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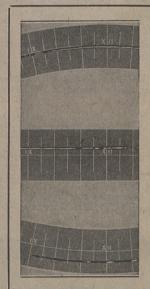
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# SCIENCE IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER

HE special meeting of the Royal Society held in India on January 3 was the occasion of a message from the Prime Minister to scientific workers which should be given wide publicity. It will be remembered that, at the anniversary meeting of the Royal Society on November 30, Sir Henry Dale referred in the course of his presidential address to the visit to India of Prof. A. V. Hill, and to a proposed special meeting of the Society to be held in that country at which Prof. Hill would be able formally toadmit to the Society those Indian fellows who had not hitherto been able to sign the Charter Book. The meeting took place on January 3. On that day, in the hall of St. Stephen's College, Delhi, the Indian Science Congress Association opened its annual meeting. The inaugural ceremony was preceded by a short address by Prof. Hill, who declared the great gathering to be a meeting of the Royal Society. Dr. H. J. Bhabha and Sir Shanti Bhatnagar were duly admitted and subscribed to the fellow's obligation on a sheet of parchment to be included later in the Charter Book.

With that simple ceremony, this short special meeting of the Royal Society was brought to a close; but it is safe to predict that it will long be remembered in scientific circles in India and elsewhere. H.M. the King, as Patron of the Society, was represented by His Excellency the Vicerov, who afterwards delivered an address. Prof. Hill himself reminded his audience that this was the first occasion on which the Royal Society had held a meeting outside England, and that its purpose was to convey the greetings and goodwill of the Society to the scientific workers of India. He quoted from a letter by Sir Henry Dale to the president of the Indian Science Congress Association, suggesting this special meeting, in which Sir Henry said: "There is a general desire among the men of science in Britain for a more intimate collaboration with those in India who are working for the advancement of knowledge in the same fields of research", and concluding by expressing the hope that Prof. Hill's visit "will strengthen the bonds of understanding and true comradeship between Indian and British men of science".

The same notes of greeting and comradeship sounded in messages sent to Prof. Hill on the eve of his departure for India. Sir Richard Gregory, president of the British Association, the sister body of the Indian Science Congress Association, said that the "place of a country among the nations of the world to-day depends on the extent to which use is made of its resources in men and material. . . . The mission of science is the discovery of truth, to whatever consequences it may lead. The urgent duty of scientists to-day is to ensure that the message is interpreted rightly for the good of mankind." General Smuts also referred to the paramount importance of scientific research in relation to industry, agriculture, war and in other directions; and he continued, "In the great forward movement of India in our day, which is so universally acclaimed, there is nothing more outstanding than the part her sons are taking in science and scientific research, and some of the most notable advances in physics, mathematics and the biological sciences have come from Indian workers."

Finally, Prof. Hill read the following message from the Prime Minister:

"I am very glad to have the opportunity to send through you my greetings and good wishes to Indian men of science and especially to the six Indian Fellows of the Royal Society, of which I am honoured to be myself a Fellow. It is the great tragedy of our time that the fruits of science should by a monstrous perversion have been turned on so vast a scale to evil ends. But that is no fault of science. Science has given to this generation the means of unlimited disaster or of unlimited progress. When this war is won we shall have averted disaster. There will remain the greater task of directing knowledge lastingly towards the purposes of peace and human good. In this task the scientists of the world, united by the bond of a single purpose which overrides all bounds of race and language, can play a leading and inspiring part."

There should be cause for deep satisfaction to scientific workers in these words from Mr. Churchill, because they carry a significance far beyond the occasion for which they were written. It is a truism to state that the fruits of science have been misused, and that on a vast scale. They have been misused in the past; each new discovery seems to have been matched with an evil mind ready to turn it to personal advantage at the cost of human suffering, until with the present War we have reached a climax. But, the Prime Minister goes on, "that is no fault of science". These words should be proclaimed throughout the world. Year in and year out, scientific men have been at pains to show by the written word and otherwise that scientific research is the search for truth and for the understanding of the workings of Nature, and in these columns we have continually striven to drive home their argu-So far as men of science were concerned, we were in large measure 'preaching to the converted'; but the continued lack of appreciation of the position among those who had not had training in scientific methods justified the effort.

With the increasing utilization—intrusion some have called it—of cience in industry, transport, agriculture and practically every other phase of human activity witnessed during the twentieth century, there has been a growing tendency to put the blame for every man-made disaster, from wars downwards, on science. Both the War of 1914–18 and the present War have been notorious for the use that has been made of science for destructive purposes.

In consequence, there is still a widespread feeling among laymen that science is always and everywhere an agent of destruction, and its great gifts to mankind are overlooked or forgotten. If anyone doubts this, let him study the correspondence printed in the daily Press, or take the views of the generation now serving in the Armed Forces, on whom the build-

ing of the new world order will depend. When confronted with a modern development such as the aeroplane, it is perhaps not to be wondered at that the superficial observer may think only of the destruction that has been wrought by man's misuse of this wonderful means of transport, by means of which even the natural barriers imposed by the physical features of the earth's surface can be surmounted quickly and comfortably. The spate of propaganda that has been spilled over the world since radio-telephony became possible has made it easy to forget that broadcasting could be used equally well to bring the nations together through the exchange of cultural knowledge. 'War gases' is a common phrase, on which the comment, so well known to scientific men, that not one of the gases used or suggested for this purpose was discovered in the course of investigations directed to this end, cannot be too often repeated. Under the stress of war, little thought is given to the relief of suffering brought about by the discovery of insulin, the sulpha drugs and now penicillin, except in relation to war injuries.

The examples could be multiplied almost indefinitely, as every scientific worker knows; what he does not realize clearly enough is that the general public still requires instruction. In spite of the growth of science teaching in schools, the young people of to-day, unless they happen to be interested professionally in science, seem incapable of seeing the scientific facts they acquired at school as parts of the larger problems of modern life; their education is clearly incomplete. Here scientific workers can play a useful part; for although we cannot at present prevent man from utilizing science for destructive purposes, we can at least attempt to make him see the folly of ignoring the gifts that science offers as contributions to his happiness and welfare. Every man of science should regard himself as a prophet of the scientificera, working actively for a better understanding of the meaning of science and scientific discovery among his fellow-men.

But the Prime Minister did not stop at the exoneration of science from the blame for wars. He pointed to the future, and to "the greater task of directing knowledge lastingly towards the purposes of peace and human good". In the new world order towards which the United Nations are striving, science will be of increasing importance. To fulfil the letter and the spirit of the Atlantic Charter, great stores of knowledge about the resources of the world must be gathered in, classified and utilized with due regard to the many human factors involved. In doing this, every conceivable branch of science will be involved, and men of science of all nations, acknowledging in their work only an allegiance to the search for truth, can, in the words of the Prime Minister, "play a leading and inspiring part" in the building up of a stable civilization.

Mr. Churchill's brief message will inspire scientific men to attack the innumerable problems awaiting them during the War and afterwards with redoubled vigour and a new confidence that their work will not be in vain.

# LIFE AND MENTALITY OF THE CHIMPANZEE

Chimpanzees

A Laboratory Colony. By Prof. Robert M. Yerkes. Pp. xv+321+63 plates. (New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press; London: Oxford University Press, 1943.) 33s. 6d. net.

HIMPANZEES are scarcely common experimental animals. In so far as they have been investigated under laboratory conditions at all, the credit is very largely due to Prof. R. M. Yerkes, until lately in charge of the Yale Laboratories of Primate Biology. It was Prof. Yerkes's insistent belief in the necessity for studying these near-human animals, and his patience in stating the case, that finally resulted in the munificent endowment by the Rockefeller Foundation of laboratories in New Haven, Connecticut, and of an anthropoid experimental station in Florida. As fast as the material facilities grew, research students were attracted. Their work over the fifteen years or so that the laboratories have been in operation forms the subject-matter of a large number of papers dealing with anthropoid psychology and physiology. Yale proved very fruitful soil for such investigations. Side by side with Prof. Yerkes's department there grew up, under Prof. J. F. Fulton, another department which is mainly concerned with the study of primate physiology, and in particular with the study of neurological mechanisms in apes and monkeys. A little later Prof. Edgar Allen joined the band, and developed in the associated department of anatomy a wide field of research into the reproductive mechanisms of Rhesus monkeys—a field which was also being covered by Dr. G. Van Wagenen in a neighbouring laboratory. These three laboratories, housed more or less under the same roof, have in the past fifteen years been the world-centre for studies of primate biology. Prof. Yerkes has only recently come to the end of his term as head of the laboratory he founded. Under the tutelage of its new director, Prof. Lashley (one of the foremost world-authorities on psycho-physiology), the future of the department is more than assured.

Prof. Yerkes has given students of primate biology a number of comprehensive works on the behaviour of apes. The best known is his reference book "The Great Apes", a compilation of all recorded observations on the lives of these animals. In his new book "Chimpanzees: a Laboratory Colony", he does not provide a general account of knowledge about chimpanzees since, as he puts it, his book is neither comprehensive nor historical; nor does he provide an epitome of studies made in the laboratories under his directorship. What he has given us is an excellently illustrated book, written primarily from personal experience and from a personal point of view, which records various facts relating to the general behaviour, social behaviour, mentality and

handling of chimpanzees in captivity.

The book opens with a brief account of the natural habitat of chimpanzees and with a statement about the means by which they are captured and the uses to which they are put in captivity. Then comes a general description of their mercurial changes in attitude and behaviour and of their different temperaments and individualities. The chapter which follows is a somewhat more detailed account of social interactions between ape and ape. This is succeeded by a careful record of the growth phases and repro-

ductive physiology of the chimpanzee and of sexual relationships. All this constitutes Part 1 of the book. Part 2 is devoted to the subject of chimpanzee mentality. Perceptual capacities, ideational behaviour, learning, memory and symbolism are each discussed in detail. Part 3 is a unique statement of the best ways to house, feed and breed the animals under laboratory conditions. The material it incorporates has never before been put together in so useful a form, and it should prove of immense value to other students of primate biology.

Two central themes which Prof. Yerkes deals with at length are the part played by the striving for dominance in the social lives of these animals, and the level of their mental evolution. Dominance is defined in terms of the dominant individual-"one who takes priority of response over its companion and is able to satisfy its needs, desires, or whims to the total or partial exclusion of another's rights". This characteristic develops in childhood and is, as Prof. Yerkes shows, a major, almost the major factor in the life of the mature animal. Prof. Yerkes is, however, inclined to regard the principle of dominance not so much as placing a premium on selfishness but as an insurance against individual ineffectiveness. Whether dominated animals would take the same view, or be assuaged by the occasional instances in which a dominant ape shows kindness, could only be answered by the animals themselves.

Prof. Yerkes indicates that chimpanzees can be trained to act co-operatively in a task the reward of which is, say, a piece of fruit—although in such situations the animal of "superior social status will try to encourage and direct the assistance of its subordinate companion and also do its best to monopolize the reward". In Nature almost the only truly co-operative activity of chimpanzees is mutual grooming. All this leads Prof. Yerkes to define the outstanding social characteristics of the species as "infantile social dependence, with its urge to cling; childish social attachment, with its insatiable craving for companionship; and adolescent or mature dominance, with its persistent drive for social status—a higher place in the social hierarchy". This is a very fair

statement of the position.

The drive for dominance in general puts the male above the female socially. Scales of dominance, however, are not permanent. When a female is on heat and sexually desirable she becomes less subordinate—largely through what may be generally described as sexual prostitution. "The mature and sexually experienced female trades upon her ability to satisfy the sexual urge of the male. Sexual accommodation is or may be habitually exchanged for such material or personal advantages as the possession of food, desired objects, comfortable quarters, opportunity for initiative, leadership, or freedom of action". In all this the chimpanzee appears to behave in very much the same way as the baboon.

In 'mentality' and the ability to deal with experimental problems, the chimpanzee appears, however, to be superior to baboons and other monkeys, although fundamentally, as Prof. Yerkes writes, there are no "significant contrasts" in their behaviour. Essentially chimpanzees differ from monkeys in their "readiness and degree of response to training, general adaptation to experimental and other requirements, ability to learn to co-operate with each other or with Man".

The mental gulf between chimpanzee and man is, of course, much wider than that between chimpanzee and monkey. For no amount of similarity in funda-

mentals of behaviour can make up for the ape's lack of articulate speech and symbolic processes.

Prof. Yerkes's book is a great achievement and a rich contribution to the literature of the Primates. Students of the subject once again stand deeply in his debt.

S. Zuckerman.

#### THE STUDY OF MORALE

The Structure of Morale

By Dr. J. T. MacCurdy. Pp. vii+224. (Cambridge : At the University Press, 1943.) 8s. 6d. net.

IN the speaking and writing on current problems of which there is to-day such an increasing spate, discussion of values of a non-material nature frequently introduces the use of the word 'morale'. It is then employed in a loose, indefinite fashion to cover a diversity of meanings. A serious study of the whole subject by a writer of standing, qualifications and experience comes very apt to the moment.

Warren, in his "Dictionary of Psychology", allows the more general application of the term to the attitude of the group, though permitting its use in speaking of the individual, and considers that it marks the degree of confidence, perseverance in work, and adherence to ideals. The behaviour of man as a human being has long since ceased to be that of an isolated unit and to an increasing extent become that of a member of a community. According to McDougall, the positive side of the group spirit depends on the existence in the mind of each component of a clear knowledge of the group, of his place in it, and of a sentiment of devotion to it. It is important to recognize that there is an inward source of authority based on the herd instinct, leading to social cohesion and co-operation.

Dr. MacCurdy is a university lecturer on the subject of psycho-pathology; called upon in the earlier days of the War to lecture on problems of morale to selected personnel, he has wisely chosen to be practical, concrete and direct rather than theoretical and discursive. Discussion of the multiple facets of this subject has required some explanation of the common psychological urges with particular reference to the group-mind and the implications of the part played by the herd instinct in the feeling, thinking and willing of mankind. To do so he has, of course, had to cover elementary ground, to re-state the trite and to enlarge the commonplace. But Dr. MacCurdy is never dull; he always has an appositeness of remark and a convergent simplicity interesting to the informed and instructive to the ordinary man.

This very broad approach is dealt with systematically by the author. First of all he gives some attention to the place of the individual, and has taken for this purpose the nature and effects of fear. He explains the factors incident upon the individual in his dual reactions as a unit and as a member of a community, showing neatly how a man can be both frightened and brave at the same moment. Stress is rightly laid on the identification of the self with the ideal of the group, the striving urge in this direction, and the increasing pride, nay pleasure, in the acceptance of another and higher responsibility.

Perhaps the most attractive chapters in the book come in the second section, which deals with the basic principles of social life. It is to be remembered that the feelings seeking expression in the face of any given event are not the mere outcome of a momen-

tary impulse; they represent the focus, the apex, of a wealth of interlocking, often contradictory factors stretching far back into the heredity and history of the individual. All sorts of influences—education, tradition, climate, geography, health, contacts, etc.provide threads reaching down to and governing the immediate response. In considering all these qualities involved in the make-up of morale, Dr. MacCurdy is able to discuss the variables, such as national and religious sentiments, different scales of values, lovalties, leadership, moralities and so on. He has some very apposite remarks to make on the growth and development of national differences and tendencies in this respect, cultivated and shown consciously or not. Though he is quite ready to criticize details of our own national traits and aspirations, it is satisfying to find that he is able to come to a dispassioned judgment against the fundamentals of the

That confidence in the outcome which is a constituent part of morale depends very largely upon the feeling about the organization behind the effort. This again in many if not all of its details has implications of importance. In the third section of his book Dr. MacCurdy takes up the various aspects coming under the head of organization, liaison, departmentalism, caste, science and its place, democracy, dictatorships, public service: many, in short, of the difficulties inherent in the mere necessity of some sort of coordination for mutual and common ends. He is thus able to separate out and dissect in detail, but always in relation to the common factor, the multiple problems involved in our relations with our fellowmen calling for collective and accepted arrangement.

The "Structure of Morale" is a sound and competent piece of work. Written by a man of special experience and opportunities, it succeeds, though dealing largely with subjects of a strong technical flavour, in explaining with clarity and instructing with interest upon the changing values of a changing world. It is full of common sense and clear thinking. It will be read with advantage by everyone, from chief executive to railway clerk, who has any vision for things beyond the close horizon of his petty personal interests. Even these are involved, for they can never be quite disentangled from what R. L. Stevenson has so aptly called "a municipal fitness".

JOSEPH GEOGHEGAN.

# FLUCTUATION IN ANIMAL POPULATIONS

Population Dynamics and Adaptive Evolution of Animals

By S. A. Sewertzoff. (In Russian.) Pp. 316. (Leningrad: Academy of Sciences U.S.S.R. Moscow, 1941.) 11 roubles.

