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Additional papers of Professor E C Stoner

The first collection of the papers of Professor Edmund Clifton Stoner, FRS (1899-1968), professor of Physics at the University of Leeds from 1939 to 1963, was most kindly presented to the Library by his widow and listed by the Contemporary Scientific Archives Centre, in 1974. It comprises Special Collections MS 333 (handlist 121). This further collection of papers was also kindly presented by her to the Library in December 1976. It consists mainly of his notes for lectures which he delivered both as formal courses for undergraduates and on special occasions for other audiences, from the mid-1920s onwards. After doing research at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, Stoner was appointed as a Lecturer in Physics at Leeds in 1924 and promoted to a Readership in 1927. In 1928 he accepted a research fellowship at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, which he held concurrently with his post at Leeds. In 1939 he was appointed to the newly created Chair of Theoretical Physics at Leeds. These papers were meticulously arranged by Professor Stoner and his arrangement has been largely respected. The course lectures were delivered repeatedly but the years ascribed to them are those which appear to be the earliest for the versions preserved here. He annotated many of these texts with dates to record the progress of the course year by year. In a few cases, however, we have given a range of years.

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