

be in touch with current educational thought by providing them with summaries of articles and correspondence of outstanding educational interest which have appeared during preceding months in journals of English-speaking countries. The first number (dated October 28) has been prepared by the dean of the College of Preceptors, Mr. J. H. Simpson, and by the secretary of the College, Mr. J. V. Chapman. Subsequent issues will be edited by Mr. Simpson with the assistance of Mr. John Bosworth, a member of the College Council and a master at the Ashburton Secondary Modern School, Croydon.

#### United Nations Documents Index

THE first issue, dated January 1950, has been published of the *United Nations Documents Index: United Nations and Specialized Agencies Documents and Publications* (1, No. 1, January 1950; pp. 83; Lake Success, N.Y.: United Nations; London: H.M. Stationery Office; 7.50 dollars or 50s. a year). This is a monthly publication and is intended to list and index by subjects all such material received by the United Nations Library, except restricted (confidential) material and internal papers. Each issue will contain: introductory material concerning sales, distribution and other pertinent items; a list of documents and publications of the United Nations arranged by symbol, followed by lists for each of the specialized agencies; and a subject index, which will be circulated annually. The publication should become a useful work of reference for librarians, bibliographers and others.

#### Beckenham and Penge Grammar School: Scientific Society Proceedings

STILL further evidence of the growing interest in publishing scientific work carried out in schools has reached us in the above journal. This is the second annual issue; the first was published in 1949 (price 1s.). It is of interest to note that this School is a maintained grammar school attended by day pupils, and the papers published in the *Proceedings* record the work done by the boys out of their normal school hours. F. Weiss has been carrying out practical experiments investigating the inheritance of coat-colour in mice, and he records his results in two papers. D. J. Claringbull contributes a useful article on rearing butterflies, incorporating the results of his own activities. Valuable training in team work is exemplified in the survey of a wood at Downe, Kent. Here are recorded observations on the geological formation and nature of the soil (profile, analysis and temperature gradient), a tree census and a plant ecological survey. The team was under the supervision of Mr. F. H. Brightman, and included the following boys: R. J. McB. Allan, M. D. Bass, C. Blyton, B. G. Bowes, P. G. Brand, G. Doughty, P. George, D. R. Hills and A. P. Hughes. Other papers published in this number are: "Radish Fruits: Variation in Length and Seed Number" by B. Davis, D. Holland and R. Marriott; "A Model Gasworks" by A. Chedzoy (the model set up by the author and K. Felton and P. Franks under the supervision of Mr. A. Thorne); "Sunspots" by N. R. B. Hayes, B. T. Henry, D. J. Turner and G. A. Doughty; "A Wind Deflection Model" by M. R. Fry; "Meteorological Records" by M. D. Bass. This journal is most praiseworthy, and reflects keenness and a true appreciation of scientific method and purpose at Beckenham and Penge Grammar School.

#### Agricultural Research Council: Awards for 1950

THE Agricultural Research Council has announced the following awards for 1950. Junior agricultural research fellowships: Dr. C. Klatzkin (Department of Biochemistry, University College, London), for studies of changes in amino-acid contents of seeds during germination; and Dr. H. Ruben (Department of Genetics, University of Cambridge), for studies in the theory of genetics experimentation. Research studentships and training grants: *Botany Group*, J. L. Jinks, A. D. Kanarek, D. J. C. Friend, N. R. Lee, R. E. Parker, J. McLeish, J. S. Cole, R. A. Lelliott and M. J. Dorey; *Entomology Group*, D. R. Ragge, C. F. Eastop, R. D. Winslow, Miss P. M. Harlow, B. A. Jones and Miss D. Wedlake; *Chemistry Group*, P. H. T. Beckett, R. F. W. Goodwin, L. D. Finch, C. Morgan, J. H. Fessler, D. B. Lindsay, Miss S. M. Wilson, G. P. Askew and D. C. Findlay; *Zoology Group*, K. F. Hosie, B. Shaffer, Miss E. Billing, J. Bligh, M. G. Stokes, P. N. Wilson, K. C. Kirkham, M. E. Lancaster and A. Durrant; *Veterinary Group*, J. Thomas and A. J. S. Campbell.

#### Faraday Society

SIR CHARLES GOODEVE has been elected president of the Faraday Society in succession to Sir John Lennard-Jones. Sir Alfred Egerton and Prof. H. W. Melville have been elected vice-presidents in succession to the two retiring vice-presidents, Mr. R. P. Bell and Sir Cyril Hinshelwood. Profs. C. H. Desch, F. G. Donnan, Allan Ferguson and M. W. Travers have been elected honorary life members of the Society, a new class of membership recently instituted to honour those of its members who have rendered outstanding services to the Society and to physical chemistry.

#### Mineralogical Society: Officers and Council, 1950-51

OFFICERS and Council for 1950-51 of the Mineralogical Society have been elected as follows: *President*, Prof. C. E. Tilley; *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. A. F. Halli- mond and Dr. S. J. Chand; *Treasurer*, E. H. Beard; *General Secretary*, Dr. G. F. Claringbull; *Foreign Secretary*, Dr. L. J. Spencer; *Editor of the Journal*, Dr. L. J. Spencer; *Ordinary Members of the Council*, Dr. S. O. Agrell, H. G. Dines, G. S. Gowing, Dr. S. I. Tomkeieff, Dr. F. A. Bannister, Dr. J. Phemister, H. M. Powell, H. P. Rooksby, G. E. Howling, P. A. Sabine, Dr. F. H. Stewart and Dr. A. K. Wells.

#### Announcements

A COLLOQUIUM on sensitive emulsions and their physical and physico-chemical properties will be held in Paris during September 24-29, 1951. The principal topics to be discussed are: physico-chemical properties of the halogen compounds of silver; sensitivity of emulsions and optical sensitization; development; and emulsions for nuclear work. Papers for the colloquium should be submitted before June 1. Further details may be obtained from Mme. A. T. Vassy, Faculté des Sciences de Paris, 1 rue Victor Cousin, Paris 5<sup>e</sup>.

MR. FRANK GAYNOR has directed attention to an error in the review of his book, "A Pocket Encyclopedia of Atomic Energy", which appeared in *Nature* of August 26, p. 326. It is there stated that Mr. Gaynor does not mention the well-known table of isotopes by Seaborg and Perlman, whereas in fact a reference to this paper appears in the text on page 81. This reference was overlooked by the reviewer, who regrets the omission.