

(*ibid.*, pp. 16-21). *Chytriomycetes* (= *Phlyctidium*) *tabellarice* is parasitic on plankton (*Tabellaria* spp.) and is itself parasitized by *Septosperma anomalum*.

Visual Aids

THE increasing part which visual aids are playing in modern education has led manufacturers to produce a wide range of apparatus which can be used in this instructional technique. So many types of film-strip projectors, autoscopes, diasscopes, epidiascopes, lanterns, micro-projectors, screens and wall fittings have made their appearance that educationists find it difficult to keep pace with the supply and to compare the relative merits of different pieces of equipment. For some time the need for a comprehensive list of existing visual aids has been evident, and the publication of a catalogue by the manufacturing firm of W. and J. George and Becker, Ltd., will be warmly welcomed in many quarters. It contains full details of almost every high-grade piece of equipment now available, and can be obtained from Nivoc House, 17-29 Hatton Wall, London, E.C.1.

Constitution of Alloys Group of the British Iron and Steel Research Association

THE Metal Physics Committee of the British Iron and Steel Research Association has appointed a Constitution of Alloys Group to consider the co-ordination of phase-diagram work being carried out in connexion with metallurgical subjects, especially the transitional elements and high-temperature alloys. The chairman of the Group is Prof. G. V. Raynor, professor of metal physics in the University of Birmingham, and there are thirteen members drawn from a wide field of research and industry. The Group will welcome inquiries and information from research workers and laboratories not represented by the membership of the Group. Communications should be sent to the British Iron and Steel Research Association, 11 Park Lane, London, W.1.

Cambridge Summer School in Automatic Computing

A SUMMER school in programme design for automatic digital computing machines is to be held during September 12-21 in the University Mathematical Laboratory, Cambridge. The course will give a basic training in the mathematical use of machines, dealing with the processes employed and their embodiment in programmes which specify the operations in detail. Lectures and practical classes will be held in the design of programmes for the Laboratory's electronic delay storage automatic calculator. Forms of application, to be returned by July 8, can be obtained from G. F. Hickson, secretary of the Board of Extra-Mural Studies, Stuart House, Cambridge.

Linnean Society of London: Anniversary Meeting

AT the anniversary meeting of the Linnean Society of London, held on May 24, the Linnean Medal was awarded to Mr. H. N. Ridley. The following were elected officers for the session 1950-51: *President*, Prof. F. E. Fritsch; *Treasurer*, Colonel F. C. Stern; *Secretaries*, Dr. B. Barnes (botany) and Dr. A. Tindell Hopwood (zoology); *Vice-Presidents*, Prof. G. D. Hale Carpenter, Mr. C. C. Hentschel, Mrs. Vera Higgins and Colonel F. C. Stern. The following were elected foreign members of Society: Rev. Father

P. T. de Chardin and Prof. J. Feldmann (Paris), Prof. E. Gäumann (Zurich), J. Gossweiler (Luanda, Portuguese West Africa), Prof. S. O. Hörstadius (Uppsala) and Dr. R. Jeannel (Paris).

Royal Aeronautical Society: Awards

THE Royal Aeronautical Society has recently announced the award of the following medals and prizes: *Royal Aeronautical Society's Gold Medal*, the highest honour which the Society can confer for work in aeronautics, to Sir Geoffrey de Havilland for his outstanding work in the field of aviation; *Royal Aeronautical Society's Silver Medal* to Mr. W. E. Petter, for his work on the design of high performance aircraft, and to Mr. J. Smith, for his work on the design and development of high-performance R.A.F. and naval aircraft; *Royal Aeronautical Society's Bronze Medal* to Mr. A. C. Lovesey, for his contributions to engine development; *British Gold Medal*, for practical achievement in aeronautics, to Major F. B. Halford, for his outstanding work in the design and development of aircraft power plants; *British Silver Medal*, for practical achievement in aeronautics, to Mr. P. W. S. Bulman and Captain M. Summers, for their long and distinguished work in the flight-testing of aircraft; *George Taylor of Australia Gold Medal* to Mr. E. J. Richards, for his paper on "A Review of Aerodynamic Cleanliness"; *Edward Busk Memorial Prize* to Mr. D. L. Ellis, for his paper on "Industrial Wind Tunnels"; *Usborne Prize* to Mr. C. M. Britland, for his paper on "Helicopter Hovering Performance"; *Simms Gold Medal* to Dr. D. E. Adams and Dr. A. N. Uttley, for their paper on "Navigational Systems and Instrument Aids"; *Pilcher Memorial Prize* to Mr. J. Hahn, for his paper on "Training of Aeronautical Engineers"; *Orville Wright Prize* to Mr. G. W. Trevelyan and Mr. D. R. Blundell, for their paper on "Determination of the Drag of Jet Propelled Aircraft in Flight"; *Branch Prize* to Wing Commander E. A. Harrop, for his paper on "Planned Servicing in the R.A.F.". *R. P. Alston Memorial Prize* to Mr. P. Goodman, for his valuable and careful work as a flight observer.

Announcements

THE Albert Medal for 1950 of the Royal Society of Arts has been awarded to Sir Edward Appleton, principal and vice-chancellor of the University of Edinburgh, "for outstanding services to science and industrial research". The Medal, which is the highest award in the gift of the Society, is given annually for "distinguished merit in promoting Arts, Manufactures and Commerce".

H.R.H. PRINCESS MARGARET will open an exhibition entitled "Metals in the Service of Mankind" at the Science Museum, South Kensington, London, S.W.7, on July 7. The exhibition has been arranged by the Institution of Metallurgists, and will be open to the public during July 7-September 30. A handbook containing a guide to the exhibits can be obtained (price 1s., by post 1s. 2d.) from the Science Museum or from the Secretary, Institution of Metallurgists, 4 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.

SIR WILLIAM STANIER has been appointed by the Minister of Supply to be chairman of the board of directors of Power Jets (Research and Development), Ltd.; he has been a director of Power Jets since 1944.