

Oversea Service Division, Colonial Office

THE following appointments have recently been made in the Oversea Service Division, Colonial Office : E. C. Clarke (assistant conservator of forests, class 2, Cyprus), assistant conservator of forests, class 1, Cyprus ; D. Moore (deputy conservator of forests, Trinidad), conservator of forests, Trinidad ; J. C. Mouskos (administrative officer, class 2, Cyprus), assistant conservator of forests, class 1, Cyprus ; D. Jones (meteorologist, grade 1, Federation of Nigeria), senior meteorologist, Federation of Nigeria ; R. H. Williams (deputy chief surveyor, Federation of Malaya), chief surveyor, grade 2, Federation of Malaya ; W. N. Scott (assistant director of Veterinary Services, Uganda), deputy director, East African Trypanosomiasis Research Organization, East Africa High Commission ; E. K. Clarke, agricultural officer, Nyasaland ; D. M. Hill, agricultural officer, Nyasaland ; J. P. Law, agricultural officer, Sierra Leone ; N. Le Poidevin, agricultural officer, Gambia ; D. McDonald, plant pathologist, Northern Region, Nigeria ; C. K. H. Martini, plant pathologist, West African Cacao Research Institute, Western Region, Nigeria ; T. G. Moffatt, agricultural officer, Northern Region, Nigeria ; R. Orpin, agricultural officer, Nyasaland ; D. J. H. Thomas, agricultural officer, Western Region, Nigeria ; J. M. S. Burgess, assistant conservator of forests, Nyasaland ; E. W. Gregor, assistant conservator of forests, Somaliland Protectorate ; D. B. Webb, assistant conservator of forests, British Honduras ; J. F. Bateson, geologist, Seychelles ; W. E. Evans, geologist, Cyprus ; T. A. Moore, geologist, Cyprus ; R. D. Morris, geologist, Cyprus ; A. F. Fraser, veterinary officer, Jamaica ; G. D. Harris, veterinary officer, Northern Region, Nigeria.

The appointment of J. H. Hill was as geologist, British Solomon Islands Protectorate (and not Fiji, as printed in *Nature* of June 15, p. 1225).

The Night Sky in September

FULL moon occurs on September 9d. 04h. 55m. U.T., and new moon on September 23d. 19h. 18m. The following conjunctions with the Moon take place : September 1d. 04h., Saturn 0.6° S. ; September 26d. 18h., Venus 2° S. ; September 28d. 14h., Saturn 1° S. In addition to these conjunctions with the Moon, Saturn is in conjunction with Antares on September 6d. 06h., Saturn being 6.2° N., and Venus with Spica on September 7d. 22h., Venus being 2.1° N. Mercury will be visible as a morning star during the last week of September, rising at 4h. 30m. on September 30. Venus sets about an hour after the Sun, and will be visible as a bright object low in the west just after sunset. Mars and Jupiter are too close to the Sun for observation. Saturn sets at 21h. 55m., 21h. 00m., and 20h. 05m. on September 1, 15 and 30, respectively ; it is moving eastwards in Ophiuchus, being north of Antares. Saturn has stellar magnitude $+0.8$ and a distance on September 15 of 950 million miles. There is one occultation of a star brighter than magnitude 6, observation being made at Greenwich : September 21d. 3h. 48.8m., ω Leo. m. (*R*). *R* refers to reappearance. There is a daylight occultation of Saturn on September 28, visible at Greenwich. Disappearance is at 12h. 47.7m., reappearance at 13h. 44.9m. The autumnal equinox occurs on September 23d. 07h.

Announcements

DR. MARTIN H. MOYNIHAN, who graduated at Princeton and carried out postgraduate studies at Oxford, has been appointed resident naturalist of the Smithsonian Institution's Panama Canal Zone Biological Area, a tropical forest and wild-life preserve on Barro Colorado Island in Gatun Lake, Canal Zone.

MR. R. D. JOHNSTON has been awarded a fellowship for postgraduate research in the Department of Metallurgy at Battersea College of Technology, London, by the British Oxygen Co., Ltd.

APPLICATIONS for grants from the Research Fund of the Chemical Society for the assistance of research in all branches of chemistry should be submitted on the appropriate form by November 14. Forms of application together with the regulations governing the award of grants can be obtained from the General Secretary, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1.

THE Institute of Welding has established a School of Welding Technology at its house at 54 Princes Gate, London, S.W.7, and courses on various aspects of welding, each lasting a week, will be arranged during October-March. Particulars can be obtained from the Secretary of the Institute.

THE scientific activities of Morley College, London, are being increased in connexion with the rebuilding of the College, which was damaged during the Second World War. Still further facilities will be available when the new building opens early in 1958. The programme of courses on science, which include lectures on various aspects of natural history, gardening, public health, agriculture, photography, microscopy, astronomy and statistics, can be obtained from the Director of Science, Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, London, S.E.1.

THE British Scientific Instrument Research Association has extended its forthcoming series of open days, originally to be held during the week October 7-11, to include October 14. Admission is by invitation only, and inquiries should be addressed to the Director, British Scientific Instrument Research Association, Southill, Elmstead Woods, Chislehurst, Kent.

THE National Conference of the Institute of Personnel Management will be held in Harrogate during October 4-6. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary to the Institute at Management House, 80 Fetter Lane, London, E.C.4.

THE sixth Anglo-American Aeronautical Conference, under the joint auspices of the Royal Aeronautical Society and the U.S. Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences, is to be held at Folkestone during September 9-12. The Conference is open only to members of the sponsoring organizations.

THE Scottish Group of the Nutrition Society is holding a symposium on "The Nutrition of the Very Young" in Dundee on September 21. The papers to be read will deal with both infants and young farm animals. Further particulars can be obtained from Dr. J. Davidson, Rowett Research Institute, Bucksburn, Aberdeenshire.