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Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology

THE Experimental Psychology Group, a small private society the membership of which is drawn from the teaching and research staffs of British universities and research institutions, and the object of which is to further the experimental and scientific study of psychological problems, has decided to found a new journal, to be known as the *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*. While the volume of scientific work within the general field of psychology and the neighbouring fringes of physiology, medicine, biology and physics has greatly increased within the past few years, publication has been severely restricted by lack of a journal devoted exclusively to these fields. Much work has appeared in journals representing other branches of science. The intention is to produce a small journal of high quality in which scientific psychological work, whether experimental or clinical, and whether carried out in psychological or in other research institutions, may find a focus and an outlet. The journal will be edited by R. C. Oldfield, of the Institute of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, who will be assisted by an editorial board of six other members of the Experimental Psychology Group, and it will be published by Messrs. W. Heffer and Sons, Ltd., Cambridge (subscription, 30s. a volume of four parts). It is hoped to produce the first part in March.

Submarine Gravity Survey in the English Channel

THE Department of Geodesy and Geophysics, University of Cambridge, is to make a gravity survey on board H.M. Submarine *Talent* in the English Channel during May. The project is being carried out under the auspices of the Royal Society with the full co-operation of the Royal Navy. The object of the expedition is to obtain information about the structure of the channel basin which should help in interpreting the relation of the geology of southern England to that of the Continent. The cruise will last for four weeks and cover the area between England and France from Plymouth to Hastings. H.M. Submarine *Talent* will be manned by her normal complement of officers and men of the Royal Navy, but three civilian scientific workers, Mr. B. C. Browne, Mr. R. I. B. Cooper and Mr. R. L. G. Gilbert, will also be on board. She will be equipped with special apparatus, some of which has generously been lent by the Danish Geodetic Commission. Accurate measurement of this kind can only be made under very steady conditions, such as those found by a submarine at a depth of 100–200 ft. This method of working was originally devised by the Dutch geophysicist, Prof. F. A. Vening-Meinesz, and has been widely used by him. Similar work has also been carried out by the United States, France, Italy, the U.S.S.R., Japan, and Britain. A British expedition in August 1946 on board H.M.S. *Tudor* surveyed an area from the north coast of Spain to the Rockall Bank. Besides valuable scientific results, the experience gained showed how the apparatus and technique might be improved.

The Berlin Herbarium

MR. A. H. G. ALSTON, of the British Museum (Natural History), writes: "I have received the following information from a correspondent in Ger-

many: The portion of the herbarium, which was evacuated from Berlin to Bleicherode, has quite recently been handed over officially to the Berlin University, and deposited in the Russian sector of Berlin. It was generally believed in Germany that these collections had been transported to the U.S.S.R., but, in fact, they remained at Erfurt until 'the President of the Moscow Academy of Science decided not to take over German *Kulturgut*.'"

Ramsay Memorial Fellowships for Chemical Research

THE trustees will consider in June applications for Ramsay Memorial Fellowships for chemical research, one of which will be limited to candidates educated in Glasgow. The value of each Fellowship will be £400 per annum, to which may be added a grant for expenses of research not exceeding £100 per annum, and it will normally be tenable for two years. Full particulars can be obtained from the Joint Honorary Secretaries, Ramsay Memorial Fellowships Trust, University College London, Gower Street, W.C.1, to whom applications must be forwarded not later than April 17.

Announcements

THE Linnean Society of London has awarded the Linnean Medal for the year 1948 to Dr. Agnes Arber, F.R.S., of Cambridge. The Medal will be presented at the anniversary meeting on May 24.

THE Council of the University of Bristol has made the following appointments in the Department of Physics, to take effect on the retirement of Prof. A. M. Tyndall at the end of the present session: Prof. N. F. Mott, to be Henry Overton Wills professor of physics and director of the Wills Laboratory; Dr. C. F. Powell, to be Melville Wills professor of physics; Dr. S. H. Piper, to be assistant director of the Wills Laboratory.

THE following elections to the Paris Academy of Sciences have been announced: André Boivin, *correspondant* for the Section of Rural Economy, in succession to the late M. Henri Vallée; and Dr. Theodor Mortensen, director of the Department of Invertebrates, Zoological Museum, Copenhagen, *correspondant* for the Section of Anatomy and Zoology, in succession to the late M. Edouard Chatton.

DR. E. W. FELL has been appointed senior assistant in metallurgy at the Bradford Technical College. He was educated at Haileybury and the Universities of Birmingham, Aachen and Cambridge, and has many years of varied experience in the practice of metallurgy.

AT the annual meeting of the Manchester Joint Research Council held on February 16, Sir Raymond Streat was elected chairman and Sir Charles Renold honorary treasurer.

THE Association of British Science Writers is now open to accept associate members. Associate membership is intended for non-professional science writers, that is, those who do not earn the major part of their income from science writing. Those interested should apply for particulars to the honorary secretary, Mr. Maurice Goldsmith, at 81 Hillside Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex.

SIR JOHN MYRES writes, referring to his review of "A Glossary of Greek Fishes" (*Nature*, Feb. 7, p. 185), "the words *veel* and *pégonon*, which I queried as misprints, are both correct".