

forestry, agriculture, anthropology, public health, nutrition and social sciences. General symposia will be held as follows: rice enrichment; Pacific oceanography; management and utilization of natural resources; geology and mining industry; plant geography; typhoons; anthropological subjects (with special emphasis on recent archaeological finds, outstanding ethnographical studies and problems, and recent work in linguistics); historic and pre-historic population movements into the Pacific and major lines of migration; crop improvement; animal improvement in the Pacific; reforestation; Pacific conservation; museums; international organizations of the United Nations, etc. In addition, there will be two special symposia. Besides those who will be at the Congress as official members or members (the latter being appointed by representative institutions or accredited by scientific societies), interested persons may attend the Congress as 'participants'; British scientific workers who wish to attend should write in the first place to the Assistant Secretary of the Royal Society, Burlington House, London, W.1. Papers will be limited to ten minutes for reading and five minutes for discussion; all papers (and abstracts of not more than four hundred words) must be sent in by September 1. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary-General, Eighth Pacific Science Congress, National Research Council of the Philippines, Quezon City, Philippines.

Royal Society of South Africa: Council for 1953

At the anniversary meeting of the Royal Society of South Africa, held on March 18, the following members of Council were elected for 1953: *President*, S. H. Skaife; *Honorary General Secretary*, W. J. Talbot; *Honorary Treasurer*, N. Sapeika; *Acting Honorary Editor of Transactions*, A. M. Talbot; *Honorary Librarian*, E. Newbery; *Other Members of Council*, R. S. Adamson, D. Burnett, W. J. Copenhagen, A. J. H. Goodwin, S. H. Haughton, W. E. Isaac, W. J. Lutjeharms, R. H. Stoy and C. van Riet Lowe.

Society for Endocrinology: Officers and Committee

OFFICERS and committee for 1953 of the Society for Endocrinology have been elected as follows: *Chairman*, Dr. S. J. Folley; *Honorary Secretaries*, Prof. C. H. Gray and Prof. N. F. Maclagan; *Honorary Treasurer*, Dr. G. W. Harris; *Editor of the Society's Proceedings*, Prof. S. Zuckerman; *Ordinary Members of the Committee*, Dr. T. Mann, Dr. C. J. O. R. Morris, Dr. I. W. Rowlands and Dr. S. L. Simpson. Communications should be sent to Prof. C. H. Gray, secretary of the Society, at the Department of Chemical Pathology, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.5.

Announcements

A MEETING arranged jointly by the Acoustics Group of the Physical Society and the Royal Aeronautical Society on the subject of aeronautical acoustics, and jet noise in particular, will be held at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers on May 21. There will be three sessions on engine, aircraft and ground noise, respectively, and a general discussion will follow. Further information can be obtained from the General Secretary, Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London, W.1.

An exhibition of the Flinders Petrie collection of Egyptian antiquities will be held in the Museum of

Egyptology, University College, Malet Street, London, W.C.1, during June 18–August 31 (admission free; Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–noon). The Flinders Petrie centenary lecture will be given by Prof. S. R. K. Glanville, Herbert Thompson professor of Egyptology in the University of Cambridge; the lecture will be open to the public and will be given in the Anatomy Theatre, University College, Gower Street, London, W.C.1, at 5.30 p.m., on June 17.

THE summer conference of the Society for Applied Bacteriology will be held in Oxford during July 6–9. On July 7 a symposium will be held on "Antibiotics, their Production and Uses in Industry", at which papers will be read on antibiotic-producing organisms, antibiotic fermentations and their biological control, the chemistry of some antibiotics and their uses in the control of plant diseases and animal feeding. The remainder of the conference will consist of original contributions. Further details may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, G. Sykes, Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd., Microbiology Division, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

THE annual meeting of the Société de Chimie Physique will this year take the form of a discussion on "Recent Advances in the Study of Molecular Structure", to be held in Paris during July 6–10. The various topics will each be introduced by a general summary given as follows: Sir John Lennard-Jones, principal of the University College of North Staffordshire, recent advances in our knowledge of the chemical bond; Prof. R. Meeke (Freiburg im Breisgau), recent advances in the field of spectroscopy; Prof. Roubine (Lille), microwave spectroscopy; Mr. Grison (Bergerac), localization of hydrogen atoms by X-ray diffraction; Dr. L. E. Sutton (Oxford), electron diffraction; Prof. Cauchois (Paris), X-ray spectra; Dr. G. E. Bacon (Harwell), neutron diffraction; Dr. M. Lederer (Paris), determination of the molecular structures of natural organic substances. Further information can be obtained from the general secretary of the Société de Chimie Physique, Prof. G. Emschwiller, 10 rue Vauquelin, Paris 5^e.

At the combined invitation of the Amsterdams Chemisch Dispuut, the Utrechtse Chemische Club and the Chemisch Dispuut Leiden, Prof. John Read, of the University of St. Andrews, has recently given a series of lectures in the three Dutch universities concerned, beginning at Amsterdam on April 27. In meeting the special request of these three student societies, Prof. Read dealt with the subject of alchemy and its connexions with art and music, and in particular with the art of the Netherlands. The lectures were accompanied by artistic and musical illustrations, and it is a tribute to the linguistic abilities of Dutch students that at each centre the whole of the proceedings, including questions and discussions, were conducted in English. At Amsterdam, in the laboratory of Prof. J. P. Wibaut, Prof. Read also gave an account to advanced and research students, and members of the teaching staff, of some of his own collaborative researches on the chemistry and stereochemistry of plant products, originating in the University of Sydney and continued at St. Andrews.

ERRATUM. In the communication "Kramer and Russell Effects with Single Crystals of Zinc" in *Nature* of May 16, p. 890, by Dr. L. Grunberg and Dr. K. H. R. Wright, the descriptions (a) and (b) below the illustration should be interchanged.