

Meteorological Note No....

A preliminary Catalogue of Philippine Typhoons

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The object of the present Note is to catalogue chronologically the typhoons or baguios that are known to have upset the weather of the Philippines or affected adversely Filipino interests. The Catalogue is made up of two parts. The first part contains the typhoons from the earliest date to the year 1865, when the Manila Observatory initiated its systematic publication of meteorological observations: the second embraces the period from 1865 to the end of the year 1932. No labor was spared in going over historical records, printed or manuscript, in searching archives and in consulting public and private libraries: however the subject has not been exhausted, but a vein only may be said to have been tapped which may bring to light more abundant and selected material with which to write the history of Filipino storms. Undoubtedly, in due course of time, many typhoons must have taken place, of which we have not the slightest knowledge: of other storms we know only in an indefinite way, the interval of time, within which they must have happened. It is known for instance that the first cathedral of Manila was levelled to the ground by a baguio: but Chirino who wrote this account before 1604, failed to state the year, month and date of the occurrence of the storm. We know that a typhoon sunk the ship on which the Ambassador Chiquiro was returning to