

the preservation of amenities in country and town and the education of public opinion on these matters. This comprehensive report gives a clear impression of the many activities which engage the attention of the Council. The policy of the Council, which is discussed at some length, is based on the view that the development of agricultural resources, and the improvement of the social environment of the rural population, provide the best means of realizing the aims of the Council. National and regional planning of the land in the interest of the community is supported; genuine rural industries are to be encouraged, while rural housing and services should be improved. Other sections are devoted to the location of industry and the provision of new towns, road construction, the provision of National Parks and open spaces, afforestation, prohibition of outdoor advertisements in certain localities, and the release of areas from military occupation. In many of these and other matters, the Council for the Preservation of Rural England works in close co-operation with other bodies, for example, the National Trust.

### Training Grants for Engineers

THE Ministry of Labour and National Service is now awarding grants under the Further Education and Training Scheme to assist young engineers who have been on military service to complete their practical training in industry. University graduates in engineering and others who have qualified as graduates of the Institutions of Civil, Mechanical or Electrical Engineers are entitled to apply for grants. The awards are intended to supplement the payments which employers normally make to engineering graduates. A plan of training must be drawn up by the employer and approved by the Ministry before a grant will be made. Three types of course are contemplated, lasting twenty-four, twelve and six months respectively. The longest course is intended for those who have had no previous industrial experience and only limited technical experience in the Services. The Institution of Electrical Engineers announces that young electrical engineers will be advised to take a twelve-months course if they have had little or no industrial training, but have served eighteen months or more on suitable workshop duties in technical units, or have had 12-18 months previous industrial training and only limited technical experience on military service. Those with more than nine months previous industrial training and more than eighteen months technical experience in the Services will generally be regarded as having completed their training, but some may be advised to take the six-months course. Further particulars may be obtained from the Regional Appointments Officers of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

### Catalogue of Scientific Films in Britain

A CATALOGUE compiled by the Scientific Film Association lists alphabetically 595 films of general scientific interest at present available in Great Britain, ranging from films of technique and process to films relating science to society (London: Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux. 5s.) Most films entirely of use for juvenile teaching have been excluded, but some films on cooking and related topics, and selected films on international relations, national cultures, ways of life and tradition have been included to give that social background against which all human activities must be assessed

and studied. Of the films listed, 266 have been appraised and graded by special committees, and it is the intention of the Association to supply synopses, appraisals and gradings for every film and to keep the lists up to date in this respect. The graded films are marked recommended, suitable or unsuitable in three categories: for general audiences and audiences of mixed scientific workers; for more specialized audiences with a knowledge of the subject-matter of the film; and for adult teaching or training purposes. Silent films are indicated by printing the title in italic capitals, and sound films with silent versions by an asterisk. Films of which the distribution is restricted for any reason are also marked, and sponsor and production agency, where traced, are indicated. The name of the distributor is usually abbreviated and followed by a catalogue reference for use in ordering. A list of film distributors with these abbreviations is included, and there is a classified subject index.

### Association of Scientific Workers: Social Sciences Committee

A MEETING to inaugurate a National Social Sciences Committee of the Association of Scientific Workers will be held in Gas Industries House, 1 Grosvenor Place, London, S.W.1, on December 14. The meeting will be held under the chairmanship of Mr. J. R. M. Brumwell. Prof. S. Zuckerman will speak on the outlook for the social sciences, Dr. G. Wagner will report on the work of the Social Sciences Committee, Mr. D. Chapman will discuss future work for social scientists in the Association of Scientific Workers, and Mr. R. Innes will discuss the constitution of a National Committee for Social Scientists. Further information can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Social Sciences Committee, Association of Scientific Workers, 15 Half Moon Street, Piccadilly, London, W.1.

### Announcements

Sir Alexander Fleming and Sir Howard Florey have been awarded the Gold Medals in Therapeutics of the Society of Apothecaries of London, in recognition of their discovery and work on penicillin.

THE title of professor emeritus in the University of Durham has been conferred upon Prof. J. W. Heslop Harrison, formerly professor of botany, and Commander C. J. Hawkes, formerly professor of engineering, both at King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

RECENT appointments to the staff of the University of Leeds include the following: Dr. H. J. Rogers, to be Nuffield Research Fellow in oral biology; Dr. A. B. Moggy, to be Brotherton Research Lecturer in physical chemistry in the Department of Textile Industries; Dr. R. N. Tattersall, to be lecturer (full-time) in medicine.

DR. E. C. BARTON-WRIGHT has been appointed microbiologist to Whitbread and Co., Ltd., and has taken up his duties in the laboratories at Chiswell Street, London, E.C.1.

REFERRING to the notes under the title "Abnormal Solar Radiation on 75 Megacycles" in *Nature* of October 12, p. 511, Dr. S. E. Williams states that the phrase (par. 2, line 3) "visual changes on the sun's disk as recorded on spectrohelioscope observations . . ." should read, "visual changes on the sun, namely, the appearance of an eruptive prominence recorded in the spectrohelioscope observations . . ."