record of the annual conference of the Museums Association held at Plymouth in June 1961. A report on the symposium held at the British Museum (Natural History) on "The Museum and the Naturalist", and book reviews, complete an informative issue.

The Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu

UNDER the title of "Work Half Done" the Bernice P. Bishop Museum at Honolulu issues its report for 1960. The title refers to the fact that at the end of 1960 the Museum was in the middle of a particularly important project, the new Planetarium-Observatory. This ambitious building is being constructed without the necessary total of capital funds but with the conviction that these will be forthcoming when the value of the venture is demonstrated. An interesting experiment was involved in the trapping of air-borne insects to determine the role of air currents in insect dispersal. This was carried out both on board ship and by a special device in aeroplanes.

The Stanley Clifford Milk Industry Award

THE Central Milk Distributive Committee, in recognition of the valuable services rendered in the dairy industry by Stanley Clifford, who was for many years chairman of the Committee, has established a fund for the purpose of providing awards to enable a suitable applicant to make a short study tour of the dairying industry in the United Kingdom or abroad. Employees in the dairy industry or in dairy engineering in the United Kingdom who are below the age of thirty are eligible. The Award, which will be made annually, will be administered by the Society of Dairy Technology. It has been decided that the first award shall be granted for a study tour in Denmark immediately following the International Dairy Congress which is to be held in Copenhagen during September 3–7, 1962. Applications for this Award should be made to the Secretary, Society of Dairy Technology, 17 Devonshire Street, London, W.1, not later than January 31, 1962.

Royal Institute of Chemistry Lecture Series

THE first three numbers of the Royal Institute of Chemistry 1961 series of lectures have just been published (The Royal Institute of Chemistry. Lecture Series 1961. London: Royal Institute of Chemistry, 1961. 5*s*. each). The first, entitled *Atmospheric Photochemistry*, is by Sir Harrie Massey and Dr. A. E. Potter; the second, *A Chemist's Introduction to Statistics, Theory of Error and Design of Experiment*, by Dr. D. A. Pantony; and the third, *Recent Developments in Polarography*, is by Dr. G. W. C. Milner. The booklets also contain a list of other recent publications of the Institute.

The Night Sky in November

NEW moon occurs on Nov. 8d. 09h. 59m. U.T. and full moon on Nov. 22d. 09h. 44m. The following conjunctions with the Moon take place: Nov. 2d. 05h., Regulus 0·01° N.; Nov. 13d. 13h., Saturn 3° S.; Nov. 14d. 00h., Jupiter 3° S.; Nov. 23d. 03h., Aldebaran 0·7° S.; Nov. 29d. 13h., Regulus 0·3° S. In addition to these conjunctions with the Moon, Venus is in conjunction with Spica on Nov. 4d. 17h., Venus being 4° N. Mercury is a morning star, visible low in the south-east before sunrise; on November 7 it rises almost two hours before the Sun. Venus is a morning star, rising at 4h. 50m., 5h. 30m. and 6h. 20m. on November 1, 15 and 30, respectively. It is rather too close to the Sun for convenient observation. Mars is too close to the Sun for observation. Jupiter and Saturn are evening stars, setting about four hours after the Sun. They may be seen low in the south-west after sunset; they are not very favourably situated for observation. Occultations of stars brighter than magnitude 6 are as follows, observations being made at Greenwich: Nov. 20d. 16h. 56·9m., ξ^2 Cet. (*D*); Nov. 21d. 2h. 22·9m., μ Cet. (*D*.); Nov. 23d. 2h. 52·8m., α Tau. (*D*); Nov. 23d. 3h. 44·3m., α Tau. (*R*); Nov. 24d. 4h. 23·5m., 119 Tau. (*R*). Nov. 24d. 5h. 07·4m., 120 Tau. (*R*); Nov. 24d. 21h. 14·4m., 71 Ori. (*R*); Nov. 27d. 3h. 56·7m., ζ Cnc. (*R*); *D* and *R* refer to disappearance and reappearance, respectively. The Taurid meteors are active during the first half of the month, maximum activity being on November 7. The radiant is at R.A. 3h. 36m., Dec. + 14°, and conditions for observation are favourable. The Leonid meteors are active on November 16, the radiant being at R.A. 10h. 08m., Dec. + 22°, and conditions for observation are favourable.

Announcements

PROF. W. T. WILLIAMS, professor of botany at the University of Southampton, has been appointed a member of the Agricultural Research Council in succession to Prof. S. J. Watson, who has retired after ten years service.

THE one-hundred-and-twenty-eighth meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held in Denver, Colorado, during December 26–30. Further information can be obtained from the director of public information, Sidney S. Negus, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia.

AN international conference on "Magnetic and Electric Resonance and Relaxation" is to be held at Eindhoven, The Netherlands, in July 1962, under the auspices of the Netherlands Physical Society and the *Groupement Ampère*. Further information can be obtained from Dr. D. J. Kroon, Philips Research Laboratories, Eindhoven, Netherlands.

THE second International Symposium on Continuous Culture of Micro-organisms will be held in Prague during June 18–23, 1962. It is being sponsored by the Czechoslovak Academy of Science. Further information can be obtained from Academician Ivan Málek, Czechoslovak Academy of Science, Institute of Biology, Na cvičišti 2, Prague 6, Czechoslovakia.

MESSRS. MACMILLAN regret that an incorrect price for Volume II of Partington's "History of Chemistry" was given in *Nature* of October 14, p. lxxxix; the volume is being published at £5 5*s*. net.

ERRATA. Dr. D. H. Trollope has written stating that some omissions and misprints have occurred in the communication entitled "Effective Contact Stresses and Friction" published in *Nature* of July 22, p. 376. Equation 7 should read: $R = \frac{W}{N} - ua + \rho a$; equation 8 should read: $Fj = \mu\left(\frac{W}{N} - ua + \rho a\right) = \mu\left(\frac{W}{N} - u\frac{A}{N} + \rho\frac{A}{N}\right)$; equation 9 should read: $S = \mu(\sigma - u + \rho)$. On p. 376, col. 2, line 41, for 'macro-fraction' read 'micro friction'; line 56, for 'invert' read 'inert'; line 57, for $\mu = 0$ read $u = 0$.

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