PROBLEMS of fluctuation in numbers in animal populations are of direct interest both to those concerned with the exploitation of natural animal resources (fish, game, fur-bearing animals), and to students of evolution. Theoretical research on these problems is visualized by the author mainly as investigation of facts illustrating the Darwinian theory of the struggle for existence. According to him the overwhelming importance of the struggle for existence is overlooked by the majority of theoretical biologists, and this accounts for the spread of such idealistic theories as hologenesis, Lamarckism, nomo-

genesis, etc., while a tendency to ignore Darwinian ideas is characteristic of 'bourgeois science'. Such a view of Western biology may cause some surprise, as it is scarcely justified by the modern trends in its development, which appear to have remained largely unknown to the author. In fact, when discussing evolutionary theories later in the book, he directs his polemics against O. Abel and Beurlen, neither of whom can be called very modern, or typical of Western science.

The first part of the book is introductory and contains a review, which is not very up to date, of the basic principles of population dynamics, such as the curves of population growth; specific constants of reproductive ability; longevity curves; etc. second part, occupying nearly half the book, is the most interesting one, as it comprises detailed analyses of fluctuations observed in populations of various game birds and animals, mainly in the Gatchina game reserve, where exact records of the game bred and shot have been kept for twenty-five years (1884-1909). Other data are those on the dynamics of the bison and other game in the Bialowiezh forest in the period 1809-1916; of the seal population in the Pribyloff and the Komandor islands in 1912-1932; of wolves in Central Russia in 1917-1924; of squirrels in 1891-1908; of hares in Russia in 1825-1898; of voles and other rodents; etc.

The third part is closely linked with the second, as it is given to the discussion of the theories of population dynamics. The curves of increase in populations and of mortality of every species are, according to the author, as characteristic of the species as its morphology or physiology. Fluctuations in populations are due to a gradual increase, regulated by the action of predators, which, however, can only influence the length of the cycle but are never able to overtake the increase in the population of the prey, and thus to cause the collapse of a cycle. The collapse is always sudden and is usually caused by an epizooty, in the spread of which the density of the population is a most important factor; in less frequent cases, the collapse may be due to a climatic catastrophe. This sudden reduction in the prey population causes a reduction in the number of predators due to lack of food, and this makes a new increase of the prey possible. The author's theory, therefore, only partly coincides with those of Volterra and of Elton; a possible direct correlation between population cycles and climatic cycles is rejected by the author, practically without argument.

The fourth part, entitled "Ecology and the Evolution Theory", begins with an attempt to analyse the facts of population dynamics against the background of the Darwinian struggle for existence, and the wellknown conceptions of life-form, ecological niche, biotic potential, etc., are discussed. This leads the author to consider the evolution of species in their relations to environment, but instead of analysing this problem with concrete ecological data, he transfers the discussion to the question of adaptations, not of individual species, but of large phyletic groups, and many pages are devoted to Osborn's and A. N. Sewertzoff's theories of adaptive radiation and evolution. This chapter is followed by one dealing with the problem of longevity and mortality in different groups, and a conclusion is reached that long-lived species are less fertile than the short-lived ones, but their mortality is also lower and their numbers less subject to fluctuations. This interrelation permitted the author to develop a mathe-

matical formula showing that the fertility of a species is a logarithmic function of its longevity. The formula has enabled him to construct a series of species of mammals, birds, reptiles and fishes, which make it possible to arrive at definite conclusions with regard to the relative intensity of the struggle for existence in these classes. A special chapter is devoted to checking the general conclusions on mammals; the evolutionary history of the class is recapitulated and found in harmony with the author's theories. In the concluding chapter the author rather suddenly reverts to the practical aspect of the subject and supplies a somewhat sketchy account of the influence of man on populations of wild animals, and also points out the importance of a knowledge of the laws of population dynamics for those concerned in fish-

eries, game-keeping, etc.

The book leaves a very mixed impression. Its purely ecological chapters are most interesting because of the author's dynamic approach and his masterly dialectical analysis of a mass of valuable data from Russian sources, but his attempt to justify the life-long morphogenetic and phylogenetic work of his brilliant father, A. N. Sewertzoff, by its somewhat remote connexion with purely practical problems, appears scarcely necessary. Unusual features of the book are an almost complete lack of reference to the genetic aspect of population dynamics and of evolution; and repeated protestations of the Darwinian orthodoxy of the author's views. The bibliography is rich in Russian references of great value to ecologists and population students, but there are no references to publications in other languages after 1937. B. P. UVAROV.

## AN UNSCIENTIFIC HISTORY OF SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT

From Copernicus to Einstein

By Hans Reichenbach. Translated by Ralph B. Winn. Pp. 123. (New York: Philosophical Library, Inc., 1942.) 2 dollars.

N the jacket of this book the publisher states that "this is a simple but scientific history of ideas and discoveries that have led to the formulation of the theory of relativity. . . . The wealth of ideas contained in it tend to make it a distinguished contribution to scientific thought. It is well illustrated with charts and diagrams. The book is especially intended for the scientific as well as amateur astronomer and physicist." The reader will soon discover that these statements are quite unjustified; that the book abounds with erroneous statements, that the historical perspective is often wrong, that the wealth of ideas is conspicuous by its absence and that the translation is so bad that it is sometimes impossible to understand what is meant. The illustrations consist of eleven crude diagrams.

In the first few pages, for example, views are ascribed to Ptolemy that are much earlier in point of time. The author states that the "De Revolutionibus" of Copernicus appeared in 1546, after the death of Copernicus, and that Copernicus read the proofs on his death-bed; Copernicus never saw the proofs, and the book appeared in 1543, a copy reaching him a few days before his death. It is not correct that "the Copernican theory offers a very exact calculation of the apparent movements of the planets", nor that this was one of the reasons that led to its acceptance; Copernicus himself said that he would be delighted if he could make his theory agree with observation within 10'. It is not true that Copernicus was able to break with an old belief "only because he had at his disposal a considerable amount of accumulated scientific thought and scientific data". The statement that with the astronomical instruments of to-day angles can be measured "within one hundredth of a second of the arc" shows a lack of appreciation of the errors of observation. It is not correct to state that Copernicus "was of the opinion that the solar system virtually exhausted the space of the Universe"; Copernicus asserted that the stars were at an immense distance, but left the question whether the world was infinite and without bounds for philosophers to discuss.

The account of the work of Tycho Brahe and Kepler is misleading. Kepler was able to prove that the orbits of the planets are elliptical because Tycho had not restricted his observations of the planets, as his predecessors had done, mainly to the times near opposition, but had observed them right round the heavens; this is not mentioned. The statement that Kepler "discovered through mere measurement also other laws of planetary motion, called after him 'the Kepler's laws' " gives a poor idea of Kepler's long and laborious investigations. It is not correct that to Copernicus and Kepler the stars "were tiny dots in the sphere of heavenly matter". Giordano Bruno was not the first person to assert that the firmament was infinite; this was stated by Thomas Digges, from whom Bruno probably adopted the conception. Galileo did not make the first serviceable telescope, and he did not see Venus as a sickle-like shape, but as a crescent. He did not designate the major satellites of Jupiter as the "medizeic planets". To state that he discovered that "all bodies fall equally fast" is inaccurate. The statement that "fate allotted to the English physicist Isaac Newton an outstanding role in the history of the natural sciences of the described period" is a poor tribute to the genius of Newton.

A few specimens of the translation will suffice to show its crudeness. "Electrical waves are advancing fields which should not be regarded as bound to a material medium. They are waves in which electricity continually alternates between positive and negative. Yet they are not dependent on the ups and downs of small material particles, but move quite inde-pendently through space. They thus have qualities found by the science of optics in the slow course of experimentation with light." "Such reflections were entertained with regard to ether and in connection with astronomical relations. As light traverses the world's space, ether must fill it like a great mass of water in which planets float like isles. Insofar as planets move around the sun, they must be characterised by a different state of motion from that of ether. Thus one comes to the assumption that the velocity of light, as measured on a planet like the Earth, must vary with direction, simply because ether is understood as a substratum of light waves and only with regard to it can the velocity of light receive its natural value". "What is maintained by Einstein with regard to light goes, therefore, for all electrical waves of which light is but a representative. But according to our knowledge of the internal structure of all substances, there are basically only two ways of transferring power from body to body; gravitation and the electrical wave. Every other manifestation of force is composed of them. If they both move

with the velocity of light, as Einstein contends, then a slowing up may occur within the atoms of the body, when the power runs in a zig-zag course; but it can never be accelerated. Einstein's law of the limit character of the light-velocity means thus nothing other than a formulation of the fact that light represents one original form of the transfer of action, the other representing an equal speed limit".

The quotations will suffice to show that the book cannot be recommended.

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#### LANGUAGE IN THE MAKING

The Gift of Tongues

By Prof. Margaret Schlauch. Pp. ix+342. (London: George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., 1943.) 12s. 6d. net.

Margaret Schlauch is a professor of English at New York University and teaches Chaucer, medieval literature and language. In the "Gift of Tongues", however, she has directed attention to the study of linguistics for the layman. The matter is so varied in style and content that it is difficult to comment on the book as a whole. Generally, it is well written and reads easily; much of the reader's enjoyment comes from a liberal sprinkling of sly humour which never obtrudes. Among the many subjects dealt with by Prof. Schlauch are the early origins of language, the use of names in magic, the evolution of written language through pictographs, ideographs and hieroglyphs to fixed alphabets and the study of semantics.

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The possibilities of basic English as an international language is discussed in a chapter dealing with the history of the English language. A section on grammar gives a brief outline of the principles of

sentence construction in the Aryan family of languages and then proceeds to show that our own system is, after all, but one system, based largely on Latin. An interesting account of the emotive qualities of words leads on naturally to the use and need of linguistic knowledge in studying some modern poets like James Joyce, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Gertrude Stein, Hart Crane and others whose works are reputed to be 'difficult' because of their deliberate use of verbal distortions, puns, overtones and double shades of meaning. The work of modern poets in using words in their original meanings and free from the impedi-

ments which have obscured their original meanings is also considered.

Men of science, as well as Mrs. Malaprop and other arrivistes in language, would find much to interest them in the chapter concerned with the social aspects of language and its significance in class, superstition, and politics. In this connexion it is easy enough to agree with Prof. Schlauch that "linguists will gain and give most when they unite the traditional scrupulous regard for scientific method with vivid and realistic awareness of social milieu and its challenging problems. To do this they will have to receive help from, as well as give it to, other disciplines such as sociology and psychology", as well as her further remark that "no part of language study offers better occasion for scientific collaboration than the investigation of meanings against a social back-ground".

The book is thoroughly annotated and contains a well-ordered and lengthy bibliography. The series of questions and illustrations at the end would be useful as diversion for the layman and exercise for the student.

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# CHEMICAL ASPECTS OF THE VISUAL PROCESS

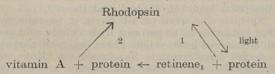
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HE chemistry of photo-reception remains obscure I in spite of a vast literature, particularly rich in biophysical data; indeed it is doubtful whether on the chemical side present theories are more than the merest scaffolding. Recent statements by wellknown workers display a confidence about the nature of visual purple (rhodopsin) which it is not easy to share. It is said to be "safe to assume that visual purple is a conjugated carotenoid-protein" (Hecht1); rhodopsin "is a conjugated protein with a carotenoid prosthetic group called retinene; it is estimated that one molecule contains 10 prosthetic groups and that each such group contains one molecule of vitamin A" (Mitchell2). "Rhodopsin is a rose-coloured carotenoidprotein, in aqueous solution its absorption spectrum consists of a single broad band maximal at 500 mu. In light it bleaches in a succession of photochemical and thermal reactions to orange and yellow products, liberating in the process the carotenoid retinene" (Wald<sup>3</sup>). "No doubt, therefore, the A vitamins are of importance for the formation of the chromophoric group of the visual purple molecule, even though it may not be possible at present to describe the nature of this relationship" (Granit<sup>4</sup>).

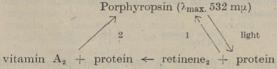
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The existence of retinene was revealed by the work of Wald. It is defined by him as the substance which gives rise to a blue-green colour with chloroformic antimony trichloride, characterized by a sharp absorption band at 664 mμ. Retinene disappears when intact dark-adapted retinas are illuminated and is replaced by vitamin A (λ<sub>max</sub>. 620 mμ in the antimony

trichloride colour test). The cycle:



plausibly summarizes the role of vitamin A in preventing abnormally slow adaptation to dim light (scotopic vision). The discovery of vitamin A<sub>2</sub>, and of the pigment porphyropsin in the retinas of freshwater fishes, led to the idea of a parallel cycle:



With the antimony trichloride reagent, vitamin  $A_2$  gives a colour with  $\lambda_{max}.693 \, \text{m}\mu$  and retinene<sub>2</sub> a colour with its maximum absorption at 706 m $\mu$ . Direct absorption spectra of solutions containing retinene<sub>1</sub> and retinene<sub>2</sub> reveal maxima at 387 and 405 m $\mu$  respectively, which are plausibly but not conclusively attributed to these substances.

Wald's observations created an interesting and promising situation, but as has happened before in visual purple research, progress appears to have halted. The reason is probably a lack of working hypotheses. No suggestion has been hazarded as to the chemical relationship between the vitamins A and the retinenes. No mechanism has been advanced to account for the conversion of vitamin A ( $\lambda_{max}$ .

 $325 \,\mathrm{m}\mu$ , practically colourless in dilute solution) to the rose-coloured visual purple. No explanation is available of the fact that in studying the photo-decomposition of visual purple solutions, vitamin A could not be found at any stage (Krause and Sidwell<sup>5</sup>, Wald<sup>6</sup>).

Vitamin A, a fat-soluble alcohol  $C_{20}H_{29}OH$ , is not known to form pH-sensitive derivatives: yet visual purple undergoes photo-decomposition to yield a succession of products, all of which are pH-sensitive:

visual purple  $\rightarrow$  transient orange  $\rightarrow$  indicator yellow  $(\lambda_{\max}, 500 \text{ m}\mu)$   $(\lambda_{\max}, 470 \text{ m}\mu)$   $(\lambda_{\max}, 445 \text{ m}\mu)$   $\rightarrow$  colourless products

(Lythgoe and Quilliam7, Wald6).

According to Wald, a succession of changes occurs, and though the spectrum of rhodopsin itself is unaffected by pH changes, the spectra of all stages of bleaching are highly pH-labile. "Rhodopsin apparently does not possess an acidic or basic grouping in close association with its chromophore, but such a grouping is exposed as a first result of irradiation (cf. Lythgoe). The effects of pH change on the absorption spectra of bleached products are in some cases large and peculiar, probably because they involve complicated mixtures of pigments."

It has been shown that the quantum efficiency of the primary photochemical process in the decomposition of visual purple is about unity and the molar extinction coefficient (at 506 mµ) is  $2 \cdot 3 \times 10^4$  (Dart-

nell, Goodeve and Lythgoe8).

In itself this is scarcely consistent with a 'carotenoid' prosthetic group, since  $\varepsilon_{\text{max}}$  is  $5 \times 10^4$  for vitamin A

and  $1 \times 10^5$  for  $\beta$ -carotene.

Vitamin A deficiency not only delays dark adaptation in scotopic (rod) vision but also very definitely affects photopic (cone) vision. The duplicity theory is firmly established and vitamin A is concerned in both mechanisms. Nothing, outside the problems of vision, is known about vitamin A or its derivatives to indicate abnormal photo-sensitivity, and the idea that the chromophoric group of visual purple is retinene or any other vitamin A derivative does not compel assent. The chromophoric or prosthetic group may well be entirely different; it may be an unknown or a known substance.

In fact, it has already been suggested that riboflavin (or a related compound), which is known to occur in relatively large amount in the eye, may "take part in the visual processes by means of its photo-chemical properties such as fluorescence and light-sensitivity" (Adler and v. Euler). The photochemistry of riboflavin, of its phosphate and of the yellow enzymes is complex; there is a sequence of changes, pH-sensitive and oxygen-sensitive products being formed. "If the flavin of the retina is associated with colour vision, it is thought probable that the change of the flavin to a primary photo-body furnishes the nerve stimulation. The irreversible change of the photo-body to deutero-riboflavin, which would be a loss of valuable flavin is prevented by O2 in the retina" (Theorell10). That flavin is in some way connected with the visual process seems clear from Pock-Steen's report that twilight blindness in 'leiodystonia' and sprue was alleviated by riboflavin but not by vitamin A. No attempt seems to have been made to reconcile the 'flavin' and 'vitamin A' hypotheses.

