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*British Ants, Their Life-History and Classification.* By H. ST. J. K. DONISTHORPE. Plymouth: Wm. Brendon & Son, Ltd., 1915. Pp. xv + 373, 18 pls. and 92 text-figs.

In this attractive volume we are given for the first time an exhaustive monograph of the ant-fauna of Great Britain, the result of many years of patient labor by one who served his biological apprenticeship as an ardent student of myrmecophiles. The volume serves also as a useful manual for the study of ants in general since it contains concise chapters on the anatomy, development and behavior of ants and the methods of keeping and studying them in artificial nests. Naturally the greater portion of the work is devoted to a detailed account of each species known to be indigenous to Britain, under several heads, beginning with the original description, the synonymy, a good modern description and the geographical range, and ending with full ethological notes and a list of the myrmecophiles that have been taken in the nests of each form. The synonymy has been compiled with great care and from many old and obscure sources, often inaccessible to the American student. The work concludes with a list of species introduced into Britain, compiled in great part from scattered records of specimens taken in the hothouses of Kew Gardens and in dwellings, lumber yards, etc., in other parts of the islands. Among these introduced ants are a few dangerous pests, notably the Argentine ant (*Iridomyrmex humilis*), which was found "in vast numbers in a house in Windsor Park, Belfast, in 1900, where it had been observed