

Coal Board; Sir Cyril Hinshelwood, professor of chemistry, University of Oxford. *Mechanical Engineering Research Board*: Dr. C. Dannatt, chief electrical engineer and director, Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Co.; *Pest Infestation Research Board*: Dr. C. B. Williams, chief entomologist, Rothamsted Experimental Station.

### New Trends in Biology Teaching

"New Trends in Biology Teaching" is the theme of a Conference which is being held during May 6-7 at the Borough Polytechnic, London, S.E.1. This Conference is sponsored by the Association of Assistant Mistresses, the Association of Women Science Teachers, the British Social Hygiene Council, the Joint Committee of the Four Secondary Associations, the Ling Physical Education Association, the National Union of Teachers, the Royal College of Midwives, the Royal College of Nursing, the Science Masters' Association and the School Nature Study Union. Prof. S. Mangham, of University College, Southampton, will give an opening address on "Biology for Tomorrow". He will be followed by Miss Hilda Franks on "Syllabuses". Dr. L. M. J. Kramer is giving a lecture demonstration, "Preparing and Presenting Inexpensively a Year's Course Based on the Theme, 'The Child's Microbial Heritage'". At the final session Mr. Richard Palmer will talk on "Some Neglected Aspects of Human Biology in Schools". Tickets for the Conference can be obtained from the British Social Hygiene Council, Tavistock House North, London, W.C.1, price 5s.

### South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies

THE fifty-third annual congress of the South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies will be held at King's School, Canterbury, during April 19-23. The new president of the Union, Mr. F. H. Edwards, of the Geological Survey, will give an address on "Geological Surveys and their Influence". A full programme of lectures, visits and excursions has been arranged, and approximately one day has been allotted to each of the three sections of archaeology, geology and zoology. These sections will meet on April 20, 21 and 22 under their presidents, Mr. S. S. Frere, Mr. A. Wrigley and Major Maxwell Knight, respectively. A special feature of the congress is the 'Young Naturalists' Evening' on April 22, when a team of experts will answer questions from young naturalists. The honorary general secretary of the Union is Mr. H. Lambert, of 68 Grosvenor Avenue, Carshalton, Surrey, and the honorary local secretary for Canterbury is Mr. David Stainer, of Salisbury House, St. Thomas's Hill, Canterbury.

### Colonial Service: Recent Appointments

THE following appointments in the Colonial Service have been announced: P. S. Castle, agricultural officer, Gold Coast; D. Jardine, geologist, Nigeria, seconded to the Falkland Islands; I. H. Gordon, pathologist, Nigeria; G. F. P. Doran, veterinary officer, Tanganyika; C. Douglas, veterinary officer, Gambia; Miss B. A. Bennett, meteorological assistant, Bermuda; F. H. Bridge, development officer, Veterinary Department, Nigeria; J. E. McK. Horne, assistant conservator of forests, Nigeria; W. MacDonald, agricultural officer, Nyasaland; H. A. Osmaston, assistant conservator of forests, Uganda; W. J. A. Payne, animal husbandry officer, Fiji; G. Williamson, temporary veterinary education officer, Nigeria; J. V. Lewis (administrative officer,

Tanganyika), deputy director of agriculture (marketing), Nyasaland; T. Bell (senior agricultural officer, Palestine), senior agricultural officer, Kenya; A. Jeffries (chief fruit inspector, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Palestine), agricultural officer, Tanganyika; L. A. de S. Powell (assistant headmaster, School of Agriculture, Jamaica), agricultural officer (Grade 1), Jamaica; C. S. Cree (assistant conservator of forests, Uganda), senior assistant conservator of forests, Northern Rhodesia; J. Evans (assistant conservator of forests, Palestine), assistant conservator of forests, Nigeria; K. V. W. Nicholls (meteorological officer, Federation of Malaya), meteorologist, East African High Commission.

### Announcements

THE Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries announces the following appointments: Mr. W. Morley Davies, provincial director for the East Midland Province of the National Agricultural Advisory Service, to be senior education and advisory officer to succeed Dr. W. K. Slater, who, as already announced, has been appointed secretary to the Agricultural Research Council in succession to the late Sir John Fryer; Mr. Arthur Jones, director in Wales, National Agricultural Advisory Service, to be provincial director for the East Midland Province; and Mr. D. Walters-Davies, deputy provincial director, to be director in Wales.

THE Chemical Society invites applications for grants for research in all branches of chemistry. Application forms should be submitted not later than May 10. Full particulars can be obtained from the General Secretary, Chemical Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1.

A MEETING of the council of directors of the International Union against Cancer will take place in Paris during July 18-22. Also participating will be government delegates of the Union, delegates of non-government organisations which are members of the Union, and members of the International Cancer Research Commission, which is integrated in the Union. Further information can be obtained from the Union Internationale contre le Cancer, 6 Avenue Marceau, Paris, 8<sup>e</sup>.

ON the occasion of the Conference of the International Union of Chemistry during September 6-20, a colloquium on macromolecules will be held at Amsterdam during September 2-5. The main subject will be polymerization kinetics, and macromolecules in solution will also be discussed. Full details may be obtained from the organising committee at P.O. box 71, Leyden, Netherlands.

THE Manchester Municipal College of Technology of the University of Manchester offers to part-time students six scholarships and six exhibitions varying in value up to a maximum of £140 plus approved fees, tenable for three years in any one of the full-time day courses of the College. Forms of application may be obtained from the Registrar of the College of Technology, Manchester, 1, and must be completed before June 20.

THE Physical Society announces that it has caught up arrears of publication and is able to promise much more speedy publication for papers both in its Section A (atomic and sub-atomic physics) and its Section B (macroscopic physics).