Of the possible changes which vitamin A (delivered to the eye via the blood stream as free alcohol C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>.CH<sub>2</sub>OH) could undergo, the first to be con-

sidered is clearly:

## $C_{19}H_{27}.CH_2OH \xrightarrow{-2H} C_{19}H_{27}.CHO.$

This change is physiologically plausible. nately, vitamin A aldehyde has not been prepared, although Heilbron and his colleagues11 tried to make it from the alcohol by the use of Oppenauer's method. Instead, they obtained C23H32O, probably C19H27 CH=CH.COCH<sub>3</sub> (λ<sub>max.</sub> 401 mμ, antimony trichloride colour test 646 mu) and C19H25CHO (one additional double bond in the terminal six-membered ring). The aldehyde showed \(\lambda\_{\text{max}}\), 401 m\(\mu\) and a colour test λmax. 740 mu. The reduction product C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>25</sub>.CH<sub>2</sub>OH gave λmax. 359 mμ, antimony trichloride colour test, 728 mu. In attempting to judge whether the retinenes resemble the hypothetical vitamin A or A2 aldehydes, it is necessary to recall a peculiarity of the colour tests. Vitamin A with antimony trichloride shows λmax, 620 mμ with a pronounced inflexion near 583 mμ. Colour-test inhibitors (for example, 7-methyl indole) suppress the  $620\,\mathrm{m}\mu$  band, and the  $583\,\mathrm{m}\mu$  maximum is revealed. Similarly, the vitamin  $\mathrm{A}_2$ colour test shows absorption maxima at 693 mu and 650 mu under certain conditions. The ease with which vitamins A and A2 can be made to exhibit either of two maxima in the colour test at once raises the question whether the observed maxima for retinene, and retinene, are respectively comparable with the longer or shorter wave-length maxima:

		λmax. mμ	Antimony colour tes	
Vitamin A,		 325	620 and	583 mµ
Vitamin A2		 350	693 and	
Retinene,		 387		664
Retinene <sub>2</sub>	14.0	 405	706	
$C_{19}H_{27}CH = CH.CO$	CH <sub>3</sub>	 401		646
С19 Н25 СНО		 . 401	740	
C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>25</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH		 859	728	

Two points emerge: first, the importance of preparing vitamin A aldehyde; and second, the need for a full study of the colour test. The ultra-violet maximum for the aldehyde might be expected to fall near

360-370 mu.

I have observed a 664 mu chromogen (a) in extracts from aged processed human blood plasma and (b) in a fraction from bovine serum. In both cases the chromogen was probably an artefact. It has also been obtained by the oxidation of pure vitamin A but much contaminated with other products. Optimum conditions are elusive, but three workers (T. W. Goodwin, R. H. Creed and myself) have repeatedly seen the band, using CrO3 or KMnO4. Pure vitamin A (0.05 per cent) in cyclohexane rapidly decolorizes aqueous KMnO4 (0.25 per cent in amounts up to 30 per cent of the volume of vitamin solution) on shaking in the cold in the presence of a little 5 per cent H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The supernatant cyclohexane solution is pipeted off and tested with the SbCl<sub>3</sub> reagent. With small amounts of permanganate the blue colour is greatly weakened; with increasing amounts the colour changes through purple to bloodred. Using sufficient of the cyclohexane solution, colour-test maxima at 664, 615 and 565 mu can be seen, with a further band at 642 mu appearing slowly. The first band is not always easy to obtain, but its detection fits into the pattern of facts. Acknowledgment is made to Prof. T. B. Davie and to Drs. F. H. Carr and T. H. Mead for material and to Prof. T. P. Hilditch for suggestions.

The possibility that vitamin A might be dehydrogenated to the aldehyde under physiological conditions is not unreasonable in the light of what is known of such enzyme systems as those involving di- or tri-phosphopyridine-nucleotides, but it affords of itself no hint as to the origin of colour in rhodopsin. On the other hand, it possibly fits the failure to find vitamin A in the decomposition products of visual purple solutions. Suppose that in the intact retina, vitamin A in equilibrium with its aldehyde occurs as a part of, or in proximity to, visual purple. The process of extracting pigment or hardening the retina would 'freeze' the equilibrium. In the darkadapted retina this might well be very much on the side of the aldehyde, and in the absence of functioning enzyme systems the aldehyde might be expected to decompose slowly but irreversibly by oxidation.

Now the "main chemical alteration which occurs in the retinal tissues on exposure to light is a general tendency to become acid. . . . The degree of acidity varies directly with the intensity and duration of the exposure to light and is greatest with yellow-green light" (Duke-Elder<sup>12</sup>). Irradiation involves the formation of phosphoric acid which disappears in the dark (Olmsted<sup>13</sup>). The identification of phosphoric acid as a part of the photochemically initiated sequence of changes is a further complication to the

'carotenoid-protein' hypothesis.

If there are objections to ascribing the visual purple absorption curve to a 'carotenoid', there are also difficulties in the suggestion that the chromophore is a flavin. The various yellow enzymes (containing alloxazine-nucleotides) all show maxima near 465, 380 and 275 mµ, but the visible absorption is too low both in respect of  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  and  $\varepsilon_{\text{max}}$  to fit the prosthetic group of visual purple.

(Haas, Horecker and Hogness<sup>14</sup>). There is, however, no doubt that a marked inflexion occurs near 490–495 mμ, corresponding with a somewhat masked absorption band (cf. Theorell and Haas<sup>15</sup>).

Early in the work on riboflavin it was observed that reduction in 10 per cent hydrochloric acid gave an intense red intermediate phase (λ<sub>max</sub>. 490 mμ) also recorded for alloxazines like lumiflavin (Kuhn and Wagner-Jauregg<sup>18</sup>; Stern and Holiday<sup>17</sup>). This semi-quinone formation has also been shown to occur under much more physiological conditions who yellow enzyme is reduced in the presence of a large excess of tri-phosphopyridine-nucleotide (Haas<sup>18</sup>). The red ferment is thus probably a flavin-pyridine-nucleotide, both prosthetic groups being bound to protein.

Yellow enzyme ...  $\begin{array}{c} \lambda \lambda_{\rm max}. \\ 465 & 380 \ {\rm m}\mu \end{array}$  Red phase ...  $\begin{array}{c} 475 & 360 \end{array}$ 

This red ferment is the closest physiologically plausible analogue of visual purple which is so far known. It requires, however, a reducing agent which shall effect an easily reversible partial reduction at the alloxazine ring. The 'flavin' and 'carotenoid' functions can be married by attributing this reduction to vitamin A aldehyde. On this basis the aldehyde, accumulating sluggishly through the action of, for example, tri-phosphopyridine-nucleotide on vitamin A, conditions the speed of visual purple regeneration. The primary photochemical process will not be a reversal, but a partial direct oxidation to yellow enzyme, and vitamin A aldehyde will not be affected. Hence retinene could be obtained from dark-adapted retinas, and in visual purple solutions would be oxidized away. The alloxazine-nucleotide oxidation-

reduction system, moreover, affords a rational basis for electron liberation.

Any adequate working hypothesis for the visual process requires stages in the oxidation-reduction According to the work of Kuhn and Ströbele<sup>19</sup>, such stages are demonstrable with arabo-

Oxygen uptake in regenerating 1 mol. flavin Flavin Verdoflavin Chloroflavin yellow bronze-green grass-green carmine-red 0.50 Rhodoflavin colourless Leucoflavin

In the case of "photo-hepato-flavin", Stern and Holiday record:

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Holoquinone	neutral	364, 440 mµ
"	in 0.2 N HCl	267, 385 mµ
Semi-guinone	in 0.2 N NaOH in 0.2 N HCl	263, 352, 442 mµ 358, 490 mµ
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It is conceivable that the 387 mu maximum recorded by Wald for retinene is really due to a flavin concomitant and not to the 664 mu chromogen. It is a curious fact that the lens emits a pale greenish-yellow fluorescence, the most effective spectral region for its production being 370-390 mu, maximum 385 mu (Hoffmann, quoted by Duke-Elder 20). I have obtained from horse lenses a chloroform-soluble material absorbing in this region and giving a strong skyblue fluorescence (possibly due to dimethylalloxazine).

Vitamin A aldehyde could be replaced by vitamin A2 aldehyde without fundamentally affecting the 'flavin' mechanism for scotopic vision. It could likewise function in photopic vision. Here it is not irrelevant that the optical properties of planar molecules are known to be susceptible to change with dimer and polymer formation, and with molecular orientation both with respect to surfaces and molecular axes.

To summarize this discussion, an attempt has been made (1) to account for the evidence that poor scotopic vision may follow from avitaminosis-A or -B2; (2) to suggest a mechanism for the intervention of vitamin A (or A2 in freshwater fishes); (3) to explain why vitamin A is not obtainable from visual purple solutions; and (4) to devise a mechanism which allows vitamin A to participate, albeit indirectly, in both photopic and scotopic vision, without leaving the photochemical problem in mid-air.

The whole range of trustworthy data on visual processes and perhaps even of bioluminescence will need to be fitted into an acceptable theory. It is of small consequence if the suggestions now made turn out to be inadequate as new facts are gathered. The important thing at this stage is that the chemical aspects of the problem should be focused more sharply, and the difficulties faced.

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## STATISTICS IN SEDIMENTARY PETROLOGY

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RECENT publications show that at long last there is a flood-movement in British geological research towards the accumulation of increasingly precise quantitative data. The transition from the qualitative phase, painfully slow at first, has lately been accelerated in most branches of the science. This limited progress is especially marked in sedimentary petrology, where Fleet, Butterfield, Smithson and Walder have raised a banner which all must surely follow.

Without a doubt this vigorous movement marks only a beginning. Already some of its protagonists, wallowing in a mire of seemingly endless figures, are beginning to question the wisdom, and indeed the reliability, of their laborious endeavours. Attempts at extrication by crude mathematical methods (concerning the reduction and not the reliability of data) have met with little success. Other petrographers, less desirous of reaching immediate conclusions, are content merely to amass information of unqualified precision in the hope that one day it may prove

All the present difficulties and discrepancies have one common underlying cause. They are due entirely to the widespread inability of geologists first to recognize, and secondly to deal with, the various types of population commonly encountered in petrological research. No matter if these populations are finite or infinite, and irrespective of which sedimentary variates they concern, their behaviour and its repercussions remain uninvestigated and almost completely ignored. Yet, to quote the most . fundamental example, all petrological work, even that concerned with the smallest finite populations, relies on sampling for its practicability. Consequently, though the distinction between some of the statistics actually used, and the parameters estimated, may often be recognized, no allowance is ever made for it—the penumbræ of error darkening our petrological morass are left well alone! Yet it is idle merely to record the useless fact that zircon reaches a mean size of "50 μ" in a certain locality; statement of the statistic in conjunction with its (qualified) standard error—as "50  $\mu$   $\pm$  3  $\mu$ "—conveys information of considerable geological value.

In consequence of the shortcomings outlined above, interpretations drawn from quantitative petrographical data usually either do not justify the laborious methods used, or (especially when 'conclusive') are largely unwarranted. The former situation involves waste of data and both involve waste of time. Indeed, I know of no geological work (published in Britain) that contains one conclusion stated as an honest mathematical probability. I am also unaware of any paper devoted mainly to quantitative information which is enlightened by a really comprehensive account of the sampling and analytical techniques employed. Truly, appraisal by the sceptic is normally quite impossible. Consistently with this state of affairs, investigations planned to achieve desired degrees of precision-indeed degrees of precision themselves—are practically unknown in British geology. The present difficulties are all the more surprising when we consider that the mathematical techniques necessary for their removal have existed for some time. One can only conclude that for three decades most geologists have worked in complete oblivion of the progress of statistical science.

During the past five years, much work in the Department of Geology at the University of Reading has been devoted to the application of statistical methods to geological problems, especially those of a petrological and stratigraphical nature. In the sphere of sedimentary petrology the mathematical techniques have already more than justified their adoption.

#### Selection of Fields of Study

Statistical control exerts its first influence in the selection of fields of study. The preferable fields are those which permit detailed investigation of (1) the areal petrographical characters of widespread but thin horizons (less than 6 in. thick), and (2) the vertical petrographical successions in single localities. By the first approach an attempt is made to treat certain selected geological 'moments' separately throughout their accessible extents, and so to elucidate the spatial distributions of their petrographical characters. By the second, the distributions in time of petrographical characters are studied at selected points. In such a manner the invalidating effects of the two types of distribution upon one another may be minimized each in turn. Unfortunately, the nature and number of actual and potential exposures very often leave the sedimentary petrologist no choice but to concentrate largely upon one or other of the two viewpoints. When quarries and other sites are normally small but very numerous (as in the Wealden rocks of south-east England), horizonal studies often yield the more valuable results; when they are extensive but few (as in the Tertiaries of the Isle of Wight, now being studied by my colleague Miss P. S. Walder) investigation of the petrographical sequence in time frequently appears to be the more promising. I recently completed an areal study of the Top Ashdown Pebble Bed1 in the Weald of Kent, Surrey and Sussex, using an arbitrary 2-in. horizon situated 4 in. down in the underlying sandstone as 'control'. Since the efficacy of statistical methods has been most fully tried out on this sediment, particular reference thereto is made in the present outline.

If a horizonal study has been decided upon, the petrologist should next ensure that the sampling on which it is to be based will be as nearly random as possible. The distribution of satisfactory exposures usually limits him in this respect, because, being controlled by factors other than chance, it is not necessarily a random one. Secondary sampling from them at random is seldom possible either, for the exposures at any one widespread horizon less than 6 in. thick are usually all too few at the start. The sandpits and openable sites at the Top Ashdown Pebble Bed horizon were apparently distributed according to factors quite unrelated to the petrographical characters of the bed. The risks inherent to an assumption of randomness, being therefore considered minimal, were ignored, and attention was merely focused upon ensuring random sampling within the sites located.

#### Choice of Statistics

Preliminary analysis of a few field samples (by the usual methods of gravity separation, and counting of entire residues) indicates the range of statistical values likely to be necessary for the subsequent sample and horizonal characterizations. In general, the constituents of sediments are found to be most easily dealt with through separate consideration

of two or three fractions, namely, (1) the allogenic pebble suite (when present), (2) the allogenic light and heavy grain suites, and (3) the authigenic light and heavy suites. The minimum quantitative requirement is that in every field sample each of these five suites shall be fully characterized by statistics relating to frequency, abrasion, grade size and sorting. frequencies (expressed as percentages) of all pebble and mineral grain species, varieties and other distinctive types, should be determined, together with their 'errors'. The degrees of abrasion are best expressed as the percentages of euhedral, subangular, angular and rounded individuals (suitably defined), average size as their arithmetic mean sizes (based on measurements of intermediate axes), and degrees of statistical sorting as the coefficients of variation derived from the data yielding their means. Calculation of errors is of course necessary in all cases.

During the study of the Top Ashdown Pebble Bed. the determination of the grade sizes and degrees of sorting of all the species, varieties, etc., in every subsample was found to be too time-consuming. This difficulty was overcome in the case of the allogenic heavy suite by using the values pertaining to zircon (probably the most stable mineral) as indexes typifying the whole suite. The validity of the method was confirmed by replicate analysis and by detailed comparisons with other species. The allogenic heavy grain suite of each Ashdown field sample was thus finally characterized at least by (1) complete frequency analysis, (2) the 'zircon abrasion index' (equals per cent of euhedra among the zircons), (3) the 'zircon size index' (equals the mean size of zircon), and (4) the 'zircon statistical sorting index' (equals the coefficient of variation of the zircon grainsize distribution).

#### Estimation of Minimum Subsample Size and Standard Errors

The field sampling and characterization designs having been settled, it is necessary to estimate the minimum number of pebbles or grains in the subsamples pertaining to each suite which will be necessary to achieve sufficient accuracy for studying the variations anticipated in the various populations of the sediment. Analysis of a few subsamples of arbitrary sizes from widely different sedimentary grades usually suffices for a provisional estimate. In the case of the Top Ashdown Pebble Bed, the subsample sizes were standardized at greater than 200 for pebbles and greater than 1,000 for grains.

In order to establish the degrees of significance of the chosen statistics and to recognize when significant differences exist between them (within the aims of the investigation), the petrologist must be able to estimate their associated 'errors'. Because these (best expressed in the form of standard errors) necessarily always embody components due to random sampling  $(SE_{\tau})$  and experimental treatment  $(SE_{\theta})$  they may be termed 'total standard errors'. Their magnitude will vary with the project and the consequent unit of comparison-normally either the subsample, the

'patch' or the 'locality'.

1. Standard Errors of the Subsample (SE.). During the preliminary work it is convenient first to investigate the total standard errors (SE,) of statistics referring to the adopted subsample alone. Values for these, in terms of their component sampling errors, may be obtained from series of replicate analyses of homogenized material drawn at random from the known grade-size range of the sediment. For pur-

poses of improvements in laboratory technique,  $SE_{\ell}$  may also be calculated for each species from the data. In the case of frequencies, significant differences between the total and the sampling errors within series are best tested by  $\chi^2$ , using Brandt and Snedecor's formula<sup>2</sup>. Graphed against frequency, the values  $(k_{\bullet})$  of the ratio  $SE_{\bullet}|SE_{\tau}$  determined for each species may be used in the subsequent assay as a basis for estimating the total errors from the sampling errors of single values. In this way the otherwise inevitable replication of each sample in the main investigation is obviated.  $SE_{\bullet}$  is most necessary for use in the tests of significance involved during the study (by concentrated sampling) of local small-scale petrographical variation, or 'patchiness'.

