

Verbal Learning and Verbal Behaviour

ALTHOUGH new psychological journals proliferate almost as rapidly as the rats which feature so extensively in their contents, there is perhaps a need for a journal devoted to the special problems of human verbal behaviour. *The Journal of Verbal Learning and Verbal Behaviour*, under the editorship of Dr. Leo Postman and an all-American editorial board, should go far to meet this need and provide a focus for psychological work in this admittedly specialized field ((1, No. 1 (July 1962). Pp. 78. New York and London: Academic Press, Inc., 1962. Subscription: Volume 1 (6 issues), 1962, 15 dollars)). The first issue contains papers on one-trial learning (a matter of some significance for modern statistical learning theories), paired-associate learning, and some effects of grammatical category on rote learning and word association. The appearance of this journal would no doubt have given warm pleasure to Hermann Ebbinghaus, from whose heroic labours in mastering strings of nonsense syllables the modern interest in verbal learning may be said to have sprung.

The Harkness Fellowships of the Commonwealth Fund—New York

THIRTY Harkness Fellowships of the Commonwealth Fund—New York are tenable during 1963 for education and travel in the continental United States. The fellowships are offered to candidates from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Western Europe, who are British subjects, and either are graduates or have experience in Government service, the professions, the arts, branches of business or industry or other comparable careers or vocations, and have the equivalent of a degree in qualifications conferred by professional bodies or an attested level of professional competence. Forms of application, which must be returned before November 15, can be obtained from the Warden, Harkness House, 38 Upper Brook Street, London, W.1, from whom further information can be obtained.

Nuclear Reactor Chemistry and Technology

THE third conference on "Nuclear Reactor Chemistry" and the sixth conference on "Analytical Chemistry in Nuclear Reactor Technology", sponsored by Oak Ridge National Laboratory, will be held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, during October 9–11. Subjects under discussion will include: preparation of fuel, moderator, coolant and nuclear poison materials and their properties in the presence and absence of nuclear radiation; particle behaviour in nuclear reactor accidents; chemical problems of organic moderated and organic cooled reactors; the chemistry of corrosion processes in nuclear reactors; use of isotopes in analytical chemistry; instrumentation; analysis of organic moderators; spectroscopy; analytical developments in radiochemistry and nucleonics. Further information can be obtained from Oak Ridge National Laboratory, P.O. Box X, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Announcements

THE second interscience conference on "Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy" will be held in Chicago during October 31–November 2. Further information can be obtained from the American Society for Microbiology, 19875 Mack Avenue, Detroit 36, Michigan.

THE second world congress of undersea activities, organized by the British Sub-Aqua Club and the World Underwater Federation, will be held in Westminster during October 18–24. Further information can be obtained from Kendall McDonald, 4 Pytchley Crescent, Upper Norwood, London, S.E.19.

A MEETING of the British Biophysical Society will be held in University College, London, during December 17–18. The programme will include two symposia: physical aspects of electron microscopy; structure of the nucleus. Further information can be obtained from Prof. D. D. Eley, Chemistry Department, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham.

AN autumn meeting on metallurgy, organized by the Société Française de Métallurgie, will be held in Paris during October 15–19. The themes of this meeting will be high temperature-resisting metals and alloys, and the use of the vacuum and rarified atmosphere in metallurgy. Further information can be obtained from La Société Française de Métallurgie, 25 rue de Clichy, Paris 9.

THE sixth plenary meeting of the World Power Conference will be held in Melbourne during October 20–27. The technical programme will include: energy resources; the production and amelioration of primary sources of energy; transformation of primary to secondary energy and transportation of energy; utilization of primary and secondary energy; economic evaluation of alternative energy sources. Further information can be obtained from the Australian National Committee, World Power Conference, 1 Collins Place, Melbourne, C.1, Victoria.

"SPACE SPECTROSCOPY" is the title of a meeting of the Spectroscopy Group of the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society to be held at the headquarters of the Institute and Society on October 12. Speakers will include Dr. R. Tousey (U.S. Naval Research Laboratory), Dr. J. Lindsay (U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration), Dr. K. A. Pounds (University of Leicester) and Dr. D. W. O. Heddle (University College, London). Further information can be obtained from the secretary, Dr. L. Bovey, Building 329, Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, Didcot, Berks.

THE second international symposium on "Phosphorylated Glucides" will be held in Milan during October 12–14. The programme will include: biology of phosphorylated glucides; phosphorylated glucides and metabolism of the myocardium; phosphorylated glucides in cardiosurgery and anaesthesiology; phosphorylated glucides and metabolism of the myometrium; phosphorylated glucides in physiopathology and therapy of liver; phosphorylated glucides in physiopathology and therapy of the nervous system; metabolism diseases and phosphorylated glucides. Further information can be obtained from the Organizing Committee of the Second International Symposium on Phosphorylated Glucides, Via Modica 6, Milan.

ERRATUM. In the article entitled "The Future Natural Sciences Programme of Unesco" by Dr. Hilliard Roderick, which appeared on p. 215 of the July 21 issue of *Nature*, the percentages 50, 40 and 10 should be inserted in place of 56, 10 and 10 respectively in the fourth paragraph on p. 221 (section iii).