

twice a year, edited by D. H. Kent (1, Part 1; pp. 117). The first number contains such familiar features as plant notes, plant records and abstracts from literature. Each number will also contain papers of general interest on the British flora and, at times, reports of officers, excursions and exhibition meetings, as well as book reviews and obituaries. The present part includes papers on recent work on the Manx flora and the flora of Caldey Island, Pembrokeshire.

#### Abstracts of Theses for Cambridge Research Degrees

ABSTRACTS of the theses which were approved for the degrees of Ph.D., M.Sc. and M.Litt. in the University of Cambridge during the academic year 1951-52 have been published by the Cambridge University Press (pp. xvii+243; 1954). These abstracts, which vary in length from about 120 to 500 words each, are arranged in the alphabetical order of the faculties under the degree committees of which the research students worked and, within these main divisions, by departments. Sixteen faculties are represented, and two hundred dissertations are reported. These include twenty-six in the Faculty of Mathematics, and in the Faculty of Physics and Chemistry twenty on subjects in organic and inorganic chemistry, ten in physical chemistry and thirty-one in physics. The Faculties of Classics and Divinity are represented by only one each. An index of authors' names is given at the end of the volume, and it is stated that a copy of each dissertation is deposited in the University Library and may only be consulted there. It is to be expected that the substance of the more important dissertations will be published in due course in the appropriate journals; but as it is essential that details of work done, particularly in science, should be made available as soon as possible to those interested, it is a pity that this handy reference volume to research work performed at the University of Cambridge during 1951-52 was not published more promptly, and further that the copies of the dissertations are not available for loan except perhaps from the individual authors.

#### American Association for the Advancement of Science: Meeting in Berkeley

THE one hundred and twenty-first meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held in the University of California, Berkeley, during December 26-31. In addition to the programmes of the Association and its eighteen sections, fifty-nine societies and other scientific organizations have arranged more than three hundred sessions, and another thirty societies are co-sponsoring appropriate symposia. Besides the address of the retiring president of the Association, Dr. E. U. Condon, to be given on December 28, the Association will hold three general symposia as follows: natural resources—power, metals, food; population problems; and the impact of science on society. As in previous years, the main work of the meeting will be divided between the various Sections of the Association, which are as follows: (A) mathematics; (B) physics; (C) chemistry; (D) astronomy; (E) geology and geography; (F) zoological sciences; (FG) biological sciences; (G) botanical sciences; (H) anthropology; (I) psychology; (K) social and economic sciences; (L) history and philosophy of science; (M) engineering; (N) medical sciences; (O) agriculture; (P)

industrial sciences; (Q) education; (X) science in general. Among the other meetings to be held in Berkeley at the same time are: the third Berkeley symposium on mathematical statistics and probability; a four-day international conference on animal venoms; a meeting of the International Union for the Study of Social Insects; the annual Academy conference, made up of delegates of the forty-two academies of science affiliated with the Association; and the recurrent conference on scientific editorial problems and the conference on scientific man-power. Further information can be obtained from Sidney S. Negus, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia.

#### Geographical Association: Annual Conference

THE annual conference of the Geographical Association will be held in the London School of Economics, Houghton Street, Aldwych, London, W.C.2, during January 4-7, 1955. The presidential address, by Prof. S. W. Wooldridge, professor of geography, King's College, London, will be on "The Status of Geography and the Role of Fieldwork". In addition to the usual lectures, excursions, etc., there will be a symposium sponsored by the Public and Preparatory Schools Section of the Association, on problems of geography teaching and their relation to preparation for the university. Further information can be obtained from the honorary conference organizer, Prof. W. G. V. Balchin, University College, Swansea.

The spring conference of the Association will be held in York during April 12-16, 1955, and the programme and reservation leaflet for this meeting will be enclosed in the January issue of the Association's journal *Geography*.

#### Israeli Scientific Papers during 1948-53: Exhibition in London

AN exhibition of scientific papers published by Israeli research workers during 1948-53, covering both pure and applied science, will be held at the Israeli Consulate, 18 Manchester Square, London, W.1, starting on December 7, and will remain open to the public for a fortnight, Saturdays excluded. Sir Francis Simon will open the exhibition and will give an impression of science in Israel during his recent visit to that country. Sir Ben Lockspeiser will also speak, and Sir Robert Robinson will be in the chair. A catalogue will be issued of all the publications concerned, with full names and references, as well as an author index. Further information can be obtained from the Office of the Scientific Attaché of the Embassy of Israel, 2 Palace Green, London, W.8.

#### University of Glasgow

THE following appointments have recently been made in the University of Glasgow: to the chair of agriculture, Prof. Donald S. Hendrie, principal of the West of Scotland Agricultural College; to lectureships, A. C. MacLean (geology), Dr. E. Gelles (chemistry) and Dr. H. W. Wilson (experimental physics); to Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., fellowships, Dr. S. C. Abrahams (senior fellowship) and Dr. H. M. M. Shearer. For the present session, 287 new students (228 men and 59 women) have been admitted to the Science Faculty of the University, compared with 259 in 1953. In the University as a whole, the total number of matriculated students stands almost unchanged at 5,585. The new wing of the Chemistry