2. Standard Errors of Patchiness  $(SE_p)$ . Combined with the thin sampling normally forced upon petrologists,  $SE_s$  is not, unfortunately, necessarily large enough to deal with the establishment of more widespread changes, such as the recognition of minor petrographic 'regions'. Estimation of a sufficiently comprehensive error, the 'standard error of patchiness'  $(SE_p)$ , allowing for small-scale variation within the sediment, may be conducted in the same general way as that of  $SE_s$ , but using instead the ratios  $(k_p)$  derived from random series of replicate samples of unmodified material, the latter being taken at random from small horizonal areas of constant size. For the Top Ashdown Pebble Bed these areas

were fixed at  $\frac{1}{2}$  sq. ft.

3. Standard Errors of Locality ( $SE_l$ ). When horizonal sampling is thin, and broad petrographic regions are to be established, the unit of comparison strictly becomes the locality, and an error even more comprehensive than  $SE_p$  is needed. One such, the 'standard error of locality' ( $SE_l$ ), may be estimated as before from its component sampling error by means of specific factors ( $k_l$ ) obtained from preliminary replicate sampling within 'localities'. During the study of the Top Ashdown Pebble Bed, a 'locality' was defined as a quarry of a certain size. Unexpectedly, however, analysis of variance showed that none of the values obtained for  $k_l$  significantly exceeded the corresponding  $k_p$ 's, and  $SE_l$  was consequently taken as approximately equal to  $SE_p$ .

## Manipulation of Standard Errors

The three standard errors may be manipulated during the subsequent work in the usual way, the particular error used and the level of significance chosen varying with the aims in view and the sampling concentrations achieved. The assumption that the distributions of the variates concerned are normal must necessarily be provisional until they

are more extensively investigated. Much arithmetical labour may be avoided in the large numbers of frequency comparisons afterwards carried out, by preparing beforehand curves of significant differences based on the various k-factors and the chosen level of significance. The level of significance adopted during the Ashdown work was P < 0.05, and since all grain counts either equalled or exceeded 1,000 individuals, a frequency  $p_1$  per cent of a mineral was considered to be significantly different from that  $(p_2$  per cent) in another sample only when

 $p_2 >$ 

 $\frac{50(5p_1+k^2)+k\sqrt{2500k^2+100(k^2+500)}p_1-(k^2+500)p_1}{250+k^2}$ 

where k was the value of  $k_s$ ,  $k_p$  or  $k_l$  appropriate to the mean of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ . Curves were therefore prepared for the above relation as an identity (graphing  $p_2$  against  $p_1$ ) when  $k = 1, 1 \cdot 5, 2, 2 \cdot 5, \ldots, 6 \cdot 5, 7$ . From these, the status of a large majority of differences could be read off at sight.

The pebble counts were treated in the same general

way.

#### Mapping of Statistics

The kinds of statistic relating to the several species, varieties, etc., obtained during the main investigation, are best plotted on to separate maps as they are obtained, and their frequency distributions finally inserted thereon. The latter may be examined by moment-analysis.

During the insertion of 'contours' designed to emphasize the main trends of change and similarity, rigid statistical control is vitally necessary if they are to have any real meaning. By far the best scheme is to make the contour intervals equivalent to minimum significant differences; for example, for P=0.05 when the total counts always exceed the intended minimum size.

When the collection of data concerning the horizon is completed, statistical reduction and analysis of variation become guides to interpretation rather than policemen to methods. The analysis and interhorizonal comparison of correlations between variates, neatly carried out in terms of the correlation coefficient (r), is illustrative in this respect. Several significant correlations (up to  $+0.71\pm0.087$ ) were established between mineral frequency and sedimentary grade size, stratigraphical variates and grade size, etc., in the Top Ashdown Pebble Bed. These in turn led to further investigations which showed, for instance in the first example, that they were usually direct results of the interplay of former hydrodynamical conditions and the relative abundance of source materials. Post-depositional alteration was shown to have taken a very minor role.

# Statistical Characterization of the Sediment as a Whole

The final statistical characterization of the entire horizon is most conveniently given by the arithmetic means, standard deviations and standard errors of the frequencies, abrasion indexes, size indexes and sorting indexes of each mineral and pebble species, variety, form, etc., together with the significant correlations (qualified by their standard errors) established between certain of these variates. This should be regarded merely as a development of Butterfield's pregnant creations—his "characteristic formula" and "range formula".

The problem of comparing and contrasting sediments with sediments and other rock types by means of characteristic statistics is still under investigation. Though the possibilities of using r and  $\chi^2$  appear promising in this respect<sup>4,5</sup>, the difficulties of translating the statistical into geological correlations remain unsurmounted. Until, by their combined efforts, petrologists amass a fairly large sample of all such statistical relations, we can have no basis for making direct petrogenetical probability statements. The frequency suites of the arbitrary Ashdown horizon

previously mentioned and of certain Yoredale Sandstones<sup>3</sup> yield (at present)  $r=+0.89\pm0.093$ , but our ignorance of the geological status of this value

forbids us to conclude that it necessarily implies a close genetical relationship.

A full exposition of the statistical methods outlined above will be given elsewhere in due course.

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## OBITUARY

Dr. H. D. S. Honigmann

Dr. H. D. S. HONIGMANN, formerly director of the Zoological Gardens at Breslau, and recently scientific adviser to the Dudley Zoo, who died on November 17, was born at Breslau on July 5, 1891. He was educated at the Johannes-Gymnasium at Breslau, whence he proceeded to study zoology, physics and philosophy at the Universities of Breslau and Heidelberg. In 1916 he graduated at Breslau under W. Kükenthal; his thesis for his doctorate was on the primordial cranium of the hunchback whale. On his demobilization in 1918 he decided to round off his biological training by the study of medicine, and in 1921 he graduated in this subject with a thesis on parasitic flagellates of the human lung.

In 1927, after a few years of work as medical practitioner and public health officer, Honigmann was appointed director of the Zoological Gardens at Breslau. This appointment opened up for him a sphere of work which had been his ambition from early boyhood—the keeping, rearing and observation of animals. After years of war and post-war depression, it fell to him to rebuild and modernize the Breslau Zoo, a task which he performed with outstanding success. A number of scientific publications on observations on zoo animals were a by-product of this activity. He had just completed elaborate plans for a modern aquarium when his work was interrupted in 1934 by political events in Germany. He resigned his post and went to London where, following an invitation by Dr. Julian Huxley to work at the London Zoo, he carried out a series of studies on the nutrition of mammals, which led to the publication of a number of papers on the subject. His appointment in 1937 as scientific adviser to the newly founded zoo at Dudley gave him ample opportunity to make use of his wide experience in the scientific management of a modern zoo.

The outbreak of the War having brought his work at Dudley to an end, Honigmann took the post of science master at Blundell's School at Tiverton, whence the vicissitudes of the War took him to the Zoology Department of the University of Glasgow. There, on the invitation of Prof. E. Hindle and supported by a grant from the Society for the Protection of Science and Learning, he carried out a series of investigations in animal psychology, including work on the number conception in the fowl, a critical review of the problems of number conception in animals in general, and an analysis of movement vision in toads. His remarkable skill in the planning and execution of accurately controlled experiments, his thorough knowledge of the intricate problems of animal psychology, and not least his patience and experience in the handling of animals, make his publications in this field of lasting value; his last paper is still in the press and will appear in the *Proceedings of the* Royal Society. Plans for extensive further research in this field were frustrated by his death.

All who knew Dr. Honigmann will remember him as a scientific worker of great ability and experience, a warm friend and admirer of animals, and a person loved for his quiet charm, kindness and goodhumoured companionship. OTTO LOWENSTEIN.

# NEWS and VIEWS

Jet-Propelled Fighter Aircraft

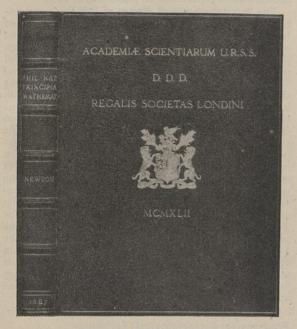
THE R.A.F. and the U.S. Army Air Force recently released information upon the progress made with jet propulsion for aircraft. The development of this for the R.A.F. is stated to have been in the hands of Group Captain F. Whittle, with the late Flight Lieutenant P. E. G. Sayer as test pilot. The special engine was built by Power Jets, Ltd., and the original aircraft by the Gloster Aircraft Co., Ltd. Experiments were afterwards continued in conjunction with the U.S. authorities, and further engines and aircraft were built in the United States by the General Electric Co. and the Bell Aircraft Co. respectively. These experiments have produced an aircraft judged to be sufficiently successful to warrant a partial adoption of the type, and production is now in hand of a sufficient quantity for training purposes in both countries.

The principle used in these machines is that air is taken in at the front of the body, compressed and heated, and exhausted at the rear end with increased velocity and temperature. The reaction produced is an axial thrust that replaces the normal propeller thrust. In general its efficiency would be greater,

and there are additional practical advantages. The practical limitation in propeller diameter has already been reached, and some other way of turning the engine power into a propulsive thrust is necessary if any further increase in the power of individual engines is envisaged. Driving several airscrews from one engine has many practical limitations, the weight and unreliability of the transmitting mechanism being the principal, but by no means the only, trouble. Gyroscopic effects and the rotation of the slip stream are also eliminated by the absence of the rotating airscrews. Ground or water clearance can now be less if either structural or aerodynamical considerations demand it, as the propeller diameter no longer governs this. The first public claim to have produced a successful jet-propelled aircraft was made in Italy in December 1941, when it was stated that a Caproni-Campini C.C.2 machine flew from Milan to Rome at an average speed of 130 m.p.h. Speeds of this order have no application in modern war aircraft, but there is no reason why larger engines giving greater powers should not be built, when once the success of the principle is established.

#### Newton's "Principia" for the U.S.S.R.

On January 6 an interesting ceremony took place in Moscow. At the request of the Royal Society, H.M. Chargé d'Affaires presented to a deputation representing the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. a copy of the first edition of Newton's "Principia", together with the original draft of a letter by Newton to Prince Alexander Menshikov, acquainting the latter with his election into the fellowship of the Royal Society in 1714. The book, handsomely bound in



polished Levant morocco by the famous firm of John Gray and Sons of Cambridge, has an added value, because affixed within it is a sheet of vellum on which are recorded the signatures of the President and Council of the Royal Society in office when the gift was authorized. So far as can be ascertained, this is the only copy of a first edition of Newton's great work possessed by a scientific body in the U.S.S.R. Owing to indisposition, the President of the Academy could not be present when the gift was made; his place was, therefore, taken by the first deputy president, Academician Baykov. Incidentally, Prince Alexander Menshikov, a spectacular figure in the Russia of Peter the Great, was the first Russian to be elected into the fellowship of the Royal Society.

#### Prof. Vladimir A. Obruchev

The news that the honour of the Order of Lenin has recently been conferred on Prof. Vladimir A. Obruchev will be warmly welcomed by his admirers throughout the scientific world. Previously, his outstanding services to the U.S.S.R. had been recognized by his appointment as Cavalier of the Order of the Red Banner. In the minds of geographers and geologists, the names of Obruchev and Siberia are indissolubly linked. For more than a generation, Prof. Obruchev's studies of the stratigraphy, mountain-building movements and physiography of the eastern half of the vast Russian territory have earned our gratitude and respect, and his great work on the geology of Siberia (to which he has recently

added a fifth volume) has become a classic. But a few decades ago, this huge region was one of the least-known areas of the globe. Prof. Obruchev's earlier expeditions and investigations of the rock succession and tectonics laid the foundations for economic developments on an astonishing scale. At an early stage of the work, he carried out the survey for the location of the Trans-Siberian railway; later, in furtherance of the far-sighted policy of the Government of the U.S.S.R., he contributed to the transformation of the country into one of the great mineral-producing regions of the earth—a story reminiscent of a fairy-tale,

Under Obruchev's inspiration, his colleagues and assistants set out to discover and exploit the mineral wealth which was to prove so essential after the German occupation of western Russia. Their activities were directed to the finding of ores of aluminium, copper, gold, iron, manganese, mercury, nickel, niobium, tin and tungsten, as well as non-metals like coal, oil and diamonds. In most cases, outstanding success crowned their efforts: in particular, the development of new goldfields owes much to Obruchev's own work. Not content with thus awakening many parts of the great area by harnessing its resources for future use, Prof. Obruchev founded in 1939 an Institute (named in his honour the Obruchev Institute) for the study of permanently frozen soil. Such soil indeed covers one third of Russian territory, so it is not surprising that the Government encouraged the Institute (in which ethnographical studies also find a place) with funds for extensive research. In 1941, when Moscow was threatened, the Academy of Sciences was evacuated to Sverdlovsk. It is satisfactory to learn that the Academy, and Prof. Obruchev, have now returned to Moscow, and that Prof. Obruchev celebrated there his eightieth birthday (on October 10 of last year).

#### Askanya Nova Nature Reserve

According to news reaching Great Britain, the State nature reserve at Askanya Nova, near Melitopol, in the southern Ukraine, has been completely devastated during its occupation by the German army, which evacuated the area some weeks ago. The reserve comprised a vast area of virgin steppe, where, side by side with the undisturbed flora and fauna, typical of the southern Ukrainian steppes, a large number of introduced animals and birds have been bred for years under natural con-A field biological station, laboratories, museum and a library were attached to the reserve, which presented unique opportunities for researches in plant and animal ecology, for experiments in the acclimatization of introduced animals and birds, etc. It is now reported that most of the animals and birds, that were living free, were killed by German hunting parties specially organized for the purpose, while the wire enclosures of others were smashed by tanks and the inhabitants killed off wholesale. Some of the more valuable animals were, however, taken away to Germany; for example, two of the three wild Mongolian horses (Equus Przhevalskii) were taken, the third killed. The few bisons were also killed. Most of the museum collections of birds and animals were transported to Germany, but the rich herbarium, insect collection and the library of more than 25,000 volumes were burnt. The removal of collections to Germany was carried out under the

#### Industrial Research and Taxation

THE long memorandum on "Post-war Industrial Reconstruction" issued by the Internal Combustion Engine Manufacturers' Association covers a wide field and quotes extensively from the League of Nations report on "The Transition from War to Peace Economy". While some of its proposals regarding the disposal of Government stocks of internal combustion engines after the War may be open to objection—the suggestion that the balance, after meeting the needs of devastated countries, providing a war reserve, and improving training equipment at engineering schools and technical institutions, should be disposed of by an organization, representing the industry and the Government, in the way best calculated to promote the national development and least likely to affect adversely employment in the industry, is somewhat naïve—the report is yet another document emphasizing the importance of Dispersal of the industry's skill would undoubtedly be against the national interest, but the interests of producers can scarcely be allowed to dictate the disposal of surpluses, and the memorandum itself recognizes the necessity of continuing some national and international controls after the War, and on the whole shows a wide outlook and a readiness for more fundamental changes than mere attempts to mend the rents in the old pre-1939 patterns.

In regard to research, the memorandum urges that the position in regard to finance and especially the high level of taxation is a main reason for the inadequate prosecution of research in Great Britain. It suggests that all research expenditure should be allowed for taxation purposes, either when incurred or over a period of years, depending on the nature of the expenditure. Capital expenditure, such as that on laboratories and plant, and on patents, new designs and development to the commercial stage, should be granted relief on the basis of an allowance over a reasonable period of years. Research expenditure which is a normal incident of an efficient and progressive business should be allowed as and when made. Contributions to research organizations should be allowed similarly or, in special circumstances, spread over a reasonable period of years. Appropriate wear and tear allowances should be granted on plant and machinery acquired for the purposes of research, and if such plant and machinery is scrapped, any loss thereon, less any prior wear and tear allow-ance, should be allowed. The memorandum stresses the importance of clarifying the position as soon as possible, so that manufacturers can embark on an adequate programme of research and development with the knowledge that all such expenditure will

rank for taxation relief.

#### "Political and Economic Planning"

The Broadsheet "P E P Work, 1940–43", recently issued by Political and Economic Planning (No. 215, December 14, 1943), includes a summary of the present programme, as well as a note on some recent publications on "Research and Industry", and a complete list of P E P broadsheets and reports during 1933–43. Nine groups are in more or less regular session, and at least five full-scale reports are planned for 1944. One of these is a comprehensive report from the Fuel Group on the co-ordination of the fuel industries considered as a whole. The Population Policies Group, which is run jointly by P E P and

the Eugenics Society, has begun to meet again, and it is hoped to publish a full-scale report as well as a number of broadsheets during 1944. A new edition of the P E P Report on the British Health Services is in prospect and a fully-fledged Health Group has again begun to meet regularly. The Physical Planning Group has concentrated attention in the past year on the complex social and economic factors influencing the pattern of physical planning and on the human needs to be satisfied, and in addition to further broadsheets a report will be published in 1944.

