

quarterly journal. Throughout its eight issues, *Humanitas* has maintained an admirably high standard. It is edited by a joint board of university students and teachers, under the chairmanship of Prof. M. Polanyi. Its contributors include Bertrand Russell, D. M. MacKinnon, C. V. Wedgwood, Sherwood Taylor, C. F. von Weizsäcker, Storm Jameson and Dorothy Emmet. In its scope it embraces the philosophy of science and history, and questions of religion and education. Its purpose is to awaken interest in the moral and social responsibilities of scholarship. The autumn number is notable because it contains a full text of the recent broadcast between Bertrand Russell and Father Copleston. *Humanitas* may be obtained from Dr. W. Schenk, University College, Exeter.

Colonial Service : Recent Appointments

THE following appointments in the Colonial Service have been announced: H. A. Fooks, temporary assistant conservator of forests, Nigeria; T. Geddie, agricultural superintendent, Nigeria; T. O. Ellis (agricultural chemist, Jamaica), senior agricultural chemist Jamaica; J. C. Eyre (senior agricultural officer Palestine), deputy director of agriculture, Northern Rhodesia; B. G. Owen (senior agricultural officer, Nigeria), assistant director of agriculture (produce inspection), Nigeria; R. M. Harley (assistant conservator of forests, Gold Coast), senior assistant conservator of forests, Gold Coast; R. G. Hiller (senior assistant conservator of forests, Northern Rhodesia), senior assistant conservator of forests, Uganda; A. C. Russell (assistant conservator of forests, Gold Coast), senior assistant conservator of forests, Gold Coast; C. J. Taylor (assistant conservator of forests, Gold Coast), senior assistant conservator of forests, Gold Coast; N. F. Bowers (development officer, Nigeria), field officer, West African trypanosomiasis research, Nigeria. The following have been appointed assistant conservators of forests in the countries mentioned: A. E. Beveridge (Federation of Malaya), W. Carmichael (Tanganyika), D. G. Cumming (Northern Rhodesia), J. Grant (Sarawak).

British Social Hygiene Council : Summer Schools

THE British Social Hygiene Council is arranging two summer schools this year, one in England, the other in Switzerland. The first will be held at 'Elfinward', Haywards Heath, Sussex, during August 1-14, and the second at the University of Berne, during August 17-September 1.

The course at 'Elfinward', which will be entitled "The Teaching of Biology", is intended primarily, though not exclusively, for teachers in secondary modern schools and of junior forms in grammar schools. The director of the School will be Mr. W. L. Sumner, of the University of Nottingham. The fee, including registration, is £15 15s. In the Swiss Summer School, which will have as its theme "The Family and the Nation", an attempt is being made to cater for the needs of social workers who are interested in the family. It should appeal especially to children's officers, probation officers, magistrates, health visitors, almoners, nurses and teachers, though members of the general public will be equally welcome. The cost, including travel, hotel accommodation and tuition, will be approximately £34. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, British Social Hygiene Council, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Summer School in Micro-Chemical Techniques

A COURSE in micro-chemical techniques will be held at the Queen's University, Belfast, during June 20-July 2, for the third successive year. Instruction will be given in centigram and milligram techniques which are of general use in various branches of inorganic and physical chemistry. Operations such as micro-electrolysis, chromatography and chemical microscopy, which are of increasing importance in diverse fields, are optional. In addition, exercises in microgram analysis will be available for specialists.

Announcements

PROF. LINUS PAULING, professor of chemistry at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, and M. Henri Besaire have been elected *correspondants* for the Section of Mineralogy of the Paris Academy of Sciences, in succession to the late J. C. de Lapparent and M. Leriche.

SIR NOEL ASHBRIDGE, director of technical services of the B.B.C., and Mr. H. Bishop, chief engineer of the B.B.C., will deliver the Faraday Lectures of the Institution of Electrical Engineers on February 16, at 6.30 p.m. They will speak on "Television", and will give demonstrations and experiments. The lecture will be delivered at the Central Hall, Westminster, London, and admission will be by ticket, obtainable on application to the Secretary, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C.2. The Lecture is also to be delivered at various towns throughout the country.

The University of London has arranged a course of three lectures on "The Application of Atomic Piles in Nuclear Physics", to be delivered by Sir John Cockcroft. The lectures will be given at the Senate House, on February 2, 9 and 16, 1949, at 5.30 p.m. Admission is free and without ticket.

Two full-day conferences on "Combined Heat and Power Supplies" have been arranged by the Institute of Fuel and will be held at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers on January 25 and April 27. The conferences will be open to the public, but admission is by ticket only, to be obtained from the Secretary, Institute of Fuel, 18 Devonshire Street, London, W.1.

MARCONI INSTRUMENTS, LTD., are showing a wide range of industrial measuring instruments at their London showroom, 109 Eaton Square, S.W.1, during March 14-25, and all interested in electronics and process control are invited to apply for admission tickets either to Marconi Instruments, Ltd., St. Albans, Herts, or the London showroom.

The Cecil Peace Prize of £100 is open to all members (less than twenty-five years old) of the universities of the United Kingdom. The subject for the year 1949 is: "What international action should be taken with regard to the many millions of displaced or expelled persons and refugees in Western Europe, with a view to both the restoration of European economy and to the utilization of labour power now running to waste". Essays must be sent before November 1 to the Secretary, Association of Universities of the British Commonwealth, 32 Woburn Square, London, W.C.1.

THE Operational Research Club (see *Nature*, October 23, p. 646) announces a change of address. The address of the honorary secretary, Mr. D. Neville-Jones, is now 14 Sheen Gate Gardens, East Sheen, London, S.W.14.