

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

NOTICE is given of the possible use by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature of its plenary powers in connexion with the following cases, full details of which will be found in *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* (19, Part 2; March 23, 1962): (1) Designation of a type-species for *Carcharhinus* Blainville, 1816 (Pisces). *Z.N.(S.)* 920. (2) Suppression of W. G. Tilesius von Tilenau, 1814–1818, "Ueber das nächtliche Leuchten des Meerwassers"; validation of several emendations; designation of a type-species for *Metapenaeus* Wood-Mason, 1891; suppression of *Mangalura* Miers, 1878 (Crustacea, Decapoda). *Z.N.(S.)* 962. (3) Validation of Xenophoridae Deshayes, 1864 (Gastropoda). *Z.N.(S.)* 1483. (4) Designation of a type-species for *Cyrnus* Stephens, 1836 (Insecta, Trichoptera). *Z.N.(S.)* 1491. (5) Validation of *Quinqueloculina* d'Orbigny, 1826 (Foraminifera). *Z.N.(S.)* 1494. (6) Designation of a type-species for *Lepidopa* Stimpson, 1858 (Crustacea, Decapoda). *Z.N.(S.)* 1495. Any zoologist who wishes to comment on any of the above cases should do so in writing to the Secretary, International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S.W.7.

British Museum (Natural History)

THE ninth edition of *A Short Guide to the Exhibition Galleries of the Natural History Museum* follows the now accepted lines together with a modern format (Pp. vi+34. London: British Museum (Natural History), 1962). Following a short historical introduction, the various parts of the nearly four acres of exhibition space are described in outline. The *Guide* is devised to help the general visitor and should do much to emphasize the highlights of the exhibition galleries to the non-initiated. The illustrations are chosen to assist the same class of individual, who no doubt will find the geological time scale—brought up to date with the now generally accepted ages in millions of years—to be of service in the elucidation of the names of the systems used in the text. The *Guide* concludes with items of general information and notes concerning the library, lectures and the Children's Centre.

The Lundy Field Society

ANNUAL reports of societies are so often dull and formal that it is interesting to receive that of the Lundy Field Society for 1959–60, which includes much in the way of the results of original work (Pp. 82. Barnstable: John C. A. Dyke, Secretary, Lundy Field Society, 8 Rock Avenue, 1962). A long list, with short notes, of the birds recorded during 1959 is followed by a rather shorter list of migrant birds recorded in 1960. Probably the most interesting one is that of the myrtle warbler (*Dendroica coronata*), which is the first for Lundy Island and only the second for Britain. An interesting paper details the known early maps (prior to 1884) of Lundy, and another deals with remains of the Dark Ages on the Island. The mosses, liverworts and lichens are also tabulated. This Society exists to study and further the conservation of the natural features of Lundy Island, and the thirteenth report gives ample proof that its aims and objects are being carried out by the members.

Art in Nigeria

THE journal *Man* for February contains an article by Philip Allison describing a number of carved stones from the Ekoi country in the River Cross area of Eastern Nigeria. Many regularly shaped natural boulders can be found in the district, and a number of them has been carved so as to show a human face and roughly indicate the body. The carvings stop at the navel and genitalia are not shown. Some small curved lozenges and lines may be intended as tribal marks, but the meaning of a number of spirals, squares and triangles, as well as diamond-shaped figures, cannot be determined. Lists of the sites where these objects occur are given. Nigeria has become famous for its works of art, and mention of these carved stones had been made as long ago as 1903, but the account here given and the excellent plate add a further chapter in the study of Nigerian art. As to dating little can be said, Anything in Africa south of the Sahara before the coming of Europeans has to be classed as prehistoric. These carved stones need not be very old in years, but yet must be said to belong to a prehistoric period.

Awards for Cancer Research

THE Alfred P. Sloan Foundation has announced the establishment of the Alfred P. Sloan Cancer Research Awards, which will initially be confined to members of the professional staffs of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. To qualify for awards, candidates must have made a significant contribution to basic scientific knowledge relating to cancer, or have advanced the treatment of cancer, or have shown unusual promise of future noteworthy accomplishments in this field. Each award will be worth 10,000 dollars, and the recipients will undertake to engage for one academic year in advanced study or in some other affiliation with a university, research institute, or similar establishment dedicated to research relevant to cancer. Further information can be obtained from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York 20, N.Y.

Harkness Fellowships of the Commonwealth Fund

THE following have been included in the recent appointments to Harkness fellowships of the Commonwealth Fund: J. B. Adams (Trinity, Oxford), business administration; Miss M. A. Boden (Birmingham), social psychology; J. R. Colbourne (King's, Cambridge), engineering; D. S. Glass (St. John's, Cambridge), organic chemistry; A. L. Rice (Liverpool), marine biology; J. H. M. Thornley (Magdalen and New Colleges, Oxford), physics; Miss P. L. Wells (Girton, Cambridge), sociology; M. D. Yudkin (King's, Cambridge), microbiology.

Heinz Scholarship

A POSTGRADUATE scholarship at the National Vegetable Research Station, Wellesbourne, Warwick, has been endowed by the H. J. Heinz Company, Ltd. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable graduate students to pursue further studies and to obtain training in methods of research at the Research Station. Awards will normally be for two years and be of the value of £500 per annum. It is hoped that the first Heinz scholarship will be awarded this year and will run from October 1. The last date for submission of applications is May 31, and they should be sent to the Secretary, National Vegetable Research Station.