

study of the organisations for the improvement of health of women and children in Eastern countries; Prof. C. Daryll Forde, professor of geography and anthropology, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, field study of the economy of a West African village community; Mr. S. D. Garrett, formerly assistant plant pathologist, Waite Agricultural Research Institute, University of Adelaide, the biological antagonism of the soil microflora towards root disease fungi of crop plants; Mrs. M. M. Hasluck, the unwritten law of Albania; Mrs. K. Lonsdale, research worker, Royal Institution, relation between structure and physical properties of organic molecules; Mr. E. P. Mumford, late director, Pacific Entomological Survey, Honolulu, terrestrial and freshwater biota of the Marquesas Islands; Dr. R. G. W. Norrish, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, the mechanism of certain chemical reactions; Mr. F. R. Perry, Research Dept., Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd., the study of overvoltages due to lightning on transmission lines; Mr. L. R. Wager, lecturer in mineralogy and petrology, University of Reading, the tertiary igneous history of East Greenland; Mr. W. D. Ware, washery supervisor, Cefn Coed Colliery, Crynant, South Wales, research on the lower part of the Coal Measures and Millstone Grit in Pembrokeshire.

SEVEN grants in aid of research have been made by the Leverhulme trustees. They include grants to the following: Dr. P. Ford, head of Department of Economics, University College, Southampton, for statistical inquiries into sources of family income; Mr. R. D'Oyley Good, head of Department of Botany, University College, Hull, for a botanical survey of Dorset; Prof. J. W. Heslop Harrison, professor of botany, Armstrong College, Newcastle, for genetical and evolutionary studies with special reference to closely allied species and local races; Mr. J. W. Layard, to study the social anthropology of north eastern Malekula and allied cultures; Prof. J. W. W. Stephens, emeritus professor of tropical medicine, University of Liverpool, for a treatise on blackwater fever in its historical, clinical and other aspects.

Announcements

THE fifth Congress of Biological Chemistry will be held at Brussels on October 23-25. Further information can be obtained from the general secretary, M. R. Fabre, 149 rue de Sèvres, Paris.

IN a recently published pamphlet entitled "The Wasp" by Dr. W. B. R. Laidlaw (Edinburgh: John Baxter and Sons, Ltd. 3s.), the subject of the specific differentiation of the males in the genus *Vespa* is specially dealt with. The diagnostic characters concerned are illustrated by coloured and other plates together with tabular keys. The distribution of the genus in Scotland has also been specially studied by the author.

BOOTS' PURE DRUG Co., LTD., Nottingham, have recently issued a booklet with a useful thumb index,

describing briefly their special medical products, with their modes of issue and prices. It is stated in the preface that all products must satisfactorily pass analytical tests and where necessary are examined bacteriologically and pharmacologically. Many of these special products are submitted to clinical trial before issue. The booklet has been specially compiled for the information of the medical profession.

THE National Botanic Gardens of South Africa has issued a seed list of seeds available from the plants grown in the Gardens at Kirstenbosch, Newlands, on the flank of Table Mountain. In addition to the African species grown here, there are also seeds of a certain number of exotic species of economic value, but perhaps even more interesting to British botanists will be the list of seeds available from the plants in the Karoo Garden, Whitehill. Applications for packets of seed have to be made to the Director at Kirstenbosch.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments, on or before the dates mentioned:

A chemist in the Admiralty Chemical Pool—Secretary of the Admiralty (C.E. Branch), London, S.W.1 (July 22).

A full-time graduate assistant master for electrical engineering and mathematics at the Paddington Technical Institute—Education Officer (T. 1), County Hall, London, S.E.1 (July 22).

A temporary lecturer in mathematics (woman) at Bingley Training College—The Education Officer, County Hall, Wakefield, Yorks (July 24).

A lecturer in physics at Saint Luke's College, Exeter—The Principal (July 27).

An assistant with experience of the building industry at the Building Research Station, Garston, near Watford, Herts—The Director (July 27).

An assistant director and a secretary-statistician to the director of an industrial survey of South Wales—D. J. Davies, 1 St. Andrew's Place, Cardiff (July 29).

An assistant lecturer in metallurgy (founding) in the University of Sheffield—The Registrar (July 31).

A lecturer in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Robert Gordon's Technical College, Aberdeen—Secretary (July 31).

Six gazetted civilian workshop officers for the Indian Army Service Corps (Mechanical Transport)—Secretary, Military Department, India Office, S.W.1, marked Mechanical Transport Recruitment (July 31).

A chemist in the Fulham Power Station—Town Clerk, Dept. 6, Town Hall, Fulham, S.W.6 (August 6).

Regius professor of zoology in the University of Glasgow—Private Secretary, Scottish Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

A lecturer in physics and mathematics in the Rotherham College of Technology and Art—Director of Education, Education Offices, Rotherham.

Assistants for field and drawing-office work, Air Ministry—Secretary (W.B. 9, Room 161), Air Ministry, Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2 (by postcard).