

Oversea Service Division, Colonial Office

THE following appointments have recently been made in the Oversea Service Division, Colonial Office: G. Gamble (agricultural officer, Kenya), provincial agricultural officer, Kenya; J. V. Webdale (agricultural officer, Tanganyika), agricultural officer, Zanzibar; W. J. Harrison (assistant conservator of forests, Western Nigeria), senior assistant conservator of forests, Western Nigeria; H. A. Jones (senior geologist, Department of Geological Survey, Federation of Nigeria), principal geologist, Department of Geological Survey, Federation of Nigeria; W. H. Macleod (senior geologist, Department of Geological Survey, Federation of Nigeria), assistant director, Department of Geological Survey, Federation of Nigeria; S. W. Morel (geologist, Nyasaland), geologist, class 1, Cyprus; R. C. Pargeter (senior geologist, Department of Geological Survey, Federation of Nigeria), assistant director, Department of Geological Survey, Federation of Nigeria; D. C. Hendriks (surveyor, Public Works Department, Jamaica), senior surveyor, Public Works Department, Jamaica; H. C. W. Guy (livestock improvement officer, Kenya), principal livestock improvement officer, Kenya; D. F. Golliger, agricultural officer, British Guiana; I. A. D. Robertson, entomologist, Tanganyika; P. A. Thompson, agricultural officer, Fiji; C. R. Wallace, entomologist, St. Helena; A. S. Cook, temporary industrial chemist, Eastern Nigeria; N. V. Williams, fisheries officer, Northern Rhodesia; M. Crown, assistant conservator of forests, Northern Rhodesia; P. R. Reid, assistant conservator of forests, Federation of Nigeria; R. L. Clark, supernumerary surveyor, British Solomon Islands Protectorate; M. A. R. Cooper, surveyor, Federation of Nigeria; J. G. Olliver, technical officer, Survey Department, Kenya; D. Branagan, veterinary officer, Tanganyika; E. Forest, veterinary officer, Jamaica; A. S. Turnbull, veterinary officer, Jamaica; R. C. Smart, spectrographer, Uganda.

University News: University College of North Staffordshire

THE following appointments in the University College of North Staffordshire have been made: Dr. D. J. Bartholomew to a lectureship in social statistics; Dr. E. Corinaldesi to a lectureship in mathematics.

The Polymer Corporation Research Studentship founded at the College in 1954 by the Polymer Corporation of Sarnia, Canada, has been elevated to a post-doctoral Research Fellowship. P. P. Rutherford of Trinity College, Dublin, has been appointed Research Fellow and will collaborate with Dr. P. H. Plesch on cationic polymerization.

The National Coal Board has presented £3,000 to the College for research in the stratigraphy of the North Staffordshire coalfield. Dr. J. R. Haynes has been appointed to work on this project under the direction of Prof. F. W. Cope in the Department of Geology. Unilever Ltd. has given £2,700 to the College for fellowships in the Department of Chemistry.

From October 1958, the College will provide opportunities for students, with no qualification in science at the advanced level of the General Certificate of Education, to take in their first year an additional course which will enable them, if successful, to proceed to the degree of B.A. with honours with at least one

science subject as a principal subject. Two principal subjects are required for the degree. Fifteen special places will be reserved annually for candidates for such courses, who must qualify for entrance in the normal way. Further information may be obtained from the Registrar.

Announcements

J. F. D. GREENHALGH, of the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen, has been awarded a Drummond Junior Fellowship in nutrition for the year 1957-58.

AWARDS for study in statistics by persons whose primary field is not statistics but one of the physical, biological or social sciences to which statistics can be applied are offered by the Department of Statistics of the University of Chicago. The awards range from 3,600 to 5,000 dollars on the basis of residence for eleven months. The closing date for application for the academic year 1958-59 is February 15, 1958. Further information can be obtained from the Department of Statistics, Eckhart Hall, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois.

THE seventh International Cancer Congress will take place at the Royal Festival Hall, London, during July 6-12, 1958. Enrolment forms must be received at the Congress Office (45 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2) by January 1, 1958, if a late fee is not to be incurred. Registration forms may be obtained from the Secretary-General at that address.

THE ninth International Botanical Congress will be held in Montreal during August 19-29, 1959, at McGill University and the University of Montreal. The programme will include papers and symposia related to all branches of pure and applied botany. A first circular giving information on programmes, accommodation, excursions, and other details will be available early in 1958. Further information can be obtained from Dr. C. Frankton, Secretary-General, Ninth International Botanical Congress, Science Service Building, Ottawa, Ontario.

THE Fifteenth International Congress of Zoology, to be held in London in July 1958, will consider for final approval and adoption the new text of the International Code for Zoological Nomenclature as revised by the preceding Congresses held in Paris in 1948 and Copenhagen in 1953. In order to relieve the Congress of some of the work involved in the scrutiny of the draft Code, a Colloquium on Zoological Nomenclature is being organized by the International Trust, to be held in London during the week beginning July 9, 1958, prior to the opening of the Congress. Invitations to the Colloquium have already been issued by the Trust to a large number of zoologists known to be interested in zoological nomenclature, and further invitations to the Colloquium will be issued by the Trust to any other members of the Congress who express a desire to take part in its discussions.

ERRATUM. Reference was made in *Nature* of August 17, p. 321, to a paper by Mr. I. F. Long (not H. F. Long as printed) on instruments for micro-meteorological measurements. In the article it was stated that "... the dew-point is roughly the mean of the dry- and wet-bulb temperatures". This is, as several correspondents have pointed out, incorrect; the wet-bulb temperature is approximately the mean of the dry-bulb and dew-point temperatures, as stated correctly in the original paper.