

inborn metabolic defects, by Dr. Philip Evans (London); nutrition in relation to phenylketonuria, by Dr. L. I. Woolf (Oxford); the metabolism of copper and Wilson's disease, by Prof. J. N. Cumings (London); chronic magnesium deficiency, by Dr. Paul Fourman (Cardiff); the possible role of dietary factors in the aetiology and pathogenesis of sprue, coeliac disease and idiopathic steatorrhoea, by Prof. A. C. Frazer (Birmingham). Further information can be obtained from Miss D. F. Hollingsworth, c/o Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Great Westminster House, Horseferry Road, London, S.W.1.

#### Royal Statistical Society

At the annual general meeting of the Royal Statistical Society, Prof. M. G. Kendall was re-elected president for the ensuing year. Dr. B. Benjamin, Dr. P. Armitage and Mr. B. P. Emmett were re-elected honorary secretaries, and Mr. C. T. Saunders honorary treasurer. Prof. David R. Cox, professor of statistics in the University of London (Birkbeck College), was awarded the Society's Guy Medal in silver.

#### Royal Society and Nuffield Foundation Commonwealth Bursaries

AWARDS under the Royal Society and Nuffield Foundation Commonwealth Bursaries Scheme have been made as follows:

Mr. L. G. Campbell, of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, to enable him to study aspects of drainage and irrigation in Ontario and Alberta during July and August, 1961.

Dr. Rosalie F. Ewer, research associate, Rhodes University, to assist her to study fossil material of the early archosaur reptile *Euparkeria* at University College, London, for four months from September 1961.

Dr. K. A. Kermack, lecturer in zoology, University College, London, to enable him to examine in museums in South Africa specimens of reptiles which were the ancestors of the Mammalia and to make collections from the beds of Uppermost Triassic age in South Africa, from October 1961 for five months.

Dr. D. F. McMichael, curator of molluscs, the Australian Museum, Sydney, to assist him to spend about four months from October 1961 at the British Museum (Natural History) studying the collections of molluscs with special reference to the type specimens of Australian and New Guinea land and freshwater molluscs housed there.

Dr. W. Macnae, lecturer in zoology, University of the Witwatersrand, to enable him to spend 6-8 months from December 1961 based on the University of Queensland and studying the ecology of the *Cymodocea* fields and mangrove swamps on shores within the Great Barrier Reef and in northern Australia.

Dr. J. N. Phillips, of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (Australia) Division of Plant Industry, Canberra, to enable him to extend his physico-chemical studies on plant and animal pigments at Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, for about eleven months from December 1961.

Dr. Muriel L. Tomlinson, university demonstrator in organic chemistry, Oxford, to enable her to study polydentate compounds at the University of Sydney for about three months early in 1962.

Prof. D. Walker, professor of physics, Victoria University of Wellington, to enable him to make a study of experimental research work at present of interest to workers with low-energy Van de Graaff

accelerators (or similar machines), and to study the working of the National Institute for Nuclear Science in Britain, for eight months from June 1962.

Dr. H. B. S. Womersley, reader in botany, University of Adelaide, to assist him with maintenance costs at Vancouver for three months from April 1962 while making ecological comparisons of the intertidal biology (especially marine algae) of southern Australia and the western North American coast.

#### Announcements

SIR HOWARD FLOREY, president of the Royal Society and professor of pathology in the University of Oxford, and Dr. Owen H. Wangenstein, chairman of the Department of Surgery, University of Minnesota, and formerly president of the American College of Surgeons, have been elected Honorary Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

MR. G. C. TOOTILL (Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough) has been appointed chairman of a special committee to consider international standards work on information technology by the International Federation of Information Processing Societies.

AN international conference on elementary particles will be held during September 14-20 at Aix-en-Provence, France. Further information can be obtained from the Scientific Conference Secretariat (E. W. D. Steel), CERN, Geneva, 23, Switzerland.

THE Technical Section of the British Paper and Board Makers' Association is organizing a conference on "The Formation and Structure of Paper", to be held at the Dyson Perrins Laboratory, Oxford, during September 25-29. Further information can be obtained from the Technical Section, British Paper and Board Makers' Association, St. Winifred's, Welcomes Road, Kenley, Surrey.

UNDER the auspices of a committee appointed by the Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland and the Malacological Society of London, the first European Malacological Congress is to be held in London during September 17-21, 1962. The object of the Congress is to discuss all aspects of European Malacology and the formation of a European Malacological Union. The Congress is open to all interested in Malacology, and further information can be obtained from the honorary secretary, Rev. H. E. J. Biggs, 19 Siward Road, Bromley, Kent.

THE Institute of Physics and the Physical Society and the British Radio Spectroscopy Group are jointly holding a two-day conference on "Radio Spectroscopy of Solids" in the Department of Physics, University College of North Wales, Bangor, during September 21-22. The Institute and Society's Guthrie Lecture will be presented during the conference by Dr. D. Shoenberg, who will speak on "The de Haas-van Alphen Effect and the Electronic Structure of Metals". Further information can be obtained from the Administration Assistant, The Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

ERRATA. In the review of Prof. Fraenkel's *Abstract Set Theory* (*Nature*, June 17, p. 1047) the publisher was given as Elsevier Publishing Company, of Amsterdam. This should have read North-Holland Publishing Company, Amsterdam.

IN the report on the Arthur D. Little Research Institute (*Nature*, 190, 1068; 1961), five lines from the end, for 'acid' read 'non-acid'.