The Economic Outlook Group of P E P is conducting an investigation into the structure and functions of trade associations, and a broadsheet will be published early in the year. The International Group, from the publication of a forthcoming broadsheet on world political structure, will be replaced by an International Trade Group, the aim of which will be to present the facts about Britain's post-war export problem in its world setting. The Machinery of Government Group has completed two stages of its examination of the need for adjustment so as to make government the nation's common effective instrument for expanding its social and economic welfare, and when reconstructed this Group will tackle the problem of associating the ordinary citizen more closely with the process of local government. A special-purpose group to consider the future of Government information and publicity will follow the broadsheet on "The Future of Foreign Publicity" with one on home The work which formerly fell to the Partners in Industry Enquiry has again been taken up and several chapters drafted of a report on industrial relations, while further investigations are being made into the structure of industrial relations at the national, district and works levels.

#### Progress in Bacteriological Technique

PROF. J. CRUICKSHANK has prepared for the British Council an account of recent advances in bacteriological methods (Brit. Med. Bull., 1, No. 8; 1943). The principal advances in the last ten years have, in his opinion, been made in the discovery of more efficient selective culture media for the isolation of bacteria, in the determination of the stable subgroups or types of bacteria and in the development of typing methods which make it possible to trace the probable source of an infection or an epidemic. Antigenic analysis has resulted in such valuable discoveries as the Vi or virulence antigen of the typhoid bacillus. Antityphoid serum made for therapeutic use should contain Vi antibodies. The blood of typhoid carriers almost always contains these, so that the Vi agglutination test has become a valuable means of helping to trace the sources of the infection. The discovery of a Vi bacteriophage, which has a specific action on Vi strains of typhoid bacilli, can be used for the identification of particular strains of these bacilli. Epidemiologists have used this means of tracing the source of isolated infections or epidemics. The typing of diphtheria bacilli has also produced valuable results.

Work on the hemolytic streptococci has revealed, by the extraction from these streptococci of a carbohydrate substance which gives a precipitation reaction in the presence of the appropriate anti-serum, thirteen groups of these streptococci. The streptococci of major importance in human infections belong to Group A, and at least twenty-three types of these have been identified. It has been found that the



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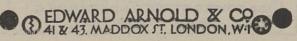
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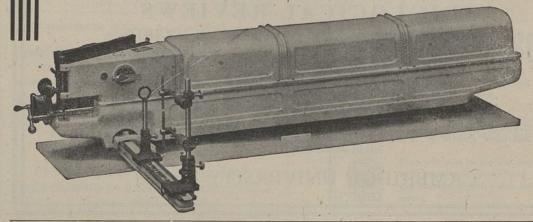
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same hæmolytic streptococci can give rise to various manifestations in a single community. At Queen Charlotte's Hospital in London, this typing method has provided the valuable information that, in puerperal fever, infection of the placenta by organisms in the genital passages at the beginning of labour is almost a negligible cause of puerperal fever; the important sources of infection are the attendants or other contacts, or even the upper respiratory passages of the mother herself. Similar work on the staphylococci has not yet given such striking results, but it is proceeding. The War has, of course, greatly stimulated work on organisms of the gas-gangrene group. Methods of growing anaerobic bacteria in the presence of air have been devised, and they have been grown on ordinary broth or peptone water containing a small strip of sheet iron.

#### A Film of Hospital Treatment

A REMARKABLE film, made by Gaumont Instructional Films, which is being shown under the auspices of the British Council, shows the successful operation by a British surgeon for the removal of the whole lung. The pictures are so taken that the spectator sees at least as much as, if not more than, most of the surgeon's assistants. At the beginning of the film the patient is shown, with his fellow workers in a factory, undergoing routine examination of the chest by X-ray. A cancer of the root of the lung is suspected in him, and the diagnosis is discussed by several experts in the light of subsequent examinations. Operation is decided upon and the patient sees the hospital almoner, who relieves his anxiety about the welfare of his wife and family while he is away from work. The special methods of anæsthetizing the patient are then shown and the operation itself follows, the spectator seeing the beating heart, the ligature and division of the pulmonary veins and the bronchus and other details. The rest of the film shows the after-care of the patient and his rehabilitation in a convalescent home until he returns to work. The British Council's chief function is, of course, to make British institutions and methods known abroad. This film, however, might well be shown widely in Great Britain.

#### Women's Health in War-time

In a note entitled "Healthier Women-a War-time Asset", the Statistical Bulletin states that comparison of the mortality of women in the United States for the two years prior to the entry of that country into the War of 1914-18 with that for the two years (1940-41) before Pearl Harbour shows that women were benefited by the increasing control over disease. During this 25-year period, the death-rate among women insured in the Industrial Department of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York, has been reduced by about half. There were thirteen deaths in every 1,000 women aged from 15 to 74 in 1915-16 as compared with only seven in 1940-41. The decline in mortality from tuberculosis has contributed more than any other factor to this remarkable record. The control of pneumonia has also contributed much to the improvement in the total mortality among women. Diseases associated with pregnancy and childbirth have been sharply reduced since 1918. Diabetes alone has increased in the past twenty-five years among women. As regards suicide, the death-rate among insured women in 1940-41 was about two thirds the rate in 1915-16, and for accidents the proportion was three fourths.

#### An Ultra-High-Speed Motion-Picture Camera

According to an article by H. J. Smith (Bell Lab. Rec., 22, No. 1; October 1943) a new high-speed camera, known as the Western Electric Fastax High-Speed Motion-Picture Camera, is capable of taking pictures at the rate of 8,000 per second. Fastax cameras are made in both 8 mm. and 16 mm. models. The 8 mm. model will take from 300 to 8,000 pictures per second, depending on the voltage applied to the motors, while the 16 mm. model will take from 150 to 4,000 pictures per second. Approximately full speed is obtained at nominal line voltages from 110 to 125 volts. To secure lower speeds a rheostat may be placed in series with the motor to reduce the

applied voltage. These new cameras are of the continuous-motion type employing an optical compensator, or rotating prism, between the lens and the sprocket. The 8 mm. camera has an eight-sided prism permitting eight pictures per prism revolution, and the 16 mm. camera has a four-sided prism permitting four pictures per prism revolution; each revolves in synchronism with the film. The prism creates successive and properly spaced images travelling with the film. The image gathered by the lens is refracted by the prism upward to meet the incoming frame, and as the frame advances downward, the image follows, thereby permitting continued exposure throughout the period that the film travels past the aperture. The duration of the exposure is controlled by the speed of rotation of the prism. Both these cameras are arranged to use either 100-ft. or 50-ft. spools of film. At top speed the film travels through the camera at about 70 miles per hour, the exposure time per frame being about 1/30,000 sec. for the 8 mm. camera and 1/12,000 sec. for the 16 mm. camera. At full voltage one hundred feet of film runs through the camera in approximately 1.25 sec. The motor driving mechan-

#### Physical Significance of Maxwell's Theory

ism is described in the article.

In a lecture delivered by Mario Bunge on June 21, 1943, before the Faculty of Industrial and Agricultural Chemistry of the National University of Litoral, under the title "Significado Físico e Historico De La Teoria De Maxwell", the work of Maxwell is considered, and its influence in his own day and also on posterity is dealt with (Buenos Aires: Universidad Obrera Argentina. Pp. 16). Among the important effects of Maxwell's theory may be noted the downfall of mechanism for the second time in history. The first non-mechanical theory was the undulatory theory of light under Huygens, Fresnel, MacCullagh, Green, Cauchy, etc., and now for the second time physics seemed to be released from the thraldom of mechanism. The opinion of Gustavo Avé Lallemant, one of the few authorities on physical science in the days of Maxwell, is worth recording. He said that the English, so practical, had created a new science, "la Electrometria", which teaches us how to calculate all the effects of electrical phenomena, though adding nothing to the manner of explaining the nature of electricity (Anales de la Sociedad Cientifica Argentina, 13, 193; 1882). For Maxwell a model was simply a method for teaching but not a real need, and he was convinced that electromagnetism was not reducible to mechanism. In conclusion, it is pointed out that Maxwell's theory has developed in its form and consequences in such a manner, that in the mechanics of de Broglie, Schrödinger, Heisenberg, Born and

Dirac, not only has there been a unification in electromagnetism and optics, but these have also been unified with mechanics. The evolution of physics has therefore followed, to a considerable extent, the pathway marked out by Faraday and Maxwell.

#### Riboflavin Deficiency in Fowls

DEFICIENCY of riboflavin (vitamin B.) in chick rations leads to poor growth and may give rise to 'curled toe paralysis'. Where skim milk is available, this trouble is unlikely to occur; but under war-time conditions rearers are forced to depend chiefly on mashes. Official regulations have ensured that all rearing mixtures contain adequate riboflavin; but owing to the fact that essential ingredients such as dried skim milk and dried yeast are in short supply, the possibility of using an alternative source of the vitamin has been investigated by the Chemical Division of the Agricultural Research Institute of Northern Ireland. The results are published in its sixteenth Annual Report, 1942-43. Chicks were reared from hatching to fourteen days on a basal ration adequate in protein, minerals, and vitamins A and D but deficient in riboflavin. were then divided into groups and supplied with various levels of either dried skim milk or dried liver in addition to their basal ration, one group continuing on the basal ration alone. 5 per cent dried liver was slightly more effective than 10 per cent dried skim milk for growth, and no cases of 'curled toe paralysis' occurred in either group. So little as 1 per cent dried liver improved growth but was insufficient to prevent the leg weakness. A further test fully confirmed these results and also showed that 10 per cent dried lung was as good as 5 per cent dried liver, so that both meals may prove a valuable new source of riboflavin-rich protein supplement for chick-rearing rations. A small stock of these meals has been produced, and work on the subject is being continued.

#### Literature of Rheology

In the August issue of the Rheology Bulletin, published by the Society of Rheology under the auspices of the American Institute of Physics, a new feature, "Rheology Reviews", is started with a survey by Dr. R. Dow of "Some Rheological Properties of Matter under High Hydrostatic Pressure". It is intended that the new series shall furnish a perspective of a wide field of knowledge, and that each survey shall be prepared by an expert in the field. In the same number more than twenty pages of abstracts are given. The journal is published quarterly from 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., and was founded to help workers in the fields of elasticity, viscosity, plasticity and the like, to a better understanding of their common problems. It was created as a medium for the exchange of information as to theories and methods relating to the rheological properties of matter. The issue for November 1942 contains details of the contents of the Journal of Rheology published by the Society during 1929–33. In 1933 the new journal *Physics*, now called the *Journal of Applied Physics*, began to publish the rheological material. Incidentally, the Bulletin illustrates a cheaper method of publication of journals with a small circulation: the matter is prepared on a typewriter with graphs and the mathematical parts added by hand. The copies are then printed by the use of photo-lithography.

#### Electrolytic Production of Hydrogen and Oxygen

"The Production of Hydrogen and Oxygen by the Electrolysis of Water" is the subject of a paper (J. Inst. Elec. Eng., 90, Pt. 1, No. 35; Nov. 1943) by Mr. C. E. Bowen, which reviews the principles and practice of the electrolysis of water and discusses its interest to the electrical engineer. Following the chemical expression of the process, the various factors influencing the yields and power requirements are considered. In the theoretical treatment, the application of Faraday's law is discussed, together with the question of current efficiency. The factors controlling the cell voltage, such as minimum-decomposition voltage, over-voltage, current density and resistance of electrolytes are studied, data being supplied as a guide to the general design requirements of this type of equipment. Methods and materials of construction are also discussed, with some notes on the handling of the gases. The paper describes some modern types of apparatus, and the performance of the equipment is illustrated. The demand for the two gases is discussed and some of their uses are defined. Finally, the author suggests, on the basis of some of the figures included, that the large amounts of power concerned should be of the greatest interest to electrical engineers.

#### Anti-malaria Campaign in Panama

A RECENT paper (Bol. Of. San. Panamericana, 22, 502; 1943) published by the Malaria Section of the Ministry of Public Health and Public Works of Panama contains an account of the following means adopted against malaria in Panama. More than 300 Anopheles breeding places in the towns of the interior are regularly kept under control by weekly inspection and identification of the larvæ. Eight species of Anopheles have been identified, namely, A. albimanus, argyritarsis, pseudopunctipennis, apicimacula, albitarsis, strodei and neomaculipalpus. The methods most favoured include the use of oil and Paris green. Paris green, which destroys only the larvæ, is preferred owing to the economy in use and facility of transportation. An approximate idea of the incidence of malaria in the different regions can be obtained from the incidence of malaria mosquitoes and the splenic enlargement and parasitic determination in school children. Rainfall records in infested regions are also of help. Sanitary education by lectures, cinemas, meetings, etc., is slowly progressing.

#### Treatment of Peripheral Nerve Injuries

THE British Medical Bulletin is published monthly by the British Council for distribution abroad. Each number contains, in addition to valuable summaries of British research papers of medical interest, a special summary of recent work in some field of inquiry, which is written by an authority on that subject. Prof. H. J. Seddon, in an issue devoted to peripheral nerves, writes upon peripheral nerve injuries (Brit. Med. Bull., 1, No. 7; 1943). Clinical problems presented by nerve injuries have not, he says, received great attention except during times of war, when injuries of peripheral nerves are commoner than they are in normal times. The increasing mechanization of our civilization may, however, result in an increase of peripheral nerve injuries even in times of peace. In 1940 the Ministry of Health and the Medical Research Council established, at civilian hospitals in the Emergency Medical Service,

five centres for the treatment of nerve injuries, three in England and two in Scotland. Similar centres have been organized in Natal, India and the Middle East. Treatment often extends over long periods and rehabilitation is both general and specific, the former being designed to keep men fit mentally and physically and the latter to encourage fine coordinated movements and the recovery of tactile discrimination. It is often possible for a man to return to work or to military service before recovery is complete. R.A.F. pilots are even able to return to operational flying before they have completely recovered. While complete restoration of function occurs in only a minority of cases, it is remarkable how many patients are able either to return to their former work or to train for new jobs.

Research is also carried out at these beneficent centres. It provides a check on the efficacy of the treatment given and a clearer definition of the various types of injury. Much information is obtained by special methods of examination which could not be obtained in any other way. Animal experiments are also used, and Prof. Seddon thinks that only the balanced combination of this and clinical observation can provide steady progress. The help of the modern highly-trained veterinarian might well be enlisted here. Between three and four thousand cases have already been treated at these centres and, as Prof. Seddon says, the mass of information which is being obtained should greatly advance this branch of neurology.

#### **Emergency Lighting Systems**

A PAPER on the applications of emergency lighting systems with particular reference to battery equipments was read before the Institution of Electrical Engineers in London on November 11 by Mr. S. H. Chase, who pointed out that in recent years there has been an increasing call for the installation of emergency lighting systems. These can be provided by candles or nightlights, gas, dry- or wet-battery torches, accumulators, engine-generator sets, alternative independent mains supply, or by a combination of several methods. The amount of emergency lighting may range from an intensity equal to normal down to the minimum considered necessary for safety and continuation of essential services. deals mainly with the use of accumulators for standby purposes, operated either manually or automatically upon failure of the mains supply, and capable of supplying loads for varying periods according to the class of installations, which are grouped under five heads: theatres and cinemas, hospitals and nursing homes, public buildings, etc., factories and A.R.P. services.

#### Modern Insulating Materials

In a paper on "The Control, Specialized Testing and Use of Some Modern Insulating Materials", Mr. A. R. Dunton (J. Inst. Elec. Eng., 90, Pt. 1, No. 35; Nov. 1943) deals briefly with the details associated with the control of incoming materials to the factory, together with some special features associated with tests which have to be carried out in order that the performance of the materials under special conditions can be ascertained. To achieve this work, special testing apparatus has been designed from time to time, and brief reference is made to some of the problems which have to be solved in order to ensure that the insulating materials selected will fulfil the performances required. Suggestions are also made

dealing with the question of finding substitutes for insulating materials in short supply, and some of the new materials introduced for this purpose are mentioned.

#### Announcements

DR. R. E. PRIESTLEY, vice-chancellor of the University of Birmingham, has been appointed an additional member of the Commission on Higher Education in the Colonies. The appointment has been made in consideration of the fact that Prof. A. V. Hill's absence in India makes it impossible for him to take part in the proceedings of the Commission for some time.

Dr. H. W. Thompson, lecturer in chemistry in the University of Oxford, will deliver the Tilden Lecture of the Chemical Society on January 20 at 2.30 p.m.; he will speak on "The Scope and Limitations of Infra-Red Measurements in Chemistry".

