

a more accurate view of the life of the Greenland Eskimo. According to some psychologists my mental age is slightly over twelve, nevertheless I derived great pleasure from Victor's book. Get it for the children and you will doubtless be the first to read it yourself.

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**A GERMAN AND ENGLISH
GLOSSARY OF GEOGRAPHICAL
TERMS**

By ERIC FISCHER AND FRANCIS ELLIOTT.
New York: American Geographical Society, 1950. (Univ. Press, Cambridge, Mass.). Amer. Geogr. Soc. Library Series, No. 5. 8½ x 5½ inches; vii + 112 pages. \$3.00.

This little book should do much towards clarification of terms and will help greatly in reading German geographical literature. No dictionary can take the place of knowing a foreign language, but such knowledge rarely includes familiarity with technical terms. With

the present trend towards specialization in all fields general dictionaries are of limited use. Students almost invariably pick the wrong meaning in a choice of several, and general lexica cannot keep up with the rapid development of the sciences. All sciences require good technical dictionaries and the present one might well serve as a model of format, make-up, and appearance, as well as content.

There are about 3,000 German terms in 60 pages of German-English and about 2,500 English terms in 50 pages of German-English translations. Many terms are not strictly geographical but they are used in geographical literature and fortunately there are no sharp boundaries between fields of work.

The glossary is well printed and substantially bound and will stand up to heavy use. The authors and the American Geographical Society are to be congratulated upon the appearance of this excellent aid in scientific work.

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