

and bearing about 1,500 words of explanatory text. Twenty-one sheets were published in 1961 and about three-quarters of the country will be covered by this series by the end of 1962. Although the maps are necessarily only of a reconnaissance character, the rapidity of production has been remarkable and the series should do much to guide and promote the future economic development of British Guiana. Copies of the Survey maps are available from the Geological Survey of British Guiana, Georgetown.

Progress in Botany

THOSE who were present at the ninth International Botanical Congress, held in Montreal in 1959, know that it was a largely attended and well-managed affair. It was the occasion for a great outpouring of new scientific work on virtually every aspect of plant life. This, too, was well ordered in that the main work of the Congress had been organized into a comprehensive system of symposia, each of vital contemporary interest. There were also special lectures on selected topics given by distinguished exponents. All this material has now been made available in two large volumes, amounting to 1,766 pages (*Recent Advances in Botany*. Vol. 1: Pp. xvi+1-948. Vol. 2: Pp. xiv+949-1766. Toronto: University of Toronto Press; London: Oxford University Press, 1961. 320s. net the set).

There can, of course, be no question of 'reviewing' these volumes for, in a sense, they are in themselves reviews. But it should be said that they constitute unusually valuable and stimulating works of reference for research workers and teachers, providing as they do representative and coherent treatments of major topics by those most actively engaged in their investigation. The two volumes will certainly repay the general botanical reader who takes the time and trouble to browse through them; as for the research worker in any particular field, they seem likely to give him the assurance that he is at least reasonably *au fait* with what has been achieved to date. They are, indeed, the kind of books that might well be made available in departmental libraries for general reference and perusal. As to the title *Recent Advances*, what appears to emerge from this large collection of original papers is that contemporary botanical science has not only important salients but is also advancing on a broad front.

Publications of the Organization for European Co-operation and Development

THE Organization for European Co-operation and Development (O.E.C.D.) has issued a general catalogue which covers all works published since its inception. Publications have been classified under two main headings: "Economics" and "Technology and Organization", with many sub-headings. Under each heading there is an introductory note showing the connexion between the works published and the activities of the Organization in the sector concerned. Most of the publications of the European Productivity Agency will be found under the heading "Technology and Organization". O.E.C.D. publications are printed in the two official languages of the Organization. Each work therefore appears as two separate editions, one in English and the other in French. Certain works, however—statistical publications, glossaries, bibliographies—are produced in a single bilingual edition, which can be used equally well by either English or French readers. In order to give the fullest possible information, the catalogue also

lists the documents which can be obtained on request, free of charge, or consulted at the Organization, as distinct from publications offered for sale. Applications for copies should be made to the Distribution and Sales Section of the O.E.C.D., 2 Rue André Pascal, Paris.

The Linnean Society of London

At the anniversary meeting of the Linnean Society of London, held on May 24, the following were elected officers for the session 1962-63: *President*, Prof. T. M. Harris; *Treasurer*, The Earl of Cranbrook; *Secretaries*, Prof. C. T. Ingold, Dr. H. G. Vevers, Dr. J. Smart (editorial); *Vice-Presidents*, The Earl of Cranbrook, Dr. C. R. Metcalfe, Dr. Sydney Smith and Mr. P. R. Bell. *New Members of Council*, Dr. Eric W. Baxter, Dr. A. McClean Bidder, Prof. C. T. Ingold, Mr. N. W. Simmonds and Dr. E. I. White. Prof. George Ledyard Stebbins and Kurt Wein were elected Foreign Members.

The Institution of Metallurgists

At the eighteenth annual general meeting of the Institution of Metallurgists the following officers were elected: *President*, Dr. E. G. West, technical director, Aluminium Development Association; *Senior Vice-President*, Dr. L. Northcott, principal superintendent, Materials Division, Armament Research and Development Establishment, Fort Halstead, War Office; *Vice-Presidents*, Prof. J. G. Ball, head of the Department of Metallurgy and professor of physical metallurgy, Imperial College of Science and Technology, and L. Rotherham, member for research, Central Electricity Generating Board; *Honorary Treasurer*, L. W. Derry, head of the Department of Metallurgy, Battersea College of Technology; *Ordinary Members of Council*, G. T. Harris, assistant managing director, Jessop-Saville, Ltd., J. M. Mowat, director, Wm. Beardmore and Co., Ltd., Parkhead Steelworks, Glasgow, and G. R. Morton, senior lecturer in metallurgy, Wolverhampton and Staffordshire College of Technology.

Alfred P. Sloan Awards

THE first Alfred P. Sloan Awards in cancer research have been conferred on: Dr. Oscar Bodansky, chairman, Department of Biochemistry, Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases, for his contributions to the advancement of biochemistry and its applications to the problems of patients with serious disease, especially cancer; Dr. Felix Wróblewski, associate of the Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases, for his contributions to the knowledge of enzymes in the blood tissues and their usefulness in medical diagnosis; Dr. Charlotte Friend, associate member of the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research, for her contributions to cancer research, particularly through her discovery of and continuing studies on a virus which will induce leukaemia in mature mice; Dr. Lloyd J. Old, associate of the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research, for his work on the role of specific and non-specific immunological factors in cancer development and growth.

Postgraduate Course in Nuclear Technology (Chemical)

APPLICATIONS are invited from graduates in chemical engineering, chemistry or metallurgy, or persons with equivalent qualifications, for a one-year course leading to the D.I.C. at the Department of Chemical