrestrial.

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