more to those, already possessing some knowledge of crystal optics, who wish to develop their acquaintance with scientific German.

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Moderne Allgemeine Mineralogie (Kristallographie). By W. Nowacki. Pp. viii + 64. Brunswick: Vieweg. 1951. Price DM. 5·80.

In 64 pages the author gives a fluid and stimulating survey of the morphology, physics and chemistry of crystals. The booklet is intended for students and scientists who want to learn what lines of investigation form the subject of crystallography, what its modern methods are, and upon what other sciences crystallography closely impinges. Each of the three lines of research mentioned above is given an average of 20 pages. Text and diagrams—the latter well chosen from other sources—go some way in giving explanations, but, naturally, can mostly achieve no more than a suggestive description. Some conscientious readers will, of course, find this conducted tour unsatisfactory, but the larger class of readers to whom the book is addressed and who wish to gain only a general picture of crystallography, its methods and its results, will find this condensed and descriptive introduction well worth reading.

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