

forests, Sierra Leone; H. C. M. Parr (senior scientific officer, Tanganyika), senior scientific officer, Uganda; J. MacDonald and W. N. Scott (veterinary officers, Uganda), assistant directors of veterinary services (field), Uganda; J. L. Anderson, agricultural officer, Western Region, Nigeria; D. Jordan, agricultural officer, Gambia; R. E. Taylor, fisheries officer, Somaliland Protectorate; B. Plasecki, utilization officer, Forestry Department, Gold Coast; Miss A. P. M. Lynam, records officer, Geological Survey Department, Uganda; L. C. Cronje, entomologist, Tsetse Control, Gold Coast; D. N. McNutt, entomologist, Uganda; E. H. Roberts, scientific officer (botanist), Sierra Leone; F. J. W. Hampshire, veterinary officer, Tanganyika; J. A. Armstrong, entomologist, Tanganyika.

### Announcements

Prof. T. von Kármán and Sir Lawrence Bragg have been elected foreign associates of the Paris Academy of Sciences.

DR. W. C. OSMAN HILL, prosector of the Zoological Society of London, has been awarded the Makdougall-Brisbane Prize for the period 1952-54 of the Royal Society of Edinburgh for his papers on marsupials and lemurs in the publications of the Society, during the period of the award, and for his notable contributions on the structure, behaviour and systematics of the primates.

PROF. H. W. MELVILLE, Mason professor and head of the Department of Chemistry in the University of Birmingham, will deliver the sixth annual lecture of the Plastics Institute on March 15 at 6.30 p.m. in the Manchester College of Technology. He will speak on "New Kinds of Macromolecules".

ACADEMICIAN W. ENGELHARDT, professor of biochemistry in the University of Moscow, will deliver a lecture on "Biochemistry in the U.S.S.R." on March 14, at 7.30 p.m., at the Society for Cultural Relations with the U.S.S.R., 14 Kensington Square, London, W.8 (admission, 2s. 6d.; members of the Society and students, 2s.).

THE eighth Brookhaven Symposium in Biology, sponsored annually by the Biology Department of the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, N.Y., will be held during June 15-17, the subject this year being mutation. Those wishing to attend should notify Dr. R. C. King at the above address by May 21.

THE Electron Microscopy Group of the Institute of Physics will hold its summer conference in the Chemistry Department of the University of Glasgow during July 5-7. Hostel accommodation must be booked by March 31, and notice of intended papers must be sent by April 30. Further information can be obtained from the honorary secretary, Dr. C. E. Challice, Wright-Fleming Institute, St. Mary's Hospital, London, W.2.

THE sixth Canadian High Polymer Forum, sponsored jointly by the Chemical Institute of Canada and the National Research Council of Canada, will be held in Ridley College, St. Catharines, Ontario, during April 14-16. At a dinner to be held on the evening of the first day, Dr. R. L. Anthony, of the University of Notre Dame, will speak on "The Physicist's Approach to High Polymers". A preliminary programme and booklet of abstracts of papers are available from Dr. H. Leverne Williams, Polymer Corporation, Ltd., Sarnia, Ontario, from whom further information can be obtained.

A SYMPOSIUM on astronomical optics and related subjects will be held in the University of Manchester during April 19-22 under the auspices of the Department of Astronomy. The aim of the symposium is to provide a forum of discussion for certain topics of modern optical research, both theoretical and experimental, of special interest at the present time, with particular reference to subjects which have a bearing on astronomical observation. Further information can be obtained from the secretaries of the meetings, Dr. W. L. Wilcock or Dr. E. Wolf, Department of Astronomy, University, Manchester 13.

ABOUT £30 is available from the Clough Memorial Research Fund of the Edinburgh Geological Society for geological research in Scotland and the north of England (Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmorland and Yorkshire) during the period April 1955-March 1956. Applications for grants from this Fund must be sent before March 31 to the Honorary Secretary, Edinburgh Geological Society, Synod Hall, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 1, from whom further information can be obtained.

THE Mond Nickel Fellowships Committee is offering up to five travelling fellowships, open to persons of British nationality with degree or similar qualifications, not necessarily in metallurgy, so that they can obtain wider experience and training in industrial establishments (in special circumstances, at a university) in order to make them more suitable for employment in technical and/or executive positions in British metallurgical industries. Each fellowship will occupy one full working year and will be worth £900-1,200. There are no age limits; but awards will seldom be made to persons more than thirty-five years of age. Application forms, to be completed by June 1, and further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Mond Nickel Fellowships Committee, 4 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.

THE second issue of the "Supplement" (pp. 334) to Vol. 12, Series 9 (1954), of *Il Nuovo Cimento*, containing the proceedings of the international symposium on unstable heavy particles and high-energy events in cosmic rays, held in Padua during April 12-15, 1954, has recently appeared. The issue includes sections on pi-mesons, K-mesons, charged and neutral hyperons, unstable nuclear fragments, cloud-chamber work, jets and high-energy slower particles, recommendations for the standardization of measurements in photographic emulsions, and a report on the Sardinia expedition of 1953. A limited number of copies is available to non-subscribers, and those wishing to obtain a copy (price, 300 lire plus postal charges) should write as soon as possible to Nicola Zanichelli, Editore, via Imerio 34, Bologna, Italy.

THE headquarters of the Museums Association have been moved from the Meteorological Buildings, South Kensington, London, S.W.7, to a Georgian house which the Association has purchased at 33 Fitzroy Street, London, W.1. The move was necessitated by the extensive rearrangements in connexion with the enlargement of the Imperial College of Science and Technology.

REFERRING to the communication entitled "Chemotherapeutic Experiments with Natural Constituents of the Body" in *Nature*, September 18, 1954, p. 555, Dr. H. Meyer-Döring states that all the mixtures (1-6) mentioned in par. 8 were ineffective except the compound cysteinylascorbic acid.