

the control of leaf cast in common pine. There are also descriptions of new types of agricultural aircraft and equipment and extracts from recent agricultural aviation literature.

#### Selborne Society Library

THE Selborne Society has deposited its library, which was started in 1895, in the care of the Ealing Public Libraries, and thus made it available to all. The catalogue (pp. 34. Ealing: Central Library, 1958) has been compiled by the staff of the Ealing Reference Library and is arranged in six sections: manuscripts; editions of the "Natural History of Selborne"; other works by Gilbert White; works on Gilbert White and Selborne; books on natural history in general; and other books. It is hoped that the collection, already supplemented by the larger stock of Ealing Public Libraries, will be further augmented by additions from the Society and the public.

#### Transvaal Museum, Pretoria

THIS well-known Museum, in its annual report for the year ending March 31, 1958 (pp. 48. Pretoria: Transvaal Museum, 1958), records progress in its educational and scientific activities. Lack of space, though a familiar complaint, is now a very serious matter and constitutes a grave hindrance to the efficient functioning of the Museum. Several field trips have been undertaken during the year and in consequence much valuable material has accrued to the collections. The staff have been active in research and publication and continued to give freely of their time in lectures, talks and demonstrations to local cultural organizations. Temporary exhibitions were re-instituted during the year and placed on display each month in the entrance hall. Objects given to President Kruger, but not actually used by him, were transferred from the President's Residence and displayed in cases.

#### "Flora Europaea"

IN a short publication, Dr. V. H. Heywood has set out basic ideas and information relating to a projected new European Flora ("The Presentation of Taxonomic Information: A Short Guide for Contributors to Flora Europaea". Leicester University Press, 1958). In a foreword, Prof. T. G. Tutin, who is chairman of the Organizing and Editorial Committee, has explained that the main aim of "Flora Europaea" is to consolidate and correlate previous work. This comprises the studies and compilations of more than two centuries and involves contributions from some 20-30 countries. It is hoped to produce a well-balanced, critical survey, in which all relevant information concerning angiosperms, gymnosperms and pteridophytes will be assimilated and presented within a uniform framework. The Flora is intended to be of broad usefulness, not only for taxonomists, but also for other professional botanists, agronomists, foresters, and so on. It is expected that it will be completed within a period of about 12-15 years and that it will comprise three or four volumes. In the pamphlet under consideration, full information is given regarding standard procedures to be used in the preparation of the Flora. The sponsors are the Linnean Society of London, and the secretary of the Organizing and Editorial Committee is Dr. V. H. Heywood, curator of the Herbarium, University of Liverpool.

#### The Indian National Scientific Document Centre

THE demands on the services provided by the Indian National Scientific Document Centre, for which the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research provided Rs. 4,81,000, compared with Rs. 1,50,000 in 1953-54, increased by 15.2 per cent in 1957-58, and 6,202 out of 6,994 requests were met (Insdoc Report, 1957-58. Pp. ii+22. New Delhi: National Physical Laboratory of India, 1958). These included compilation of 126 bibliographies, 39 technical inquiries and the supply of copies of 5,290 articles, 44.2 per cent coming from Delhi libraries and 15.6 per cent from other Indian libraries. Requests were also received for 305 photocopies of diagrams for research papers, etc., and 441 translations were supplied out of 507 requested. The size of the Insdoc List of Current Scientific Literature has been increased and from January 1958 the *Bibliography of Scientific Publications of South and South East Asia* is being published monthly.

#### Snowdonia

"SNOWDONIA", issued for the National Parks Commission as National Parks Guide No. 2 (pp. xii+104+17 plates. London: H.M. Stationery Office, 1958. 5s. net), was prepared by the Snowdonia Park Joint Advisory Committee under the editorship of E. Vale. It includes descriptions of the geology of the Park by T. C. Miller, its plant life by Prof. P. W. Richards, and its fauna by Prof. F. W. R. Brambell, as well as notes on the principal antiquities within the Park, on mountaineering and on country-going and communications. There is also a full topographical description of the Park. The guide-book is well illustrated, and with a sufficiency of maps, an adequate bibliography, as well as lists of useful addresses, it should fill two important functions: the clarification of public understanding as to the purpose and functions of a national park; and the assistance of those who visit the Park. The National Parks Commission and the Snowdonia Park Joint Advisory Committee are to be congratulated on a first-rate piece of work, admirably designed for its purpose.

#### Availability of Technical Films used at the Geneva Conference

FOURTY-FIVE technical motion pictures first shown last September in Geneva at the Second International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy are now available for loan and sale from the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. The 16-mm. films, most of which are in colour, cover major nuclear applications and research activities. They were sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission, its industrial and university contractors and, in a few cases, by private industrial organizations. Most of the films will be lent on request to industry, advanced educational institutions, research organizations, Government agencies, etc., by the eleven film libraries of the Atomic Energy Commission, each of which serves a specific geographical area within the United States.

All forty-five Geneva films are also available for sale from the following sources: Byron, Inc., 1226 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington 7, D.C.; Capital Film Laboratories, Inc., 1905 Fairview Avenue, N.E., Washington 2, D.C.; Consolidated Film Industries, 959 Seward Street, Hollywood 38, California. The Washington and field libraries also have about seventy other, less technical, films appro-