

casein solutions. A series of investigations, extremely important not only in dairying but also to many other branches of the food industry, is that concerned with flavour chemistry. The object of this work is to determine what carbonyl and other compounds are responsible for the various off-flavours, such as oily, tallowy, fishy and cardboardy, that can occur in certain circumstances in dairy products, and, if possible, to isolate and characterize the substances concerned. Marked progress has already been made in that direction. The report ends with a list of twenty-nine papers published during the year, some in the *British Journal of Dairy Research*, but most of them in the *Australian Journal of Dairy Technology*. Judging from this impressive list of publications, the Dairy Section of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization can certainly claim that it had a satisfactorily fruitful year in 1960-61.

### Strangers' Hall, Norwich

DURING the past year, four rooms on the street front of Strangers' Hall have, with the help of a Carnegie Grant, been converted into period rooms. On the ground floor is a kitchen with furnishings of about 1830 and a Georgian sitting-room. These rooms are seen from the street, but visitors do not go into them. On the first floor is a Victorian night nursery of about 1880 and a Victorian sitting-room of about 1860. Visitors walk along a roped pathway through these rooms.

### Field Studies Council: Courses for 1962

THE programme of courses for 1962, organized under the auspices of the Field Studies Council, has recently been issued. Such courses vary from those suitable for pupils below sixth-form level to those for university students, teachers and amateurs. Most natural-history subjects are covered. They are held at the following Field Centres: Slapton Ley, Kingsbridge, Devonshire; Preston Montford, near Shrewsbury; Malham Tarn, near Settle, Yorkshire; Juniper Hall, Dorking, Surrey; Flatford Mill, East Bergholt, near Colchester. Further information can be obtained from the wardens of these Field Centres or from the Publicity Secretary, Field Studies Council, Ravensmead, Keston, Kent.

### University News:

#### Glasgow

THE following have been appointed to lectureships: Adam Fleck (biochemistry); N. J. McCorkindale, I. C. McNeill, K. C. Campbell and A. I. Porte (chemistry); W. T. Morton (experimental physics); and D. L. Pursey (theoretical physics). A. J. Baker has been appointed Glaxo Fellow in chemistry; other fellowships have been awarded to: G. L. le Bouvier, June Dixon and K. R. Dronamraju (genetics); John Cumming, A. W. Hendry and J. G. Lynch (nuclear physics); Robert McCrindle, M. B. Meyers and R. D. H. Murray (organic chemistry); R. M. Turnbull (physics); and J. D. Roycroft (solid-state physics).

An Associated Electrical Industries (RS2) high-resolution nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer (the cost of which was defrayed by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research) is now in operation in the Chemistry Department.

For the present session, 392 students (292 men and 100 women) have been admitted to the science departments compared with 396 in 1960. The total of matriculated students in the University as a whole now stands at 6,765, compared with 6,600 in 1960.

#### London

PROF. MICHAEL ABERCROMBIE, professor of embryology in University College, has been appointed to the Jodrell chair of zoology and embryology at that College from October 1, 1962, in succession to Prof. P. B. Medawar (*Nature*, 187, 991; 1960).

THE following appointments to readerships have been announced: Dr. J. R. Butler (pure geochemistry) at the Imperial College of Science and Technology; Mr. J. C. G. Coleridge (physiology) at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine; Dr. S. J. Taylor (mathematics) at Westfield College; Mr. S. B. Watkins (chemical engineering) at King's College; Dr. F. W. O'Grady (bacteriology) at St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College; Dr. J. C. Anderson (electrical engineering) in the Imperial College of Science and Technology.

The title of professor has been conferred on: Mr. J. K. T. L. Nash (civil engineering), in respect of his post at King's College; Dr. H. E. Rose (powder technology), in respect of his post at King's College; Dr. J. H. Westcott (electrical engineering), in respect of his post at the Imperial College of Science and Technology. Titles of reader have been conferred on: Dr. K. W. Gruenberg (pure mathematics) in respect of his post at Queen Mary College; Dr. J. M. Zarek (engineering science) in respect of his post at King's College.

### Announcements

THE French Minister of Agriculture has conferred on Sir John Russell, formerly director of Rothamsted Experimental Station, the honour of Commander of the Order of Agricultural Merit on the occasion of the bicentenary of the French Academy of Agriculture.

SIR CHARLES DODDS, director of the Courtauld Institute of Biochemistry at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London, and a governor of the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine since 1956, has been appointed chairman of the Governing Body of the Lister Institute, in succession to Sir Henry Dale, who has resigned after occupying that office for twenty years.

THE Bradford Chemical Society and the Department of Chemical Technology of the Bradford Institute of Technology, in conjunction with the Yorkshire Council for Further Education, are organizing a symposium on "Antibiotics and Newer Synthetic Drugs", to be held at the Bradford Institute of Technology on February 10. Further information can be obtained from Dr. R. P. Sheldon, Department of Chemical Technology, Bradford Institute of Technology, Bradford.

THE sixteenth annual symposium on fundamental cancer research, entitled "Conceptual Advances in Immunology and Oncology", is to be held in the University of Texas during March 1-3. Subjects under discussion will include theories of antibody production; control mechanisms of antibody synthesis; the nature of the antigen-antibody reaction; transplantation and immunological tolerance; and cancer specific antigens. Further information can be obtained from the Editorial Office, M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, University of Texas, Houston 25, Texas.

ERRATUM. In the communication entitled "Riotometer Observations during a Solar Eclipse", by M. A. Gordon, in *Nature* of October 21, p. 249, the legend to Fig. 1 requires amendment: for "27.5 Mc./sec. radio wave" read "27.5 Mc./sec. (day) radio wave".