

(Animal Industries), Northern Nigeria; C. D. Sutton, soil chemist, Sarawak; Dr. V. D. Van Someren, biologist, Kenya; B. Marshall, assistant government chemist, Federation of Nigeria; J. H. Hill, geologist, Fiji; G. Owen, veterinary officer, Nyasaland.

The appointment of P. W. Hanney was as entomologist, Northern Nigeria (and not Western Nigeria, as printed in *Nature*, May 4, p. 899).

#### University News : Birmingham

THE following appointments in the University of Birmingham have been announced: Dr. H. E. Daniels, to the newly established chair of statistics within the Department of Pure Mathematics, from October 1; Dr. S. R. M. Ellis, to the vacant chair within the Department of Chemical Engineering, from May 1; Dr. A. D. McQuillan, to the research chair in physical metallurgy, from October 1; Dr. C. Rainbow, formerly lecturer in the Department of Malting and Brewing and Applied Biochemistry, to be senior lecturer in charge of the Sub-Department of Malting and Brewing, from March 1; T. H. Richards, to be lecturer in civil engineering from September 1; W. G. Key, to be staff tutor in engineering production in the Institute for Engineering Production, from May 6; Dr. J. V. Whitworth, to be senior research fellow in pure mathematics, from October 1; C. D. Harbury, to be lecturer in economics, from October 1.

#### Bristol

THE following have been elected to readerships in the University of Bristol: Dr. W. Chester, in applied mathematics, and Dr. J. A. Laing, in veterinary science. The following appointments have also been made: Dr. D. J. Bohm, as research fellow in physics; A. J. B. Cruickshank, as research fellow in inorganic and physical chemistry; Elizabeth van Horn, as assistant bacteriologist; and K. W. Keohane, as lecturer in anatomy.

#### London

THE following appointments in the University of London are announced: Dr. A. W. Bishop, lecturer at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, to the University readership in soil mechanics tenable at that College; Dr. H. Halberstam, lecturer at the University of Exeter, to the University readership in mathematics tenable at the Royal Holloway College; Dr. M. J. H. Smith, senior lecturer in chemical pathology at King's College Hospital Medical School, to the University readership in chemical pathology tenable at that School. The title of reader in physics in the University has been conferred on Dr. E. H. Hutten in respect of his post at the Royal Holloway College.

#### Announcements

PROF. M. J. C. R. COURRIER, For.Mem.R.S., secrétaire perpétuelle of the Paris Academy of Sciences, has been elected to a vacancy in the list of twenty-five Foreign Fellows of the Zoological Society of London.

M. EUGÈNE FREYSSINET, the eminent French engineer and inventor of prestressed concrete, has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Institution of Structural Engineers. The first paper on prestressed concrete to be read in Britain was given by M.

Freyssinet, in 1936, on the occasion of a joint meeting of the Institution with the British Section of the Société des Ingénieurs Civils de France.

A MEETING of the Association of Clinical Biochemists (Southern Region) will be held at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, on June 22 at 2 p.m. Those wishing to attend should notify Dr. N. R. Lawrie, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, from whom further details can also be obtained.

A CONFERENCE on "The Rheology of Disperse Systems", organized by the British Society of Rheology, is to be held at the University of Swansea during September 19-20. Further details with regard to programme and accommodation in the University Hostel can be obtained from the conference secretary, Mr. C. C. Mills, Patra House, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.

THE Production Engineering Department of the College of Technology, Birmingham, under the direction of Mr. T. B. Worth, is holding a full-time course of three weeks duration on "Statistical Quality Control and Acceptance Sampling", commencing on June 17. The course is primarily intended as an introduction to the subject. The first fortnight will be spent in covering the general principles and procedures involved. The final week will be devoted to lectures by specialists from industry, and to visiting the works of firms employing quality control where members of the course will be able to see the practical application of quality control methods and discuss the techniques and associated problems. The course will be directed by Dr. C. J. Anson, senior lecturer in the Mathematics Department, and Mr. J. D. Morrison, senior lecturer in the Production Engineering Department.

THE Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain (Scientific and Technical Group), in collaboration with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, is to hold a conference on "Industrial High Speed Photography" on June 21 at the Royal College of Science and Technology, Glasgow. Among the papers to be presented are an introductory talk by Mr. W. D. Chesterman, followed by a colour film on "Welding Problems"; "Electrical Research and Production Problems including Circuit Breaker Research", by Mr. Austin Young (Reyrolle, Ltd., Co. Durham); "Study of Cavitation", by Dr. I. S. Pearsall (East Kilbride, Glasgow); "Techniques for Kinematography of Combustion in Diesel Engines", by Mr. J. G. G. Hempson (Ricardo and Co., Ltd., Shoreham-by-Sea); "Application of High Speed Photography to Production Problems", by Mr. J. Hadland (John Hadland and Co., Chipperfield, Herts); "Simple Methods of Recording High Speed Events", by Dr. J. S. Courtney-Platt (Cambridge). All who are interested in this field are invited to attend. Detailed programmes and further information can be obtained from Mr. E. Martindale, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, 20 Walker Street, Edinburgh 3; or Mr. R. E. Withrington, c/o Research Laboratory, Ilford, Ltd., Ilford, Essex.

ERRATUM. In the communication entitled "Depolymerization of Hyaluronic Acid by X-rays", by Dr. A. Caputo, in *Nature* of June 1, p. 1133, we regret to find that Fig. 2 has been displaced. The graph should be turned clockwise through 90°, the axes remaining as at present. Thus the lowest values of the sedimentation constant occur at the highest concentration of hyaluronic acid.