

H.M.S.O., 1951; 3s. net), the proceedings of a conference on this subject held during March 1950. It is impossible in a short space to indicate the full value of this publication, which will interest workers in more than one scientific field. To the section dealing with scientific method in field surveys, Prof. A. Bradford Hill contributes a paper on the general principles of field surveys, while other papers discuss sickness incidence, medical field surveys in industry and the Armed Services in relation to laboratory research, occupational factors in peptic ulcer, and occupational and domiciliary factors in pulmonary tuberculosis. Two sections of the report deal with the investigation of health hazards and include papers on fluorosis and berylliosis, the experimental assessment of the toxicity of chemical compounds, methods of studying the connexion between dust and disease, the psychological assessment of shortness of breath and coalworkers' pneumoconiosis (also discussed in Mem. No. 25 of the Medical Research Council, entitled "The Social Consequences of Pneumoconiosis among Coalminers in South Wales" (pp. 54; London: H.M.S.O., 1951; 1s. 9d. net)). Two further sections in the report deal with the improvement of human performance by laboratory studies and include a valuable paper by Sir Frederic Bartlett on the laboratory analysis of human activities, and papers on the effects of warmth on comfort and efficiency, on the effects of heat and on anatomical factors in machine design. The final section of the report records the discussion of the lessons of the conference by some of those who attended it.

#### Laboratory Animals Bureau

THE Laboratory Animals Bureau (Medical Research Council Laboratories, Holly Hill, Hampstead, London, N.W.3) is now issuing, on the fifteenth day of each month, a "Parade State" indicating what laboratory animals are currently available and from whom. The first of these publications was issued on January 15 and consists of five typewritten pages. It is divided into three sections—guinea pigs, mice and rabbits—and each section is further sub-divided into counties, under which are given the names and addresses of accredited breeders. Users who may have a surplus of any species are asked to notify the Bureau, preferably by the eighth of the month, so that the information can be included in the current "Parade State". The Bureau is holding its fifth Congress of Animal Technicians in the University of Cambridge during March 31–April 1. A number of lectures and discussions will be given in the Large Lecture Theatre, Department of Physiology, and at the same time there will be an exhibition of animal-house equipment in the Botany Laboratory of the School of Agriculture. The Congress is limited to animal and laboratory technicians only, and admission is by invitation. Further details can be obtained from the Laboratory Animals Bureau at the above address.

#### Summer School on the Healthy Family

A SUMMER School on "The Healthy Family", organized by the British Social Biology Council, will be held at Strasbourg, France, during August 6–20. The course is intended for teachers, nurses, health visitors, social workers and all who are interested in the family as the basic social unit and in the factors conducive to its physical, mental and spiritual health. The lecturers will include Dr. J. L. Burn, medical officer of health, Salford, and also a psychologist and

a biology teacher. The names of these will be announced later. Students will be accommodated in single rooms in the University hostel, and meals will be served in the University restaurant. Strasbourg is not only a beautiful and historic city but is also a good centre for excursions, and students will be given ample opportunities both for personal exploration and for taking part in organized motor-coach tours of the Vosges and some of the picturesque towns and villages for which Alsace is noted. The cost of this School will be approximately £32, which includes registration, second-class travel from London and back, full board and lodging, and tuition. Further inquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, British Social Biology Council, Tavistock House South, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

#### Announcements

WE regret to announce the death, on February 10, of Dr. H. D. Dakin, F.R.S., aged seventy-one.

THE title of professor of biochemistry in the University of London has been conferred on Dr. W. T. J. Morgan in respect of the post held by him at the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine. The degree of D.Sc. in the University has been awarded to Mrs. C. E. Work (Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine) and Mr. A. D. Booth (external student).

AN advanced study course on the "Routine Dissemination of Information, and Abstracting" will be held by Aslib at 4 Palace Gate, London, W.8, during February 21–25. The course is for information officers and covers the ways in which such specialists can comb sources of information for items of particular interest to their organizations and how these items can best be presented and distributed. Further details of the course can be obtained from Aslib at the above address.

THE Lalor Foundation, Inc., is offering two types of fellowship for work in the fields of chemistry and biochemistry, as follows. About six summer fellowships will be awarded for advanced research at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass., on physiological chemistry, biochemistry or biophysics. The other awards consist of a series of predoctoral fellowships in the natural sciences with emphasis upon their biochemical and biophysical aspects, tenable at the University of Delaware, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Pennsylvania. Further details can be obtained from the Foundation at Lancaster Pike and Old Baltimore Road, Wilmington, Delaware.

THE Industrial Advisory Committee of the Ross Institute of Tropical Hygiene will hold a meeting in the Council Chamber of the Rubber Growers' Association, 19 Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3, at 2.15 p.m. on February 21, open to all those interested in the health problems confronting industry in tropical countries; it is particularly hoped that representatives of mining companies and others connected with industries which operate in West Africa will be present. The subjects to be discussed are: the Ross Institute's programme of fundamental research on malaria control and its plans for the future; health problems in West African industry; and any other matter which may be brought to the notice of the Committee. Further particulars can be obtained from the Institute at Keppel Street (Gower Street), London, W.C.2.