The trustees of the Miners' Welfare National Scholarship Scheme, established by the Miners' Welfare Commission for the provision of university scholarships for workers in or about coal mines and their sons and daughters, have appointed Principal J. F. Rees, of the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire, Cardiff, to be a member of the selection committee to recommend awards under the scheme, in succession to Prof. J. F. Duff, who has retired after completing five years on the committee.

The Therapeutic Corporation of Great Britain has elected the following officers for the year 1944: Chairman, Board of Directors: Mr. H. Jephcott (Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd.), (succeeds Dr. T. B. Maxwell, May and Baker, Ltd.); Deputy Chairman, Board of Directors: Dr. F. H. Carr (The British Drug Houses, Ltd.), (succeeds Mr. H. Jephcott, Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd.); Chairman, Research Panel: Dr. A. J. Ewins (May and Baker, Ltd.), (succeeds Dr. F. L. Pyman, Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd.); Deputy Chairman, Research Panel: Mr. F. A. Robinson (Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd.), (succeeds Dr. J. W. Trevan, The Wellcome Foundation, Ltd.). The Corporation has appointed Dr. Frank Hartley as secretary, to take up duties early in 1944. The new offices of the Corporation are at General Buildings, 99 Aldwych, W.C.2.

A COURSE of twelve lectures on "The Psychology of Frustration and Fulfilment in Adolescence" has been arranged by the National Council for Mental Hygiene. They are being delivered in the Caxton Hall, London, S.W.1, on Tuesdays, beginning January 18, at 5.15 p.m. The lectures are specially addressed to those with social and educational interests. Dr. J. A. Hadfield will speak on the psychology of adolescence ; Dr. Paula Heimann on the psychoanalytic approach; Mr. R. W. Moore, headmaster of Harrow School, and Mr. T. F. Coade, headmaster of Bryanston School, will discuss the teacher's approach to the problems of the adolescent boy; Miss L. V. Southwell, headmistress of St. George's School in Switzerland, will deal with the adolescent girl in boarding schools: and Miss Olive Willis, headmistress of Downe House, Newbury, will discuss the teacher's approach to the Tickets (single problems of the adolescent girl. lectures, 3s. 6d.; course, £1 10s.) can be obtained from the Secretary, National Council for Mental Hygiene, 39 Queen Anne Street, London, W.1.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

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#### Adsorption as the Cause of the Phenomenon of the 'Floating Drop', and Foam consisting solely of Liquids

Drops of a liquid may be floating on the surface of the same liquid before coalescence occurs. This 'phenomenon of the floating drop', as it may be called, was apparently first described by O. Reynolds in 1881. It was investigated by E. Kaiser (1894) and explained as due to the presence of an air layer between the drop and the surface of the bulk liquid. L. D. Mahajan, in numerous papers (1929-34), studied the phenomenon, concluding that it was due to a 'cushion' of air or other surrounding medium (kerosene or olive oil); the more viscous this medium, the more stable are the drops. F. H. Hazlehurst and H. A. Neville<sup>1</sup> extended the study to drops floating on a surface of another liquid. They rejected the previous interpretations, and assumed "that the surface of any liquid is quasi-solid, being composed of crystallites".

Having given a good deal of attention to this phenomenon-primarily without knowledge of the previous work—we have been led to the general view that the phenomenon of the floating drop is caused by the adsorption of a foreign substance at the surface of the liquid; the greater the viscosity appearing at the surface, the higher is the stability of the

phenomenon.

Some observations supporting this view may now be given. Ethanol, considered earlier to be one of the most effective liquids in showing the phenomenon, was found to give floating drops lasting about 8.0 sec. in ordinary air (Fig. 1). In dry air the lifetime of the drops was only 0.7 sec. Hence, in ethanol, the phenomenon is essentially due to the adsorption of moisture from the air. In an evacuated apparatus the phenomenon disappears entirely. Hence, the (less marked) phenomenon still appearing in dry air must be caused by the adsorption of air. This was further supported by the fact that a thin (0.4 mm.) ethanol jet in air, when so long (more than 30 mm.) that no floating drops appeared, gave rise to numerous air bubbles in the bulk liquid; when the length was less than 30 mm., with a lot of floating drops appearing, the air bubbles ceased to appear.

In saponin solutions the life-time ( $\tau$ ) of the drops was found to be a function of the concentration (Fig. 2, I), with a maximum at 1 per cent. This is

quite similar to that of known adsorption isotherms. If, immediately before the timing observations, a series of rapid droppings was made, the stability of the drops considerably increased (series II). This must be ascribed to an accumulation on the flat surface of saponin adsorbed on the drops, and evidence of the importance of adsorption.

Our observations emphasize the analogy between the phe-

20 10 5% Fig. 2.

nomenon of floating drops and the formation of bubbles or foam. As a matter of fact, pure liquids are known not to foam; the main factor is adsorption, exerted by a capillary active substance; a high stability presupposes a certain viscosity of the adsorbed layer.

Saponin solutions, as is well known, form in air a rather stable foam. We observed that foam is formed by a saponin solution kept in an evacuated vessel, but the stability of this foam was found to be much lower than in air. Hence, we may conclude that foam, under ordinary conditions, is partly stabilized by an adsorbed layer of air.

In a similar way, the considerable stability of floating saponin drops must partly be due to adsorbed air: in an evacuated vessel, saponin solutionsunder the conditions used-actually gave no floating

Fresh malt beverage was found to give persistent

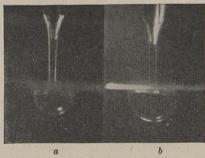


Fig. 3.

floating drops (up to 28.6 sec.). When the carbon dioxide had been removed in vacuo, however, the life-time was only 0.2 sec. This is parallel to the fact that the foaming ceases when carbon dioxide is removed. Hence the adsorption of carbon dioxide in both cases exerts a considerable influence.

Saponin solutions were found to give persistent floating drops not only in air but also in nitrogen and in oxygen as well; the stability was greater in

The explanation given by Kaiser and by Mahajan, implying that the phenomenon is caused by a thin foreign layer, obviously is in good harmony with our statement of the influence of adsorption. As for the assumption of Hazlehurst and Neville-implying that the 'foreign' layer would be composed of crystallites of the pure liquid itself-this appears now unnecessary and is scarcely in harmony with the fact that the phenomenon does not occur in vacuo.



Fig. 1.

With saponin solution, it was found possible to form rather large floating drops (11 mm. in diameter) by successively dropping on single drops. The foreign 'adsorbed' layer necessary may also be realized by using a thin layer of oil, spread on a water surface. When dropping on water, very large floating drops may be produced, as evidenced in Fig. 3, showing drops formed by the coalescence: in a of 30 single drops, in b of about 80 drops (diameter 16 mm.). These fairly stable spherically limited masses of water in water with an extremely thin oil layer remind one of the spherical oil masses in alcohol of the same density produced by Plateau.

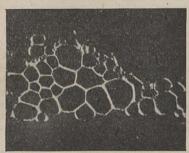


Fig. 4

We were further led to the production of a foam, consisting solely of liquids. Such a 'liquid-foam' is evidenced by Fig. 4. The cell walls are saponin solution (0.5 per cent), the cell content is oil ('Lighthouse', Pratt), which has been introduced into the saponin solution—kept at the bottom of a thin cuvette.

The appearance of the fluid-foam was very similar to the 'gas-foam' formed in the same cuvette on introducing air into the saponin solution.

The main interest of the fluid-foam is that it affords a rather close analogy with the capillary grain structure of solid metals<sup>2</sup>.

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## Interpretation of Patterson Diagrams

PROF. J. MONTEATH ROBERTSON'S communication on the above subject in NATURE<sup>1</sup> suggests a modified method, based on the same geometrical principle.

I refer now to the diagram in Prof. Robertson's communication. Let AA' and BB' be opaque screens pierced in the points 1, 2, ... and 1', 2', ... respectively. If AA' is illuminated from the left, the peaks in the Patterson diagram will appear on the surface CC'.

The two screens AA' and BB' can be rapidly prepared by punching circular holes in sheets of cardboard. The holes form the pattern of the projected atomic positions and the pattern on AA' may be drawn to a scale twice as large as that of the pattern on BB'. In this case the distance from AA' to BB'

should be equal to the distance from BB' to CC'. The unit area will then be the same on AA' as on CC'. The integrated intensity of a projected Patterson peak will be proportional to the product of the areas of the two corresponding holes. If the distances between the screens are large compared with the extension of the atomic patterns, and if the holes in AA' and BB' are made to correspond to atomic contours, the contours of the Patterson peaks will be practically circular and the diameter of a circle will be the sum of the diameters of the two corresponding atom holes in AA'. Important features of the real Patterson function are thus rather closely attained.

The projection surface CC' is preferably a groundglass plate, which is viewed from the right. The contours of the real Patterson diagram can be drawn on the ground-glass surface, thus enabling an easy comparison with the projected picture.

Compared with Prof. Robertson's method, the modified method outlined here lacks the possibility of continuous variation. However, the variation can be carried out quite rapidly, and the modified method seems to possess certain advantages in other respects.

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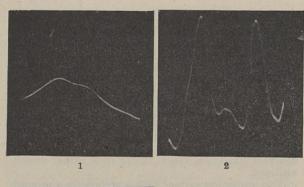
#### A New Type of Microphotometer

Under this title R. Fürth gave a short description of an instrument designed for providing a practically instantaneous record on a cathode ray oscillograph of the density distribution along a short straight line on a photographic plate. This record was in fact obtained by the superposition of two traces writing in opposite directions on the screen of the cathode ray oscillograph, corresponding to the two directions of the vibrational motion of the plate through the slit image. A rather thick curve resulted, therefore, with loss in detail compared with the records of other existing types of microphotometers. In addition, fluctuations in frequency of the mains voltage by which the instrument is operated could cause slight displacements of the two traces<sup>2</sup>.

A brief description is given here of an improvement on Fürth's microphotometer which has resulted in an increased resolving power and more satisfactory working conditions. It consists in the application between grid and cathode of the cathode ray tube of a periodic 'square wave' voltage which controls the brightness of the fluorescent spot on the screen in such a way as to make only one trace visible. To produce this voltage (which must be properly related to the time-base voltage) an electrical circuit is used which is comprised mainly of a 90° phase-shifting network with an amplifier the output of which is

applied to a peak-clipping device.

In order to demonstrate the improved performance of the instrument, three photographic records are shown relating to the density distribution in a photograph of the arc spectrum of copper in the neighbourhood of 3440 A., taken with an ordinary glass spectrograph. Records 2 and 3 (with original magnification of 30) each cover a range of 15 A. approximately. Record 1 is of the central hump in record 2; it corresponds to an original magnification of 200 and covers a range of 2·2 A., and a distance of 0·24 mm.





on the spectrum photograph. On the oscillograph screen a distance of 1 mm. corresponded to 0.3 A. in records 2 and 3 and to 0.045 A. in record 1.

These curves, in addition to giving evidence of the increased resolving power now available with the aid of this device (as will be seen by comparison with the first note on the microphotometer quoted above), serve to illustrate how the magnification of the instru-

ment can be altered at will to study more closely any portion of the photometric curve.

A more detailed description of the device will be published elsewhere shortly.

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# Meiosis of a Triple Species Hybrid in Gossypium

Skovsted1,2 brought forward considerable cytological evidence that New World (n = 26) cottons originated by amphidiploidy from crosses between ancestral Asiatic (n = 13) and American (n = 13) parents. Recently Harland<sup>3</sup> and Beasley<sup>4</sup> have independently synthesized by colchicine treatment amphidiploids from hybrids between present-day Asiatic and American diploid species. Since the synthesized amphidiploids produce partly fertile hybrids on crossing with present-day New World types, they contribute strong supporting evidence to Skovsted's theory. It should be pointed out, however, that such evidence can only be considered critical if it can be shown that genom combinations other than Asiatic + American do not pair equally well with the New World complement. I have brought forward<sup>5,6</sup> phenogenetic evidence which suggests that critical examination of Skovsted's hypothesis may now be confined to testing combinations between Asiatic species and one or other of several entire-leaved species. The following combinations should be worth testing:

(1) Xasiatic (A)\* + G. aridum (D) (2) Asiatic (A) + G. klotzechianum (D) (3) Asiatic (A) + G. raimondii (D) (4) Asiatic (A) + G. sturtii (C)

\*Letters indicate genoms according to Beasley's system.

It will be noted that all combinations except the fourth include an American diploid genom. Clearly if *G. sturtii* could be eliminated as a possible ancestor of New World cottons, Skovsted's hypothesis would be considerably strengthened. The low meiotic pairing found by Skovsted in New World × *G. sturtii* hybrids (A C D) and the high pairing found by Beasley' in the corresponding hexaploid (A C D)<sub>2</sub> certainly do not suggest *G. sturtii* as a possible parent—a conclusion which is supported by the data presented below.

A triploid (A A C) was recently obtained by crossing an autotetraploid Asiatic cotton with G. sturtii. The meiotic behaviour of this hybrid has been fully reported elsewhere8, when it was shown that homology between A and C genoms was very low. The triploid was treated with colchicine, and pollen from some of the distorted flowers produced during the ensuing abnormal vegetative growth appeared to be viable. New World species were accordingly crossed persistently with pollen from these flowers. A completely sterile hybrid with 52 chromosomes was eventually obtained from 103 attempted crosses. Since it is known that the New World female parent (G. barbadense) produced normal 26 chromosome gametes, the gametes from the male parent must also have contributed 26 chromosomes. Furthermore, since the hybrid had the distinctive mauve petal colour of G. sturtii and plant hairiness characteristic of the Asiatic type used-neither of which characters was carried by the barbadense parent-it was certain that both Asiatic and sturtii chromosomes had been included. With the knowledge that unbalanced gametes are very rare in Gossypium, and that sturtii and Asiatic chromosomes have low homologies, it seems likely that complete A and C genoms were contributed by the male parent. If this is accepted provisionally, the hybrid should have the following constitution:

#### $P \rightarrow AD/AC \leftarrow \delta$ .

At meiosis the A genoms should pair as bivalents or higher associations, as shown by Skovsted's¹ Asiatic × New World hybrids, while the C and D genoms, if their pairing is similar to that found in Skovsted's².9 American diploid × G. sturtii hybrids, should show low and very variable pairing. Univalents should consist of two types—very large from the C set and small from the D set.

Meiotic studies of the hybrid agree reasonably well with expectation:

Owing to the uniformly high variability, the number of univalents found in each hybrid barely differs significantly. A typical first metaphase plate of the triple hybrid is shown in Fig. 1. The great range in size of the univalents is apparent (see also Fig. 2), although I do not consider it possible to classify them all with certainty as C or D types. However, the evidence as it stands is sufficient to demonstrate, under identical cytological conditions, the low homologies existing between Asiatic, New

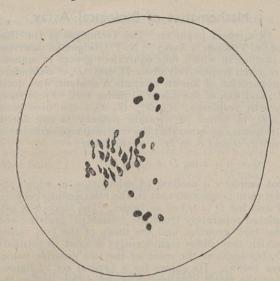


Fig. 1. METAPHASE I IN THE TRIPLE SPECIES HYBRID, G, barbadense  $\times$  G. arboreum  $\times$  G. sturtii (A C D) showing 1 V, 2 IIIs, 14 IIs and 13 Is. ( $\times$  1200).

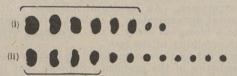


Fig. 2. Univalents from two other metaphase I plates. Probable C univalents are bracketed. ( $\times$  1,800).

World, and sturtii genoms, and hence G. sturtii may be dismissed as a possible parent in the origin of New World cottons.

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#### Development of Gametocytes from Extraerythrocytic Forms in Plasmodium gallinaceum

It was shown in a previous paper1 that if fowls inoculated with emulsions of organs containing extraerythrocytic forms of Plasmodium gallinaceum are subjected to intense and continuous quinine treatment (150 gm./kgm. body weight quinine hydrochloride daily), they eventually become heavily infected with extra-erythrocytic forms in the complete absence of erythrocytic schizogony. During quinine treatment the red cells become infected with small non-pigmented parasites derived directly from extraerythrocytic forms. These small non-pigmented forms do not develop further unless the quinine is stopped or the dose diminished, in which case they undergo the normal cycle of development in red cells. The same results are obtained in birds subjected to

the bites of infected mosquitoes, Ædes ægypti, and to continued intensive quinine treatment. interruption of quinine treatment the parasites in the red cells, all derived from extra-erythrocytic forms, undergo normal development which can be readily followed by examining the blood at various intervals.

Discussing these findings with us, Brigadier J. A. Sinton asked whether or not gametocytes are derived

from extra-erythrocytic forms.

