

**Journal of Applied Bacteriology**

THE *Journal of Applied Bacteriology* is normally published bi-annually, issues appearing in June and December. In 1957 three numbers will be published, the third appearing in December. This extra number of the *Journal* will contain the papers read at a special symposium of the Society for Applied Bacteriology held in July last. The subject of the symposium was "Bacterial Spores". Orders for the special issue (35s.) and new orders for the *Journal* (35s. per issue) should be sent to Mr. A. H. Walters, Honorary Publications Manager, Society for Applied Bacteriology, Milton-Deosan Research Laboratory, 64 Wimpole Street, London, W.1.

**Grant to the Macaulay Institute for Soil Research**

THE Rockefeller Foundation has made a grant of up to 9,500 dollars to the Macaulay Institute for Soil Research for the development of spectrochemical methods of analysis. This grant will be used for purchasing a British-made 11-channel direct reading attachment to a medium quartz spectrograph. This equipment, which enables analyses of chosen elements to be carried out automatically in an electric discharge, will allow the Department of Spectrochemistry to develop its investigations of the role of trace elements in soil-plant relationships and other biological problems.

**Oversea Service Division, Colonial Office**

THE following appointments have recently been made in the Oversea Service Division, Colonial Office: P. W. A. Davies (agricultural officer, Kenya), agricultural officer, Basutoland; G. Gamble (provincial agricultural officer, Kenya), assistant director of agriculture (Field), Kenya; E. C. M. Green (agricultural officer, Kenya), provincial agricultural officer, Kenya; R. J. Spooner (agricultural officer, Kenya), provincial agricultural officer, Kenya; R. J. Dewar (deputy conservator of forests, Nyasaland), deputy chief conservator of forests, Nyasaland; R. G. M. Willan (conservator of forests, Nyasaland), chief conservator of forests, Nyasaland; R. M. C. Williams (scientific officer, East Africa High Commission), senior scientific officer, East Africa High Commission; G. Froyd (veterinary officer, Kenya), veterinary research officer, Kenya; M. I. Ashrif, agronomist, Sierra Leone; T. M. Denoon, temporary livestock superintendent, Department of Veterinary Research, Federation of Nigeria; R. Hewson, agronomist, British Guiana; L. B. Palmer, agronomist, British Guiana; J. M. Taylor, development officer, pig industry, Jamaica; J. B. Robertson, fisheries officer, Tanganyika; C. W. Holloway, assistant conservator of forests, Kenya; M. G. Allderidge, assistant geologist, British Guiana; L. L. Fernandez, assistant geologist, British Guiana; P. Rix, geologist, Kenya; D. J. L. Casley, statistician, East Africa High Commission; R. G. Erskine, temporary veterinary research officer, Federation of Nigeria; T. M. Leach, chief veterinary officer, Northern Nigeria; B. J. Hills, metallurgist, Tanganyika; D. W. Parry, cartographer, Kenya.

**Announcements**

DR. GERHARD HERZBERG, director, Division of Pure Physics, National Research Council of Canada, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India.

MR. PHILIP SHERIDAN HOPKINS, professor of aviation and head of the Department of Aviation at Norwich University, Vermont, has been appointed director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air Museum.

AT a recent meeting of the Board of the British Nuclear Energy Conference, the Institute of Fuel was admitted to membership. The purpose of the British Nuclear Energy Conference is to co-ordinate the activities of the constituent members in the field of nuclear energy; meetings are held and a journal is to be published.

THE Company of Glass Sellers offers scholarships in glass technology, tenable at the University of Sheffield. The scholarship examination consists of papers in chemistry, physics and mathematics. Entry forms (which must be returned by February 1) and further information can be obtained from The Registrar, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, 10.

THE Nutritional Biochemicals Corporation, of Cleveland, Ohio, has issued a new catalogue of research 'biochemicals' (October 1957). There are a few new items, including decarboxylases for the natural forms of the amino-acids arginine, aspartic acid, histidine, lysine and tyrosine. Biochemists will note wistfully that 1 gm. of coenzyme A (75 per cent) still costs 600 dollars, though there are some price reductions.

PROF. C. E. H. BAWN will deliver the fourth lecture of the Plastics Institute for young people on "The Progress of Plastics" in the William Beveridge Memorial Hall, Senate House, University of London, W.C.1, at 2.30 p.m., on January 2, 1958. Admittance will be by ticket only, obtainable from the Secretary to Council, Plastics Institute, 6 Mandeville Place, London, W.1.

THE annual meeting of the Science Masters' Association will be held in the University of Leeds during December 31-January 3. Further information can be obtained from the annual meeting secretary, W. H. Dowland, 93 Westbourne Road, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham.

THE 124th meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held in Indianapolis during December 26-30, with headquarters in the Claypool Hotel. In addition to the eighteen sections of the Association, some seventy affiliated and associated societies will also meet. Further information can be obtained from Sidney S. Negus, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia.

A THREE-DAY meeting of the Society of Glass Technology is to be held at Elmfield, Northumberland Road, Sheffield 10, during November 26-28. The programme includes delivery of the presidential address on "Forty Years beside the Glass Industry" by Mr. C. E. Ramsden (on November 26) and a symposium on "Radioisotopes and Glass" (on November 27). Further details may be obtained from the Society of Glass Technology, Thornton, Hallam Gate Road, Sheffield 10.

ERRATUM. In *Nature* of August 10, p. 296, the legend to Fig. 1 of the communication on "Photo-periodicity and Wool Growth in Romney Rams and Wethers" by Dr. A. B. Wildman should read: "Weight of clean wool conditioned to 67° F., 65 per cent relative humidity from tattooed squares".