

of fish, and will carry out studies on fish culture, the transplantation of fish, planktology, hydrology and taxonomy; Mr. W. H. Schuster, of Indonesia, was appointed chairman, and Mr. G. W. Rayner, of Australia, *rapporteur*. Technical Committee II, which is concerned with technology, economics and statistics, will continue its programme of surveying the industries of the Indo-Pacific region; Mr. Claro Martin, of the Philippines, was appointed chairman, and Mr. C. G. Setter, of Australia, *rapporteur*. A number of technical papers covering a wide range of activities were received by the Council, and the Committee sent in reports submitting recommendations and resolutions for future work. One of the major projects of the Council consists of a register of the projects, institutions, vessels and personnel concerned with fisheries work in the Indo-Pacific region. Plans have been made for the completion of this register and for its publication at the earliest opportunity.

Guide to the Pharmacy of Poisons

ONLY a small proportion of scientific workers have to deal with poisons; but those who do will be glad to have the fifth edition of the "P.J. Poisons Guide" (pp. 46; London: Pharmaceutical Press, 1949; 3s. 6d., interleaved 4s.), which contains a great deal of valuable information. It summarizes the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933, giving lists of substances included in its four schedules, and also the Pharmacy and Medicines Act, 1941. These summaries are followed by an extended list of poisons and substances containing poisons, with an indication of the special restrictions applying to each. The fifth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth schedules to the poisons rules are also reproduced.

Precautionary Measures against Toxic Chemicals used in Agriculture

THE Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has appointed a working party on precautionary measures against toxic chemicals used in agriculture. Its terms of reference are: "To make recommendations for the promotion of the safety of workers in the agricultural use of substances which are toxic or harmful to human beings: and in particular to advise on the recommendations on this subject made in the Report of the Gowers Committee on Health, Safety and Welfare in non-industrial Employment". The membership of the working party is as follows: Prof. S. Zuckerman (*chairman*), Mr. A. B. Bartlett, Dr. R. A. E. Galley, Mr. C. T. Gimmingham, Mr. A. Holness, Mr. W. Morley Davies, Mr. R. G. C. Nisbet, Dr. J. M. Rogan and Mr. H. Cole Tinsley. The joint secretaries are Mr. K. R. Allen, Office of the Lord President of the Council, and Dr. J. T. Martin, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Plant Pathology Laboratory).

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THE following appointments have recently been made: Dr. Frederick Murgatroyd, to the Wellcome chair of clinical tropical medicine tenable at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Dr. S. D. Elek, to the University readership in bacteriology tenable at St. George's Hospital Medical School; Dr. Bernhard Katz, to the University readership in physiology tenable at University College; Dr. D. S. Rice, to the University readership in Islamic art and archaeology tenable at the School of Oriental

and African Studies. The title of reader in photoelasticity in the University has been conferred on Mr. H. T. Jessop, in respect of the post held by him at University College, and that of reader in highway engineering in the University on Mr. B. G. G. Manton, in respect of the post held by him at the Imperial College of Science and Technology.

Announcements

By an Order of the Committee of Privy Council for Medical Research, made after consultation with the Medical Research Council and with the president of the Royal Society, Prof. W. E. le Gros Clark, professor of anatomy in the University of Oxford, and Prof. F. G. Young, professor of biochemistry in the University of Cambridge, have been appointed to be members of the Medical Research Council from October 1, and by the same Order Group Captain C. A. B. Wilcock has been re-appointed a member from that date.

Mr. R. L. FORTESCUE has been appointed senior lecturer in charge of the Particle Accelerator Laboratory, which is under construction at Queen Mary College, London, and which is designed for the study of machines used in nuclear physics and radiotherapy and the principles relating to the use of nuclear energy; since 1945, Mr. Fortescue has been working at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, as a principal scientific officer.

THE following officers of the Scientific Instrument Manufacturers' Association of Great Britain, Ltd., have been elected for the year 1950-51: *President*, M. H. Taylor; *Vice-Presidents*, J. E. C. Bailey and A. W. Smith; *Honorary Treasurer*, S. Borthwick; and *Honorary Secretary*, J. Rock Cooper.

THE Pharmaceutical Society's research scholarship of £300 a year for two years has been awarded to Miss B. P. Jackson, who since 1947 has been a member of the staff of the Department of Pharmacy, University College, Nottingham (now the University of Nottingham), and of the School of Pharmacy, University of London. Miss Jackson will work in the Museum of the Society on genetical and cultivation investigations of vegetable drugs.

A RESEARCH fellowship in electrical engineering, to be known as the W. T. Henley fellowship, has been established by Messrs. W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works Co., Ltd., at Queen Mary College, London. The fellowship, which is worth up to a maximum of £600 a year, is for senior research workers who have already had some works experience, and it is hoped that the investigations carried out will be more particularly in the field of dielectrics, high-voltage engineering and arc-interruption phenomena, for which the resources of the College are particularly good.

THE publication by the Tin Research Institute, Fraser Road, Perivale, Greenford, Middlesex, at the very low price of 2s. 6d., of its brochure on the equilibrium diagrams of the tin alloys will be welcomed by all metallographers. It is extremely well produced, the diagrams are adequately large and very clear, while the references will be still further welcomed. Although the diagrams published deal only with the binary alloys, there is a very useful bibliography of the ternary ones. Where the crystal structure of the phases has been worked out, the results are given, together with short notes on discrepancies between the results of different workers.