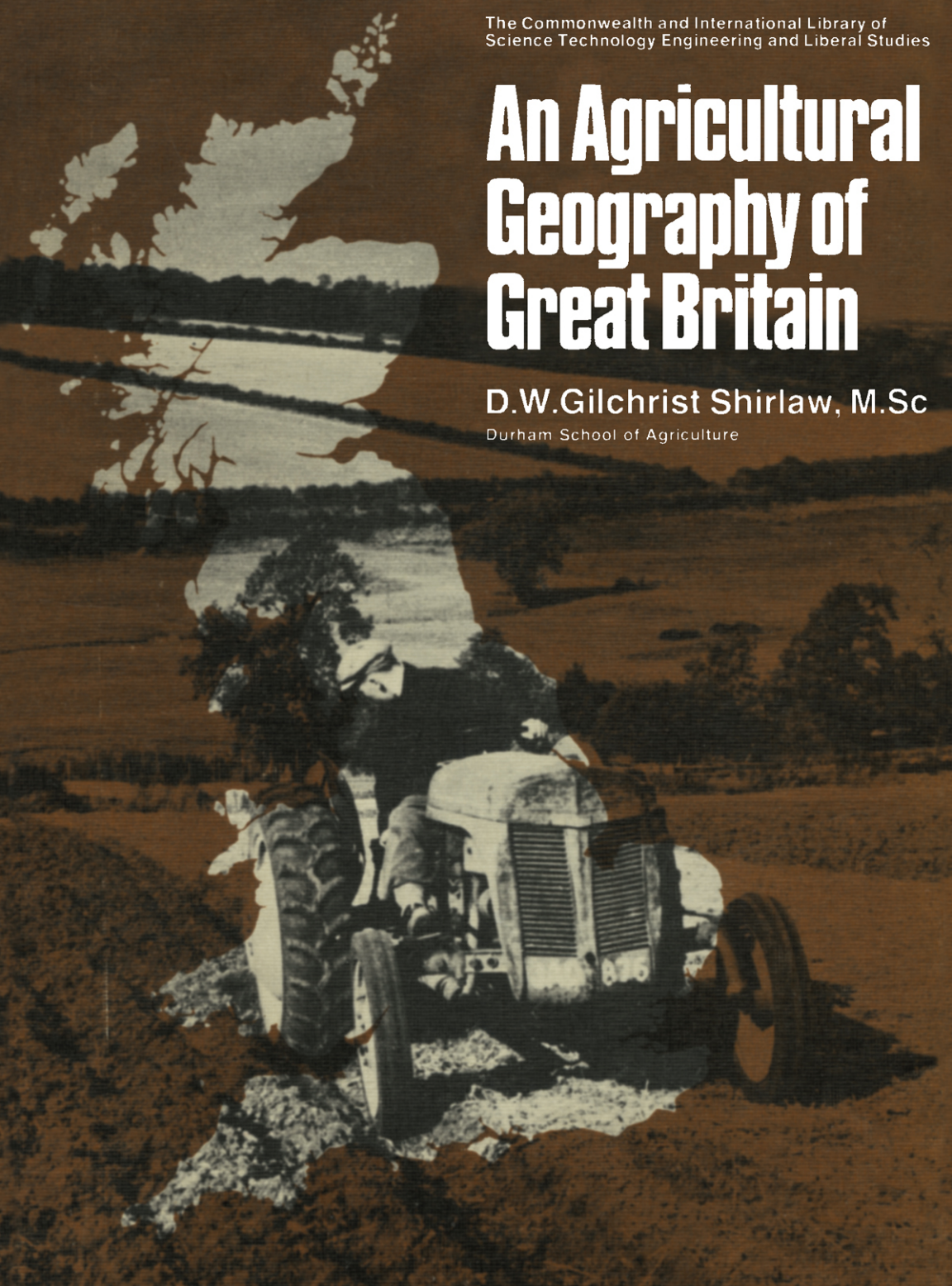


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FOREWORD

IN THIS age of specialization, where the trend “to know more and more about less and less” continues, a study which attempts—and in my judgement achieves—a synthesis between the two subjects of agriculture and geography is an admirable counterbalance. Here is a book providing a wealth of knowledge of comprehensive range, yet of valuable factual condensation, which is most timely when planning of a regional character is being further developed. Let the reader but glance at the first paragraph of the author’s introduction to Section I for an illustration of the availability of information necessary to a student of agricultural geography.

The author I know to be an inspired teacher of outstanding ability, thoroughly abreast of scientific research on his subject ; and who appeals still further to me as being as much at home in field and farm work as he is in the lecture room and research laboratory. Within these pages will be found recent historical developments which have led to an agricultural revolution (still proceeding) in the present century, together with up-to-date descriptions of soils, climate, topography, planning and farming systems. A most useful bibliography is provided at the end of each section. I warmly commend this lucid, informative and most readable book.

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