Experiments on birds infected by the bites of A. ægypti, and subjected to intense quinine treatment which was stopped only after red cells were infested with small non-pigmented parasites, showed beyond all possible doubt that among the merozoites produced by extra-erythrocytic forms some invade red cells and develop directly into gametocytes. Young gametocytes can be recognized 27½ hr. after the cessation of quinine, and they approach their maximum size before the first cycle of erythrocytic schizogony is completed.

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#### Effect of p-Amino-Benzoic Acid on the Toxicity of p-Amino-Benzene-Sulphonamide to Higher Plants and Fungi

Most of the published observations on the antagonism between p-amino-benzoic acid and p-aminobenzene-sulphonamide relate to the growth of bacteria, but work carried out in these laboratories and elsewhere shows that this antagonism also

obtains with higher plants and fungi.

Working with isolated tomato roots growing in tissue culture, Bonner¹ has described a growth inhibition caused by p-amino-benzene-sulphonamide which is reversed in the presence of p-amino-benzeic acid. More recently I have observed a similar response from complete plants growing under more natural conditions. In a series of experiments connected with the control of seed-borne fungoid diseases of wheat, the following observation was made. p-Aminobenzene-sulphonamide in fine powder form was applied to wheat at the rate of 0.01 per cent, and the grains were sown in soil. The emergence was markedly reduced, and those plantlets which did emerge were stunted. If the grains are soaked in aqueous solutions of p-amino-benzene-sulphonamide and are subsequently sown in moist sand at 22° C., percentage germination after five days is not affected, but the coleoptile and roots are stunted. Addition of pamino-benzoic acid to the aqueous solution of pamino-benzene-sulphonamide cancels this stunting effect, as is shown by the series of experiments recorded in Tables 1 and 2.

TABLE 1. MEAN PERCENTAGE GERMINATION OF WHEAT SEEDS: FIVE DAYS AT 22° C

Concer tration of p- amino-benzene-sulphon-	Concentration of p-amino-benzoic acid						
amide solution	Nil	0·1 p.c.	0·25 p.c.	0.5 p.c			
Nil 0.5 per cent	100.0	100·0 97·3	100·0 98·6	100.0			
1.0 per cent	100.0	98.6	100.0	96-0			

TABLE 2. MEAN COLEOPTILE LENGTH (mm.) OF WHEAT SEEDLINGS.

Concentration of p- amino-benzene-sulphon	Concentration of p-amino-benzoic acid					
amide solution	Nil	0·1 p.c.	0.25 p.c.	0°5 p.c.		
Nil	50.8	46.5	50.0	41.6		
0.5 per cent 1.0 per cent	7.4	9.4	26·3 20·4	38.6		

This result naturally led to the extension of the work to cover fungi as well as higher plants, but here it was found from the literature that Dimond<sup>2</sup> had already observed that p-amino-benzene-sulphonamide had a retarding effect on the dermatophytic fungus Trichophyton gypseum, which is antagonized by p-amino-benzoic acid. However, I have found that p-amino-benzene-sulphonamide has also a delaying effect on the early stages of germination and growth of the fungi Penicillium digitatum Sacc., Fusarium caeruleum (Lib.) Sacc. and Botrytis Allii Munn. This initial delaying effect is eliminated by very small concentrations of p-amino-benzoic acid. Various concentrations of p-amino-benzene-sulphonamide and p-amino-benzoic acid were included in a synthetic agar medium (Raulin-Thom) in Petri dishes. The surface was spread with a spore suspension, the plates incubated at 25° C., and the amount of growth recorded at intervals in arbitrary units. Addition of p-amino-benzoic acid alone in no way affected the growth of the fungi. Results of a typical experiment are shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3. EFFECTS OF p-AMINO-BENZOIC ACID AND p-AMINO-BENZENE-SULPHONAMIDE ON GROWTH OF Penicillium digitatum.

Concentration of p- amino-benzene-sulph- onamide in medium (p.p.m.)	Concentration of p-amino-benzoic acid in medium (p.p.m.)					
	At 3 days incubation			At 7 days incubation		
	Nil	10	100	Nil	10	100
Nil 12·5 25 50 100	++	+++++++++	+++++++++	+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++	++++++	+++++++

no growth.
reduced growth.
normal growth.

The generally accepted explanation of the antagonism between p-amino-benzoic acid and p-aminobenzene-sulphonamide, developed by Woods<sup>3</sup> and Fildes<sup>4</sup>, is that p-amino-benzene-sulphonamide inactivates bacteria by virtue of a competitive inhibition of an enzyme reaction involving the utilization of p-amino-benzoic acid. From the results with higher plants and fungi now reported, it would appear, if the hypothesis of Woods and Fildes is accepted, that the enzyme reaction concerned is common to several widely distinct types of living organism. This suggests that it may eventually be found to be associated with some metabolic process of fundamental importance to living matter.

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#### Mathematics of Biological Assay

In a recent paper on "The Technique of the Biological Vitamin A Assay", N. T. Gridgeman describes a method in which four equivalent groups of animals are given respectively doses  $D_s$  and  $nD_s$  of a standard preparation of known vitamin A content, and doses  $D_t$  and  $nD_t$  of the material under test. From their growth responses,  $G_{\bullet}$ ,  $G_{n}$ ,  $G_{t}$ ,  $G_{n}$ , the dose ratio  $D_{t}/D_{s}$  in terms of vitamin potency is calculated. Gridgeman assumes that the true relationship between growth G and dose D is of the form:

$$G = a + b \cdot \log D + c \cdot (\log D)^2$$
, . . . (1)

but employs a method of calculation in which the last term is ignored, that is, the relationship between G and log D is taken as linear. The slope b is calculated separately from the 'standard' growths and the 'test' growths, and the mean of the two values (which may differ significantly) is used to estimate  $D_t/D_s$ , again as the mean of the two possible values (see below). He shows for a typical set of figures that the result obtained does not differ, within the accuracy of the arithmetic, from the true value, and concludes: "This compensatory effect operates over fairly wide limits: it certainly covers all curves in our experience. An incidental inference is that a statistical demonstration of departure from parallelism in a biological assay is not necessarily evidence of the invalidity of the test".

I was led by these remarks to go further into the mathematics of the problem. Suppose that in the most general case the relationship between G and D is:

$$G = a + b \cdot \log D + c \cdot (\log D)^2 + d \cdot (\log D)^3 + \text{etc.}$$
 (2)

Assume also that in a particular assay the true value of the ratio  $D_t/D_s$  is q. Following Gridgeman's method of evaluating this ratio, b is estimated as the mean of  $(G_{nt}-G_t)/\log n$  and  $(G_{ns}-G_s)/\log n$ , that is,  $(G_{nt}+G_{ns}-G_t-G_s)/2\log n$ . Denote this by  $b_s$ . The two available estimates of  $D_t/D_s$ , namely, antilog  $(G_t - G_s)/b_e$  and antilog  $(G_{nt} - G_{ns})/b_e$  are averaged for the final estimate, which is thus obtained from the equation:

$$\log \frac{D_t}{D_s} = \log n \left( \frac{G_{nt} + G_t - G_{ns} - G_s}{G_{nt} - G_t + G_{ns} - G_s} \right) \quad . \quad (3)$$

Now express the various G's as functions of the corresponding D's from equation (2); replace  $\log n.D_t$ by  $(\log n + \log q + \log D_s)$ , and similarly for  $\log D_t$ , log n.D.; and expand second degree and higher terms where necessary. The resulting algebra is tediously lengthy, but many of the simpler terms cancel out, and the bracketed part of (3) reduces to:

$$\frac{\log q(2x+y_1)}{\log n(2x+y_2)}, \quad \dots \qquad (4)$$

where  $x = b + c(\log q + \log n + 2 \log D)$ , and  $y_1$ ,  $y_2$ , are multinomials the coefficients of which are d and higher coefficients from (2).

Now over at least that part of the  $(G, \log D)$  curve which is used in practice, and remembering the error inherent in biological assays, Gridgeman is perfectly justified in assuming the truth of equation (1), that is, in neglecting third and higher powers of log D in (3). This is equivalent to putting  $y_1 = y_2 = 0$  in (4), and (3) then becomes:

$$\log \frac{D_r}{D_s} = \log n \left( \frac{\log q \times 2x}{\log n \times 2x} \right) = \log q$$
, the true value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bonner, J., Proc. U.S. Nat. Acad. Sci., 28, 321 (1942).

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In other words, Gridgeman's method of calculation leads to a correct result, not because of a "compensatory effect" between "fairly wide limits", but because of a mathematical identity which is exact so long as equation (1) is true. Moreover, from a mathematical aspect, the intraclass dose ratio n and the interclass dose ratio q may both vary widely without affecting the validity of the calculations (though practical considerations may impose a restriction). Thus, Gridgeman's method is both of more general application and of greater mathematical rigidity than he supposes, and deserves the attention of all workers in this field.

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#### Relation between Dissonance and Context

In view of the discussion with Mr. C. G. Grav<sup>1</sup> about the effect of context on dissonance, it may be useful to publish, with permission of the authors of the respective letters, certain criticisms which have

been sent privately.

Prof. Cyril Burt is sympathetic with the hypothesis "that the dissonant character of a chord depends upon its context", but he wishes "to learn whether the musical experience and proclivities of the subjects made any difference to their reports". He himself attempted to test Helmholtz's theory of harmony "by means of correlating orders of dissonance and orders of pleasantness", and found that "the lack of correlation differed according to the musical experience of the examinees. Nearly everybody would rank the pleasantness of a major third far too high for the effect to be explained by absence of beats; but a few modern people would rank a tritone quite near the top. In fact, it seemed clear that, in ranking chords for their pleasantness, a large number of examinees were ranking them for their 'interesting' character. Thus an open fifth, though, according to Helmholtz's principles it should make a very good consonance, would be put near the bottom because it was devoid of interest". "Here again," he writes, "context makes all the difference. Beethoven's open fifth at the beginning of the Ninth Symphony actually heightens one's interest and curiosity just because of its non-committal character. In fact, here it almost seems to act like a dissonance. One seems to want a resolution in the sense of a major or minor third, so that one can at last feel assured what the actual key is going to be."

Dr. H. Banister is concerned about the effect of the equal temperament of the modern piano upon the character of chords, and thinks that it is not possible to assume, as Gardner and Pickford did, that a discord remains identical in dissonance when transposed in sequence. He, like Prof. Burt, also wishes to be assured that the subjects of the experiment were really judging dissonance and not some other quality, such as "interestingness". He thinks Helmholtz, who was concerned with isolated chords, might possibly have agreed with results in which dissonance-level varied with the context. He wishes to see the results of a more effectively controlled

experiment.

Mr. Chalmers Burns finds it surprising that a psychological experiment should be necessary to prove what musicians have known for many centuries, namely, that the harshness of a dissonance depends on the way in which it is used.

Gardner and Pickford, who appreciate these criticisms, cannot say that they were unaware of them beforehand, and if they are able to publish any further interesting experimental results, they will do so; but it is worth saying that one subject in their experiment, who has some musical experience, reported that a certain discord sounded very dissonant until the progression in which it appeared reminded her of Debussy, and then it became consonant. Another subject, who has less musical experience, was unable to find any discords whatever in the whole experiment, though by musicians' standards some of them were certainly very harsh indeed.

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<sup>1</sup> NATURE, 152, 570 (1943).

#### Future of Quaternions

PROF. E. T. WHITTAKER, in his recent presidential address to the Royal Society of Edinburgh<sup>1</sup>, has revealed the brilliant future which awaits the great Hamiltonian algebra in the domain of relativity.

Hamilton's great step forward in the initiation of his algebra lay in his perception that a vector could be used to indicate either a linear or an angular displacement. Further, the quaternionic algebra (with altered name) can be generalized to n dimensions. For example, in four dimensions, it is a vector volume that obeys Hamilton co-equally with the linear vector. There are also present vector planes both in and perpendicular to the three-dimensional constituent. The linear vector in the fourth dimension, taken as a Hamiltonian versor, at once indicates no fourth dimensional translation, but rotation in the threedimensional constituent—the curved path of light.

Prof. Whittaker thinks that it was the physicists who neglected quaternions from their intrinsic mathematical difficulty. My experience has been different in dealing with students. It was the mathematicians who turned from the quaternionic algebra because of its summation of scalar and vector quantities. In view of their ready use of complex algebra, it is not easy to see why that should have occurred.

In conclusion, I would like to give the following extract from Tait's preface to the third edition of his

'Quaternions''.

"With regard to the future of Quaternions, I will merely quote a few words of a letter I received long ago from Hamilton :- 'Could anything be simpler or more satisfactory? Don't you feel, as well as think, that we are on the *right track*, and shall be *thanked* hereafter? Never mind when.' The special form of thanks which would have been most grateful to a man like Hamilton is to be shown by practical developments of his magnificent idea. The award of this form of thanks will, I hope, not be long delayed."

Now Whittaker, heralding the dawn of that day, half a century after Tait gave that quotation from Hamilton, has given both Tait and Hamilton the

needed thanks.

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# SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL BACTERIOLOGISTS

HE Society of Agricultural Bacteriologists shows each year a fresh increment of growth. is partly due to the increasing attention which is being given to the study of bacteriology in relation to agriculture and partly to a gradual change in the composition of the Society. For some years it has been attracting a steadily increasing number of bacteriologists working in university departments and research establishments of various types, and in industries other than agriculture. Indeed, all the main branches of bacteriology outside the medical field are now represented among the members. The present policy of the Society is, by opening its membership to bacteriologists in different fields and by making contact with other societies and groups interested in the study of microbiology, to assist in the evolution of an association which will represent all the various branches of bacteriology in Great Britain.

The annual conference of the Society was held this year at Leeds during September 8-10. The majority of the papers were concerned with problems associated with the dairy industry, but several other aspects of

bacteriology were represented.

The chlorination of sewage and sewage effluents, a practice which may be desirable in special cases of sewage disposal, was the subject of a paper which described the principles involved and gave the results of experiments showing the effect of chlorination on

the bacterial population.

Interest in sandbags has led to the development of an accelerated test for textile preservatives. Pieces of treated and untreated fabric are fixed on aluminium frames and partially buried in containers filled with soil; the soil is held at 30° C. and at a constant moisture content so that cellulose-decomposing organisms may become active, and the strength of the samples is tested weekly.

A paper on the *Bacillus subtilis* group in relation to industrial products dealt with the activities of *B. subtilis* (an organism which is frequently identified as *B. mesentericus* or *B. vulgatus*) and of *B. licheniformis* in dairy products, canned foods, bread, sugar juices and other materials. Factors determining the occurrence of the organisms and controlling their

growth were described.

A contribution dealing with the bacteriology of potato silage reported that no evidence could be obtained that any of the lactic acid bacteria survive the cooking of the potatoes. It appears that in practice the lactic acid fermentation, on which preservation depends, is due to accidental contamination. Excellent results have been secured by inoculating the cooked tubers with a combination of Streptococcus lactis and Lactobacillus plantarum.

A study of 'slowness' in cheesemaking has shown that certain cases are due to the occurrence in some milk of a streptococcus which produces a toxin inhibitory to the organisms of the starter. This example of bacterial antagonism was originally described in New Zealand and has now been observed frequently in Britain. The trouble is encountered most commonly when cheese is made from pasteurized milk; if raw milk is used the organisms which it contains can assume the functions of the starter.

Recent work on the pasteurization of milk has thrown new light on the effect of the process on the bacteria of raw milk, and the problem of the keeping

quality of the product has thereby become clearer. The organisms which tolerate the treatment are corynebacteria, streptococci (chiefly S. bovis and S. thermophilus), micrococci and in certain samples aerobic spore-forming bacilli. Other bacteria are only rarely detected if recontamination does not occur. One paper reported the finding in 4 per cent of supplies of heat-resistant coliform organisms: the infection was traced to incompletely sterilized milking machines. There was some discussion of the bacteriological control of pasteurized milk, a subject which presents several difficulties owing to the conflicting results furnished by different methods. It was clearly brought out that the corynebacteria and many of the micrococci which survive pasteurization are unable to proliferate at 37° C., and their presence in pasteurized milk escapes detection by the plating method unless a lower incubation temperature is

Problems incidental to the condensing and drying of milk were discussed. Work on the bacteriology of dried milk powder and whey led to the suggestion that, as an interim standard, the plate count of a good quality roller-dried product, made within fourteen days of manufacture, should not exceed 5,000

per gm.

'Sterilized' milk, which is consumed in considerable quantities in certain parts of England, is not always sterile, and the findings of an investigation of this product were reported. The most important type of deterioration was found to be sweet curdling by spore-forming aerobes such as Bacillus cereus and B. subtilis. The trouble could not be related to the quality of the original milk or to the severity of the heat treatment, which varies from 30 min. at 218° F. to 13 hr. at 225° F. in different plants, or to the efficiency with which bottles are sealed. Evidence was obtained that infection originates from inadequately sterilized plant and bottles, and that the organisms secure sufficient oxygen in a properly sealed bottle to allow of their multiplication. normal flavours unaccompanied by visible changes in the milk were found to be produced by B. thermoacidurans and B. circulans, which may also be introduced from dairy equipment. Other papers dealt with sterilization in dairy practice and with bacteriological standards to be used in estimating the efficiency of the processes.

