

the Royal Society, with Mr. J. A. Ratcliffe as chairman. This committee has nominated a British delegation comprising scientists directly interested in one or more of the subjects of the commissions described above. This is the second meeting of the Union to be held in the United States, the 1927 General Assembly having been in Washington. The Boulder meeting will be of special interest in connexion with the programme of the International Geophysical Year, which starts on July 1.

#### Oversea Service Division, Colonial Office

THE following appointments have recently been made in the Oversea Service Division, Colonial Office: S. H. Abbott (superintendent of agriculture, Antigua, Leeward Islands), superintendent of agriculture, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, Leeward Islands; B. Butters (agricultural chemist, Uganda), soil fertility chemist, Uganda; K. S. Feltham (government chemist, Northern Region, Nigeria), federal government chemist, Federation of Nigeria; A. Rogerson (scientific officer, East African Veterinary Research Organization), senior scientific officer, East African Veterinary Research Organization; W. E. M. Logan (deputy chief conservator of forests, Tanganyika), deputy chief conservator of forests, Uganda; J. W. Barnes (geologist, Uganda), principal geologist, Uganda; E. F. Bradford (geologist, Federation of Malaya), principal geologist, Federation of Malaya; J. M. B. Harley (scientific officer, East African High Commission), senior scientific officer, East African High Commission; P. W. M. Allin (deputy director of surveys and lands, Northern Rhodesia), surveyor-general, Surveys Department, Northern Rhodesia; W. Gascoyne (senior surveyor, Western Region, Nigeria), deputy director of surveys, Western Region, Nigeria; W. M. Younger (chief surveyor, Department of Surveys and Lands, Northern Rhodesia), commissioner of lands, Lands Department, Northern Rhodesia; R. W. Butler (veterinary officer, Tanganyika), veterinary research officer, Tanganyika; A. Orhan (veterinary officer, class I, Cyprus), chief veterinary officer, Cyprus; A. A. Brunt, plant pathologist, virologist, West African Cocoa Research Institute, Ghana; J. P. Parmiter, agricultural officer, Zanzibar; T. W. Tinsley, deputy director, West African Cacao Research Institute, Ibadan, Federation of Nigeria; R. D. H. Rowe, assistant conservator of forests, Kenya; A. T. Carr, geologist, Uganda; J. A. Cole, geologist (geophysicist), Federation of Nigeria; A. R. Drysdall, geologist, Northern Rhodesia; P. Ibbotson, geologist, Fiji; W. J. Jones-Davies, veterinary officer, Northern Nigeria; Dr. V. Balashor, physicist/chemist, Northern Rhodesia; A. E. Cockbain, palaeontologist, Cyprus.

#### University News:

#### London

UNIVERSITY chairs of applied mechanics, mining geology and technical optics have been instituted at the Imperial College of Science and Technology from October 1, 1957, to replace existing professorships in these subjects. The present holders of the professorships have been appointed to the newly instituted chairs as follows: Prof. H. Ford (applied mechanics); Prof. D. Williams (mining geology); Prof. W. D. Wright (technical optics).

#### Sheffield

THE following appointments in the University of Sheffield have been made: G. R. Hervey, as lecturer

in physiology; Dr. B. B. Argent, as lecturer in metallurgy; D. Parsons, as assistant lecturer in physics; B. Truelove, as junior research fellow in botany; D. Bryce, as junior research fellow in zoology.

The University has accepted an offer by Messrs. Edgar Allen and Co., Ltd., to establish a postgraduate scholarship for study or research to be known as the Charles Kingston Everitt Memorial Scholarship, and an offer by Messrs. John Thompson, Ltd., of Wolverhampton, to establish a research scholarship in the Department of Mechanical Engineering to be known as the John Thompson Research Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering. The University has also accepted a generous donation of £4,000 from Messrs. Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd. The donation will be used to provide equipment for the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

#### Announcements

MR. ELWYN JONES has been appointed to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Agricultural Research Council. Mr. Jones is a prominent Welsh farmer and a well-known breeder of Hereford cattle. He is keenly interested in all scientific developments in farming and has travelled extensively, particularly in North America, studying farming methods.

THE following officers of the Salters' Company have been elected for the year 1957-58: *Master*, Lieut.-Col. B. B. N. Woodd; *Upper Warden*, Sir Charles Goodeve; *Second Warden*, E. C. S. Price.

THE following have been elected officers of the Royal Meteorological Society for 1957-58: *President*, Prof. P. A. Sheppard; *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. A. W. Brewer, Dr. C. H. B. Priestley, Dr. R. C. Sutcliffe and R. G. Veryard; *Vice-President for Canada*, R. C. Graham; *Vice-President for Scotland*, J. R. Atkinson; *Treasurer*, Dr. J. S. Farquharson; *Secretaries*, P. J. Meade, Dr. H. L. Penman, Dr. G. D. Robinson (editor) and Dr. A. G. Forsdyke (librarian).

*Immunology*, the official journal of the newly formed British Society for Immunology, will be published by Blackwell Scientific Publications, Ltd. Contributions to the first issue, which will appear in January 1958, should be received by the editor, Prof. J. R. Marrack, Department of Pathology, Cambridge, by the end of July.

A COURSE in photoelasticity extending over the academic year 1957-58, and comprising weekly lectures on the theory and methods of photoelasticity, with particular emphasis upon the use of photoelastic methods in practical stress-analysis problems, is to be held in the Department of Civil and Municipal Engineering, University College, London, starting in September. Applications to attend and for further details should be made to the Secretary, University College, Gower Street, London, W.C.1.

IN the article in *Nature* of May 4, p. 900, par. 2, line 19, it is stated: "Records at Table Mountain also showed the increased atmospheric opacity arising from the Alaskan volcano in 1953 and from the explosions of nuclear or thermonuclear bombs". This is incorrect. The Report (p. 67) states: "Records from Table Mountain show clearly the increased opacity of the atmosphere arising from the Alaskan volcano in 1953. However, they show no effect of increased opacity arising from the explosions of nuclear or thermal nuclear bombs".