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#### Prontosil

MESSRS. BAYER PRODUCTS, LTD., Africa House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, have issued a booklet surveying the chemotherapy of 'Prontosil', the trade name of three varieties of the sulphonamide series of drugs. Prontosil has been found to possess active properties against human infections caused by the bacterial streptococci, and to be of great service in the treatment of puerperal fever and certain forms of blood-poisoning. It also appears to be of service in the treatment of meningitis caused by the meningococcus and in some other infections. The booklet gives a useful summary of the experimental work that has been done on the physiological action of Prontosil, and of its use in treatment. A bibliography of some two hundred of the more important references is appended. Although a trade production, this booklet gives a fair presentation on the subject of 'Prontosil'.

#### Appointments in the Colonial Service

THE following appointments and promotions have recently been made in the Colonial Service: G. W. Anderson, to be agricultural officer, Kenya; G. K. G. Campbell, to be agricultural officer, Nigeria; L. J. S. Littlejohn, to be botanist and plant pathologist, Cyprus; S. M. McCombe, to be agricultural officer, Uganda; C. W. R. McCreary, to be agricultural officer, Nyasaland; P. R. Stephenson, to be entomologist, Uganda; J. Barker, to be nutritional investigator, Nyasaland; E. Collins, to be Government analyst, Mauritius; J. P. Glasgow, to be field officer, Tsetse Research Department, Tanganyika Territory; R. L. Stafford, to be assistant meteorologist, Nigeria; H. E. B. Williams, to be sleeping sickness control officer, Nigeria; J. A. Fawdry, inspector of mines, Tanganyika Territory, to be chief inspector of mines, Northern Rhodesia; W. G. Beaton, veterinary research officer, to be senior veterinary officer, Nigeria; N. Clarke, veterinary officer, to be senior veterinary officer, Nigeria; R. Dunwoody, veterinary officer, to be senior veterinary officer, Nigeria; A. B. Ackland, chief clerk, Agricultural Department, to be produce inspector, Agricultural Department, Fiji; P. W. Briggs, agricultural officer and ginnery inspector, Tanganyika Territory, to be agricultural officer and ginnery inspector, Uganda; R. W. Hamilton, chief inspector of antiquities, to be director of antiquities, Palestine; W. O. Harvey, game ranger, Tanganyika Territory, to be deputy game warden, Selangor and Negri Sembilan, Federated Malay States; H. L. Manning, assistant agricultural officer, British Honduras, to be plant breeder in charge of the Cotton Experiment Station, St. Vincent (under the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation).

#### Announcements

As we go to press, confirmation has reached us of an announcement made a few days ago that Dr. S. B. Nicholson, using the 100-inch reflector at

Pasadena, has discovered two new satellites of Jupiter. The objects are extremely faint, the estimated magnitude being 19. No particulars are yet available as to their orbits.

PROF. FLORENCE BARBARA SEIBERT, assistant professor of biochemistry, Henry Phipps Institute of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, has received the Trudeau Medal in recognition of her research on the chemistry of protein molecules derived from the tubercle bacillus. Prof. Seibert is the first woman to receive the Trudeau Medal.

DR. HERMANN FINK, professor of the biochemistry and technology of fermentation in the University of Basle, has been awarded the Scheele Medal of the Stockholm Chemical Society.

DR. HANS HERENSKY of Johannesburg has been given the Leibnitz Gold Medal of the Prussian Academy of Sciences and Dr. Georg von Bekesy of Budapest the Leibnitz Silver Medal.

PROF. H. FRIESER, of Dresden, has become editor of the *Zeitschrift für wissenschaftliche Photographie, Photochemie und Photochemie* published by Joh. Ambr. Barth, of Leipzig, previously edited by him with Prof. Schaum, of Giessen.

A NEO-HIPPOCRATIC CONGRESS will be held in Marseilles on September 29 under the presidency of Dr. Cornil, dean of the faculty of medicine. Further information may be obtained from Dr. Martiny, 10 rue Alfred Roll, Paris.

AN International Balneological Association has recently been founded in Budapest. The first meeting will be held in Germany this year, the next in France in 1940, and the third in Italy in 1942, during the world exhibition.

WE have received vol. 9 of "Studies from the Connaught Laboratories, University of Toronto" (The University of Toronto Press, 1938), edited by the director, Dr. J. G. FitzGerald. In this volume are bound together reprints of fifty papers, published in different journals during 1937, from the Connaught Laboratories and University of Toronto. The papers cover a wide range of subjects, from public health and pathology to biochemistry and physiology. A brief inspection of the volume gives a good idea of the activities of the Toronto School. A list of the papers included is given at the beginning of the volume, but there is no subject or author index, which would add to its value as a work of reference.

ERRATUM. In the letter entitled "Control of Insects by Methallyl Chloride", by Dr. C. J. Briejèr, in NATURE of June 18, p. 1099, the third line under the formula: "Mixtures of its vapour with air are not explosive in concentrations of 105-339 gm. per cub. m.", should read, "Mixtures of its vapour with air are explosive in concentrations of 105-339 gm. per cub. m."