

mary of 100–150 words, which will be printed in the Congress programme, and members reading communications will be limited to a maximum of fifteen minutes with a further fifteen minutes for discussion. The Congress will open informally on August 14, and the official opening session will be on August 15 in the Kriterion Theater. Thereafter, section meetings will be held in the Laboratory of Inorganic Chemistry, Nieuwe Prinsengracht 126, Amsterdam-C, where also the reception office will be located. August 17 and 21 will be devoted to excursions, and there is a special programme for ladies. All correspondence relating to the Congress should be sent to the secretary, Prof. R. J. Forbes, Haringvlietstraat 1, Amsterdam-Z., Netherlands.

#### Ray Society : Annual General Meeting

THE hundred and sixth annual general meeting of the Ray Society was held on March 16. It was announced that Prof. N. J. Berrill's volume on "The Tunicata" was nearly ready and will be distributed in the immediate future. This will be followed shortly by the second volume of Prof. Frank Balfour-Browne's "British Water Beetles" and by the first volume of Messrs. G. H. Lockett and A. F. Millidge's "British Spiders". The volume on "The Mysids", by the late Prof. W. M. Tattersall, is now nearly ready for press; and volumes on "British Sponges" by Dr. Maurice Burton, on "Watsonian Vice-Counties" by Mr. J. E. Dandy, and a second volume on "British Spiders" are in active preparation. It was reported at the meeting that the Ray Society has received most valuable financial assistance during the year, not only from two of its members, Mr. Spedan Lewis and Prof. Frank Balfour-Browne, but also from Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., which has covenanted to pay the Society the sum of £750 a year for seven years.

Officers of the Society were elected as follows: *President*, Lieut.-Colonel Seymour Sewell; *Honorary Treasurer*, Lieut.-Colonel W. P. C. Tenison; *Foreign Secretary*, Dr. Maurice Burton; *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. Errol White; *Vice-Presidents*, Prof. G. R. de Beer and Mr. H. R. Hewer; *New Members of Council*, Mr. E. R. Martin, Mr. A. C. Townsend, Mr. E. Milne-Redhead and Mr. J. E. Dandy.

#### Convention on Modern Microscopy

A JOINT convention on modern microscopy will be held by the Royal Microscopical Society and the Electron Microscopy Group of the Institute of Physics at King's College Medical School, Newcastle upon Tyne, during April 18–21. The convention will form one of the occasional meetings that are held from time to time outside London by the Royal Microscopical Society. Dr. G. M. Findlay, of the British Medical Association, will give a public lecture on "Viruses" in the City Hall on April 19 at 8 p.m. On April 20 at 8 p.m. there will be a civic reception at the Laing Art Gallery of members of the convention by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne and the Lady Mayoress. It is proposed to publish the papers read at the convention in the *Journal of the Royal Microscopical Society*. Further details can be obtained from the convention secretary, Dr. A. E. J. Vickers, Wynnstay, Millfield Road, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne.

#### University of London : Appointments

THE following appointments in the University of London have been announced: Prof. R. W. Russell,

to the University chair of psychology tenable at University College from October 1, 1950; Dr. D. H. R. Barton, to the University readership in organic chemistry tenable at Birkbeck College from October 1, 1950. The title of professor of mining geology in the University has been conferred on Dr. David Williams in respect of the post held by him at the Imperial College of Science and Technology; and that of reader in chemistry in the University on Dr. A. G. Foster in respect of the post held by him at Royal Holloway College, from October 1, 1950.

#### Colonial Service : Recent Appointments

THE following appointments in the Colonial Service have been recently announced: H. J. H. Borley (administrative officer, Nyasaland), director, Game, Fish and Tsetse Control, Nyasaland; P. S. Hammond (agricultural officer, Gold Coast), temporary assistant director of agriculture (cocoa industry), Gold Coast; A. Jones (senior agricultural officer, Gold Coast), assistant director of agriculture, Gold Coast; E. B. Martyn (plant pathologist, Jamaica), plant pathologist, Trinidad; A. F. W. Sheffield (senior agricultural officer, Nigeria), principal agricultural officer, Nigeria; G. R. Spurrell (senior agricultural officer, Gold Coast), temporary assistant director of agriculture (cocoa industry), Gold Coast; H. A. Douglas (assistant conservator of forests, Gold Coast), senior assistant conservator of forests, Gold Coast; A. F. A. Lamb (conservator of forests, British Honduras), conservator of forests, Trinidad; G. L. Timms (pathologist, Kenya), assistant director of laboratory services, Kenya; T. Wilson (health officer, Federation of Malaya), senior malaria research officer, Federation of Malaya; J. C. Rix (veterinary officer, Northern Rhodesia), veterinary officer, Hong Kong; J. T. T. Schouten (assistant agricultural officer, Kenya), agricultural officer, Kenya; A. N. C. Thomas, agricultural officer, Nigeria; J. D. Long, assistant conservator of forests, Nigeria; W. H. Jack and J. W. C. Mooney, assistant conservators of forests, Gold Coast; J. Middleton, geologist, Sierra Leone; T. J. Coyle and K. S. Jespersen, veterinary officers, Uganda; G. R. Scott, veterinary research officer, Kenya; B. J. Barton, fisheries officer, Sierra Leone; H. J. Bigelstone, senior assistant meteorologist, Nigeria; W. L. Booker, statistical officer, Gold Coast; J. A. Gilmour, lecturer in botany and entomology, Egerton School of Agriculture, Kenya; P. R. Hesse, research officer, scientific officer grade, East Africa High Commission; H. P. V. Jensen and J. Marquard-Andersen, veterinary officers, Kenya; P. Kravig, fisheries officer, Sarawak; W. H. E. Nielson, veterinary officer, Northern Rhodesia; J. E. Peacock, scientific officer (meteorologist), Royal Observatory, Hong Kong; S. H. Phoenix, lecturer in agricultural chemistry, Kenya; J. L. Schofield, pasture research officer, Kenya.

#### Announcements

H.M. The King, accompanied by the Queen, will inaugurate the new building at Mill Hill of the National Institute for Medical Research on May 5.

A CONFERENCE on "Science and Food Rationing", sponsored by several scientific and educational organisations, will be held in the Chemistry Lecture Theatre, University College, London, during April 28–29. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, British Social Hygiene Council, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.