

date's supervisor and the name of a referee. Such applications should be forwarded, not later than April 1, through the head of the applicant's university or college to the Secretary, Association of the Universities of the British Commonwealth, 5 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1, from whom further particulars can be obtained.

### Colonial Service: Recent Appointments

THE following appointments in the Colonial Service have been recently announced: L. J. Foster, agricultural officer (horticulture), Nyasaland; N. Lamont, agricultural officer, Fiji; T. O. Robson, pasture research officer, Tanganyika (seconded to Kenya); R. J. Spooner, agricultural officer, Kenya; S. K. Reakes-Williams, agricultural officer, Tanganyika; W. J. Harrison, J. S. Lightbody and H. Searle, assistant conservators of forests, Nigeria; J. A. Goodlet, assistant conservator of forests, Trinidad; J. G. Lumsden, assistant conservator of forests, Northern Rhodesia; J. D. Todd, assistant conservator of forests, Mauritius; D. C. Jones, geologist, Nigeria; E. R. Pollard, geologist, British Guiana; D. F. Hamilton and J. G. Ross, veterinary officers, Cyprus; J. D. Rennie, veterinary officer, Nyasaland; M. M. Scott, veterinary officer, Northern Rhodesia; D. G. Bouring, agricultural cocoa survey officer, Gold Coast; D. P. Braithwaite, biochemist, Veterinary Department, Kenya; C. A. Ellis and J. Longden, assistant statisticians, Nigeria; R. S. Hall, statistician, East Africa High Commission; P. A. Towsey, statistician, East Africa Statistical Department, East Africa High Commission; D. R. Niven, fisheries officer, Federation of Malaya; A. McDonald, meteorologist, Federation of Malaya; W. H. Whitely, anthropologist, Tanganyika; C. E. J. Biggs (deputy director of agriculture, Tanganyika), director of agriculture, Tanganyika; G. B. Gregory (agricultural superintendent, Grenada), senior agricultural officer, British Honduras; G. W. Lines (principal agricultural officer, Sierra Leone), deputy director of agriculture, Sierra Leone; H. MacLuskie (senior agricultural officer, Sierra Leone), station agricultural officer, Rice Research Station, Sierra Leone; B. J. Silk (agricultural officer, Gold Coast), agricultural education officer, Gold Coast; J. R. P. Soper (senior agricultural officer, Federation of Malaya), deputy director of agriculture, Tanganyika; S. G. Wilson (senior veterinary research officer, Uganda), chief field zoologist, Kenya; Miss F. M. L. Sheffield (specialist officer, Clove Research Scheme, Zanzibar), cytologist, East African Agriculture and Forestry Research Organisation; N. Yonli (assistant agricultural officer, Gold Coast), agricultural education officer, Gold Coast.

### Exhibition in London of French Scientific Instruments

IN connexion with this Exhibition at the Science Museum, London, S.W.7 (see *Nature*, January 14, p. 59), the following lectures have been announced: February 8, at 4.15 p.m., Prof. E. Bauer, on "Scientific Research in France"; and H. Volkringer, on "The Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, and the Commission des Inventions" (admission by tickets obtainable from the Scientific Office, French Embassy, 58 Knightsbridge, London, S.W.1). February 9, at 6 p.m. (at the French Institute, Queensberry Place, London, S.W.7), Prof. E. Bauer, on "Philosophie de la mesure et de l'observation en physique". February 10, at 4.30 p.m., Dr. J. Guéron, on "Some Methods and Instruments used at the

Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique", and L. Couffignal, on "The Calculating Machine of the Institut Blaise Pascal". February 14, at 4.30 p.m., P. Le Rolland, on "Pendulum Methods for the Study of the Elastic Properties of Solids". February 16, at 4.30 p.m., P. de Fonbrune, on "Some New Methods of Micro-manipulation". February 21, at 4.30 p.m., M. Chevenard, on "Some French Apparatus for Use in Metallographic Research" (lecture to be read by Dr. L. Haughton); and Ingénieur Général C. R. Libessart, on "The Kinetics of Carbon Reactions". February 24, at 4.30 p.m., Dr. L. Kowarski, on "Atomic Energy Developments in France: 1946-1950". Except where stated, the lectures will be given in the Lecture Theatre of the Science Museum, and with the exception of those on February 8, are open to the public without tickets.

### Announcements

PROF. J. B. ELIAS MELIN, professor in the Institute of Physiological Botany, University of Uppsala, has been elected *Correspondant* for the Section of Botany of the Paris Academy of Sciences in succession to the late M. Emmanuel Teodoresco.

THE Liverpool University Chemical Society Medal for 1950 has been awarded to Dr. W. H. Garrett, a graduate of the University and a director of Monsanto Chemicals, Ltd., for services to chemistry in the industrial field. The Medal will be presented at the annual open meeting of the Society on February 23 at 4.30 p.m., when Dr. Garrett will deliver a lecture entitled "The Need for Flexibility in University-Industry Relations".

THE Council of the Institute of Fuel announces that Mr. J. F. Ronca, at present honorary secretary of the Institute, will succeed Dr. D. T. A. Townend as president in October 1950. The Melchett Medal for 1950 has been awarded to Prof. R. J. Sarjant, professor of fuel technology in the University of Sheffield.

DR. J. PEARSON, head of the Chemistry Section of the British Iron and Steel Research Association Laboratories at Sketty Hall, Swansea, since 1946, has been appointed head of the Chemistry Department of the Association in succession to Dr. F. D. Richardson. Dr. Pearson is a graduate of the University of London, and was awarded the degree of Ph.D. in 1946 for research on the polarography of nitro-compounds. In his new post, he will be responsible for research on the physical chemistry of iron and steel making, refractories and problems of corrosion.

A David Anderson-Berry Silver-Gilt Medal, with a sum of about £100, will be awarded during 1950 by the Royal Society of Edinburgh for work on the therapeutical effect of X-rays on human diseases. Applications (with copies of relevant papers on accomplished work) must be sent to the General Secretary, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22 George Street, Edinburgh 2, by March 31, 1950.

ERRATUM. Dr. W. Boas and Mr. P. J. Fensham state that in their communication entitled "Rate of Self-Diffusion in Tin Crystals" in *Nature* of December 31, 1949, p. 1127, they have discovered an arithmetical error in the computation of the constant  $A$  parallel to the  $c$ -axis, which appeared in Table 2 as  $8.4 \pm 3 \times 10^{-4}$ . This should read  $1.2 \pm 0.45 \times 10^{-5}$ . The ratio  $A_c/A_a$  should therefore be  $\sim 10^3$ , not  $\sim 10^4$  as stated. This alteration, however, leaves the conclusions quite unaffected.