

Cereals and Cereal Products) will appear monthly except during the four summer months, when it will be bi-monthly. It will bring together abstracts of the entire technological and scientific literature on the cereal grains—wheat, corn, rye, oats and barley—and on all other grains such as soya bean, cottonseed, buckwheat, etc., utilized by the milling and food industries. It will include contributions on plant breeding, cultural practices, varieties, soil and weather relations of the crops; physiology, diseases, insect pests; storage of grain and flour; milling machinery and techniques; plant sanitation; baking and nutritional studies on diets in which cereal and related products are important components; biochemistry of cereals and cereal products; enzymes; and industrial microbiology in so far as it affects the cereals and their products.

### U.N.E.S.C.O. Fellowships

THE first two of the fellowships placed at the disposal of U.N.E.S.C.O. by the American Chemical Society have been awarded to men of science from Czechoslovakia. The successful candidates are Dr. Milos Hudlicky, assistant at the Institute of Organic Chemistry at Prague, and Dr. Ivan Vavruch, assistant at the Research Institute of the Czechoslovak Sugar Institute, also in Prague. It is hoped that both the new fellows will be able to take up their appointments early in 1948. One of the fellowships offered by the Belgian Ministry of Education under the same U.N.E.S.C.O. scheme has been awarded to Mr. Charalambos Vacalopoulos, who is studying international relations in Brussels. The organisation of a programme of fellowships of this kind is one of the most important of the aims of U.N.E.S.C.O., as it is designed to make it possible for scientific workers, teachers and others from war-devastated countries who were cut off from the outside world during the War to be made acquainted with the most recent developments in the field of their specialization.

### Conference on Ethics and Science

IN July last year the British Social Hygiene Council held a conference on "The Problems of Communal Life: the Ethical and Scientific Approach", which proved so successful that the Council was asked to arrange something similar this year. In response to this request, a one-day conference has been arranged for December 4, and will take place in the Livingstone Hall, Tothill Street, Westminster, S.W.1. Its main theme will be "Society and the Individual", which will be considered under two headings, namely, "The Values Society sets upon the Individual", and "The Values the Individual sets before Himself". Ample time will be allowed for discussion at the end of both the morning and afternoon sessions and at an open meeting in the evening. Once again the aim of the Conference is to effect, in some measure, a synthesis between the spiritual and the scientific interpretations of life. The chair will be taken by Prof. Winifred Cullis and Dr. E. B. Strauss, and the speakers include Mr. L. J. F. Brimble, Father Leycester King, Canon Marcus Knight, Dr. E. H. Larkin, Mr. J. Mackay-Mure, Dr. Mary Smith, Mrs. Joan B. Thompson, Mr. Kenneth Walker, and Mr. R. Weatherall. Further information and tickets (members of the Council 2s. 6d., others 3s. 6d.) can be obtained from the British Social Hygiene Council, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

### Royal Society of Edinburgh: Officers for 1947-48

At a statutory meeting of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, held on October 27, the following officers and members of council were elected: *President*, Sir William Wright Smith; *Vice-Presidents*, Lord Cooper, Prof. J. W. Heslop Harrison, Prof. W. M. H. Greaves, Lieut.-Colonel W. F. Harvey, Prof. James P. Kendall, Sir Ernest Wedderburn; *General Secretary*, Dr. J. E. Richey; *Secretaries to Ordinary Meetings*, Prof. Arthur Holmes, Prof. E. T. Copson; *Treasurer*, A. W. Young; *Curator of Library and Museum*, Dr. John E. Mackenzie; *Ordinary Members of Council*, Prof. E. P. Cathcart, Prof. A. Gray, Dr. J. R. Greig, Dr. W. A. Harwood, Prof. C. M. Yonge, Prof. A. D. Hobson, Dr. W. O. Kermack, Dr. John Weir, Prof. J. H. Gaddum, Prof. G. D. Preston, Prof. S. J. Watson, R. Ll. Gwilt.

### Announcements

THE Hanbury Gold Medal for 1947 of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain was presented on November 13 to Dr. Hans Flück, professor of pharmacognosy in the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Federal Technical Institute, Zurich.

THE Pedler Lecture of the Chemical Society will be given by Sir Ian Heilbron, professor of organic chemistry, Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, at the Society's rooms on December 4 at 7.30 p.m. He will speak on "Recent Developments in the Vitamin A Field".

DR. W. J. KEARTON, senior lecturer in mechanical engineering in the University of Liverpool, has been appointed to the Harrison chair of mechanical engineering in the University.

MR. JOHN WILSON, director of research to the British Rubber Producers' Research Association, has been appointed director of research to the British Rayon Research Association.

SIR CHARLES ELLIS, president and chairman of Council of the British Coal Utilization Research Association, has announced the following new titles in respect of the directorate of the Association: Dr. D. T. A. Townend, director-general; Dr. D. H. Bangham, director of research laboratories; Dr. E. G. Ritchie, director of engineering laboratories; Mr. J. S. Hales, director of domestic appliance laboratories; Mr. H. T. Hathaway, secretary and finance officer.

THE film "Nagana", introduced by Dr. P. J. du Toit at a meeting held at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine to discuss "D.D.T. and the Aeroplane in the Control of the Tsetse Fly and Trypanosomiasis in South Africa" (see *Nature*, October 11, p. 485), is now at the South African Scientific Liaison Office, 39 Prince's Gate, London, S.W.7, and is available on loan to scientific bodies wishing to show it. It is a 16-mm. colour film with sound-track.

THE Boron Agricultural Bureau announces that its work will be brought to a close at the end of December 1947. Its comprehensive collection of literature on the uses and functions of boron in agriculture, which has been assembled during the last eleven years, will be presented to the library of the Rothamsted Experimental Station, where it will be available for consultation.