A case of 'ropy' milk due to a slime-forming coccus has been traced to infection from hay. A survey of samples of new hay showed that dust derived from this material may be a source of several species of bacteria which give rise to the abnormality. Coliform organisms isolated from hay were incapable of pro-

ducing a slimy condition in milk.

Methods for the examination of milk continue to receive much attention. A recent innovation is the use of electrical methods for the rapid recognition of unsatisfactory milk. Souring is detected by a pH measurement, and mastitis milk, which is alkaline but has a high chloride content, is identified by means of a conductivity tester. Several papers were devoted to the methylene blue and resazurin reduction tests. The reduction of resazurin in pasteurized milk has been found to be unrelated to the plate count of bacteria which survive the heating. On the other hand, if milk shows rapid reduction in the raw state it behaves in the same way after pasteurization, thus suggesting that reducing substances resulting from bacterial activity in the raw milk are an important factor in post-pasteurization resazurin tests. In the grading of raw milk a considerable proportion of samples are classified differently by the methylene blue test prescribed by the Ministry of Health and the routine resazurin test adopted provisionally by the Ministry of Agriculture, and further work on this problem is necessary. The complete reduction of resazurin has been shown to be generally slower than that of methylene blue in poor quality milk, but in the majority of samples with a good keeping quality it is similar or quicker. A study of the influence on dye tests of cells from the cow's udder has indicated that the amount of winter market milk which is reduced in grade owing to mastitis and late lactation is 4 per cent when the methylene blue test is used and about 10 per cent when the standard resazurin test is employed.

One of the papers on mastitis of the cow suggested the use of the Hotis test in routine laboratory diagnosis. After twenty hours incubation any samples which give a positive reaction are plated. This method, which economizes materials and labour, appears to

be equal in reliability to direct plating.

A paper on the bacteriological aspects of blood transfusion discussed problems arising in the storage of blood and the production of plasma, and described methods of ensuring freedom from contaminating organisms. An account was given of the contaminants encountered in practice and of their action on blood and plasma.

The subjects discussed at this meeting of the Society show that problems in applied bacteriology which are largely related to war-time conditions are occupying the attention of the members. The dominant interest is in dairying, an indication of the national importance

of milk and its products.

Copies of the Society's *Proceedings* containing the full papers can be purchased from the Hon. Treasurer, L. J. Meanwell, United Dairies, Ltd., Ellesmere, Salop.

# MEASUREMENT OF HEARING AND DEAFNESS

A N article by M. B. Gardner (Bell Lab. Rec., 22, No. 1; September, 1943) gives the results of tests carried out to determine hearing ability. Audiometers for measuring hearing loss vary considerably in arrangement, depending on how they are to be used and on how extensive a test is to be made. One of the models which has been widely used is the 2A audiometer manufactured by the Western Electric Company. It includes an adjustable oscillator as a source of single-frequency tones and an attenuator by which the intensity level of the tone may be varied. The person whose hearing is being tested listens to the tone through a small receiver, and is given a push-button with which he lights or extinguishes a lamp in front of the operator. Normal procedure is to have the lamp lighted as long as the tone is heard, and the patient extinguishes the lamp by releasing the push-button when the tone disappears.

Eight frequencies are provided from 64 to 8,192 cycles, which covers the important range of hearing, and the frequencies are selected as desired by keys on the audiometer. The output circuits for the various frequencies are so arranged that with the attenuator dial set to the point marked zero loss, the output of the receiver is at an intensity corresponding to the threshold of the average ear for that frequency. At this position of the dial the attenuator is inserting

nearly its maximum loss—a small amount of additional loss being provided to enable measurements to be made on those who hear somewhat better than the average. The dial is graduated in 5db. steps. Normal procedure is to set the dial at a level that the patient can certainly hear, and then to reduce it step by step until the tone is no longer audible. The reading of the dial at the last step the patient hears gives his hearing loss at that frequency.

The intensities corresponding to the zero settings of the 2A audiometer, which represent the threshold of hearing for audiometric purposes, were obtained from tests on a group of people of normal hearing between the ages of twenty and thirty. They are on the average 10–15db. higher than the minimum audible pressure values given in an earlier article\*. The objective of these values was to determine the minimum pressures that can be heard by the human ear, rather than the pressures heard under normal conditions by a more average group of people. That the values used by the 2A audiometer are well suited to their purpose is indicated by results obtained at the World's Fair in 1939. The threshold values of the 2A audiometer correspond very closely to those

found during this survey.

Although the threshold curve is of fundamental importance in all acoustical work, there is another curve that is of interest, and that at times becomes of critical importance. As the level of a sound is increased above the threshold, the sound becomes louder and louder until the response becomes more that of the sense of feeling. The stimulus is felt rather than heard, and at somewhat higher levels becomes painful. A curve drawn through these pressures, at which the response is one of feeling as well as hearing, gives the so-called threshold of feeling, and marks an upper limit to audible pressures. The area between these two thresholds represents the range of audible sound pressures, and by plotting the results of audiometer measurements on such a field, it is possible to gauge at a glance the relative seriousness of any particular pattern of hearing loss. Charts indicating these two thresholds are usually employed when plotting hearing losses but, on them, the threshold of hearing is represented by a horizontal line near the top, and the threshold of feeling is plotted in decibels relative to the threshold of hearing.

Deafness may be due either to a transmission loss in the three bones of the middle ear, or to a reduced response of the auditory nerves. The former is called 'conductive deafness', and the latter 'nerve deafness'. With nerve deafness the loss usually increases at the higher frequencies. With conductive deafness, on the other hand, the loss is more constant with frequency, and may even be less at the higher frequencies. In addition, both forms of loss may be present, giving what is called mixed deafness. Even when it is not clear from the audiogram which form of deafness is predominant, the two types of deafness may be distinguished by other criteria. As a result of the lack of sensitiveness of the responding system that results from nerve deafness, no response is obtained until the stimulus reaches a certain value. Beyond this value, however, the response increases rapidly with the stimulus; so rapidly, in fact, that at high intensity levels individuals having one normal ear and one nerve-deafened ear judge the sound to be equally loud in either ear. With conductive deafness all sounds, of whatever level, suffer the same loss. The deafened person therefore hears more nearly

\*Bell Lab. Rec., 21, No. 10 (1943); see NATURE, 152 (Oct. 16, 1943).

like the normal individual, except that all sounds are reduced in intensity. Such an individual is not nearly so apt to complain of someone shouting too loudly as would the individual who has become affected by nerve deafness.

Those tested were asked to indicate their hearing ability according to five classes: (1) no noticeable difficulty in hearing; (2) unable to understand speech in public places such as churches or theatres; (3) unable to understand speech from a person two or three feet away; (4) unable to understand speech from a telephone; and (5) unable to understand speech under any condition. Their audiograms were then taken and recorded. Such tests were made on some 9,000 persons, and the audiograms of those of each of the five classes were then averaged to discover the amount and type of loss that was responsible for the various inabilities to hear. These results show, in a graph, that the five classes of loss are separated on the average by about 20 db. For those reporting normal hearing, the average loss was about 5 db., while for the other four classes it was 25, 45, 65, and 85 db., respectively, the latter figure corresponding to total deafness for speech.

# STATISTICAL METHODS FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

THE "Memorandum on Official Statistics" issued I by the Council of the Royal Statistical Society is a notable document, not merely for its recommendations for the post-war period, but also for the lucid and concise analysis of the pre-war period and the developments in war-time. The analysis of the prewar period reflects little credit on the organization and method of the Civil Service. Each department collected its own statistics, and inadequate use was made even of the information available. The utilization of statistical material was imperfect and unsystematic, with loss of information and efficiency. No attempt was made to correlate the information with material available in other branches or departments. In only a few of the major departments was there any statistical organization which could be regarded as adequate. The staffing of departments was unsatisfactory in regard to the training of personnel and in certain respects to their status. Nowhere was a knowledge of statistical theory regarded as a necessary qualification for employment in statistical work, and the technical post of 'statistician' was practically unrecognized.

While the committee of the Royal Statistical Society which prepared the Memorandum is of opinion that in the pre-war period a good deal more could have been done by way of the analysis and interpretation of existing material, with great benefit to departments and to Ministers, it recommends that the collection of statistical material should continue, where possible, to be left to those departments and their branches the administrative duties of which bring them into daily contact with persons providing the information, so as to utilize the fund of experience acquired by administrative branches and the friendly relations which many of them have built up with their clientele. The branches may require advice from a co-ordinating statistical branch in the formulation of inquiries and the treatment of results, but the Memorandum is emphatic that the Central Statistical Office which is proposed to effect firm co-ordination

of the statistical work of different departments should not relieve departments of their responsibility for collecting and compiling statistical data. Divorced so far as possible from routine analysis and from administration, it should be charged with the duty of preparing statistics required by the Government, such as the Budget White Paper, by Royal Commissions and by special committees appointed by the Government. It should ensure that as much statistical material as possible is made available to the public, and that all Government statistics are issued with the minimum of delay. It should endeavour to fill gaps in statistical information by advising departments on the desirability of certain lines of inquiry and should undertake research work or loan staff to assist other departments in undertaking such work.

Acting generally as a co-ordinating body, particularly through a small committee selected from the heads of statistical branches in the major departments, the Central Statistical Office should be responsible for the issue of the Statistical Abstracts for the United Kingdom and the "Guide to Current Official Statistics". It is suggested that the Office should also be responsible for the publication of a monthly bulletin of statistics on the lines of the Survey of Current Business issued by the United

States Department of Commerce.

These are the principles on which the Memorandum considers the Central Statistical Office set up in 1941 should be reorganized after the War. The effect of the War has in fact been almost universally beneficial to statistics. The shortage of trained statisticians emphasizes the importance of the contribution they can make to the service of the State in the field of both descriptive and mathematical statistics. Some degree of internal training of the employees of statistical branches has been initiated, and increased use is being made of scientific aids to numerical work. There are also signs of a considerable change for the better in the public and departmental attitude towards statistics.

On the fundamental assumption that plans for reconstruction and for social reform will involve an increasing demand for comprehensive statistical information by the Government during the post-war reconstruction period and beyond, the Memorandum makes further recommendations. First, every major department should have a statistical branch under the direction of an administrative officer, and minor departments should either have a smaller unit or work under the guidance of the statistical branch in a major department or of the Central Statistical Office. Next, in regard to staff, certain statistical posts should be of grades equivalent to that of the more senior administrative officers, and the administrative personnel of statistical branches should be recruited from persons with mathematical or statistical qualifications; transfer between departments should be permitted where necessary. An endeavour should be made to post selected junior administrative officers to the statistical branch as part of their training, and technical posts of statistician created where departments consider them necessary. Full opportunity should be given for a technical statistician who showed administrative ability to be transferred to the administrative grade. The system of giving free courses in statistics to selected members of statistical branches should be extended and facilities given for advanced study. Opportunity should be given for members of statistical

branches to become familiar with the practical aspects of the matters with the statistics of which they are

dealing.

The Memorandum also recommends transfer of personnel from departments to the Central Office and vice versa and, as already indicated, the staff of the latter should be available for assisting departments. The needs of certain departments for casual assistance should be met by providing the services of a mathematical statistician either by the appointment of a full-time officer, the loan of a suitable officer from the Central Statistical Office or the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, the use of an advisory panel of experts, or by temporary engagement of a man from industry. The Memorandum particularly welcomes the interchange of expert personnel between industry and the Civil Service, and finally it is recommended that the Central Statistical Office or some other Government organization should ensure that the most effective use is made of modern machine methods.

The position of the Foreign and Colonial Offices, the Dominions Office and the India Office requires special consideration. In the Colonial Office at least, a statistical branch is recommended; but the responsibility for co-ordinating the trade statistics of the various Colonies should remain with the Board of Trade in view of the Board's experience in dealing

with all trade statistics.

These proposals are parallel with those advanced on behalf of scientific workers generally, and which have commanded powerful support in recent reports and in debates in the House of Lords. The Memorandum is also in line with recent suggestions for Civil Service reform, including the training and recruitment of staff. Pronouncements of members of the Government in regard to the importance of statistics and the remedying of admitted defects in the existing service warrant the hope that this notable technical contribution to the improvement of the machinery of government will receive the official recognition that it well deserves.

# A GAS-TUBE HARMONIC GENERATOR

In a search for methods of obtaining currents of high and closely controlled frequency for carrier systems, the Bell Laboratories recently investigated the harmonics generated by triggering gas-filled tubes. The studies showed that gas tubes can produce much higher frequencies than had been thought possible, if operated in a new circuit which accelerates the ionization and de-ionization of the tube. The harmonics thus generated provide standard frequencies so high as 25 mc. for calibrating oscillators. The sharp current pulses are useful in testing television systems, for making phase distortion measurements in co-axial cables, and in high-speed triggering devices.

A typical gas tube with grid control is a triode filled at low pressure with mercury vapour or argon gas. If the grid is maintained at a constant negative potential with reference to the hot cathode while the plate potential is increased with reference to the cathode, only a very minute electron current passes to the plate until a critical plate-cathode potential is reached. This critical potential depends on the structure of the tube, the gas used and the magnitude of the grid

potential as well as on the past history of the tube. When the critical potential is reached, an arc forms and the tube current suddenly rises. The voltage across the tube simultaneously decreases if an external load is connected in series with the source, and the tube continues to conduct until the plate voltage falls below a minimum value necessary to maintain the arc. When the arc is extinguished, the gas ions in the tube migrate to the tube elements and the tube finally becomes de-ionized. As the tube becomes de-ionized, the grid again regains control and the above process may be repeated. The time required for de-ionization determines the frequency at which the foregoing cycle may be carried out.

In the new harmonic generator circuit, the grid and plate are both supplied from the same A.c. source. This makes the plate voltage not only decrease to the value required to extinguish the tube, but also continue to a negative value. Likewise the grid voltage becomes negative. The negative potentials, primarily that on the grid, sweep the gas ions quickly from the tube, thus increasing the rate of de-ionization and the maximum frequency at which the tube can operate. An article by L. G. Kerota (Bell. Lab. Rec., 22, No. 2; October 1943) describes the new

circuit, its operation and performance.

In one practical application the gas-tube harmonic generator is used to test the fidelity of television-receiving equipment. Because it generates sharp wave fronts of controllable duration, black-to-white signal changes of great rapidity can be obtained. For determining the phase shift of signals in co-axial cables, two gas-tube circuits operate synchronously. Signals from one are used locally, and those from the other are transmitted over a looped line. The phase shift is determined by observing the difference between the wave fronts of the two pulses.

# BIOLOGICAL RESULTS OF THE LAST CRUISE OF THE CARNEGIE\*

THE present publication, the sixth of the series and the fourth devoted to biological reports, includes accounts of the phytoplankton by Herbert W. Graham, the marine algae by William Albert Setchell, polychaetous annelids by Aaron L. Treadwell, the mysids by W. M. Tattersall and, in addition, several

smaller papers in various groups.

The phytoplankton samples, chiefly from the open ocean, were taken at the surface, 50 m. and 100 m., and collected by the Petterssen plankton pump, The main contents were diatoms and dinoflagellates. The area investigated is here divided for convenience into three regions: the southern region in the southeastern Pacific between South America and longitude 120° W., the tropical region extending from Panama and Peru as far west as Guan, and the northern region between Yokohama and San Francisco. All were poor in phytoplankton. In general, the richest samples occurred in water of low temperature, lower salinity, lower pH and higher phosphate content, whereas little correlation could be found between numbers of plant cells and percentage saturation of oxygen, or between number of plant cells and quantity of dissolved silicate. An interesting condition

\* Scientific Results of Cruise VII of the Carnegie during 1928-29 under Command of Captain J. P. Ault. Biology, IV. Department of Terrestrial Magnetism. (Pub. 555.) Pp. vi+92. (Washington, D.C.: Carnegie Institution of Washington, 1943.)

was found in the northern region, where all but two samples showed supersaturation in the upper 100 m., the diatom and dinoflagellate populations being very low. This is probably to be explained by the presence of minute photosynthetic organisms not captured in

the ordinary filter net.

The mysid collection, described by the late Prof. Tattersall, although not rich in species or individuals (with the exception of Sirella thompsoni), is of interest in containing rare and new forms, and the geographical range of those already known has been extended. Two are new to science. One of them represents a new genus named Carnegieomysis, only one specimen of which was obtained; it is a curious and anomalous mysid the affinities of which are obscure until the male can be examined. The eyes are peculiar and of a unique character, resembling those of certain euphausians, having the cornea divided into distinct dorsal and ventral parts. In this case, however, the two parts are separated by a groove in which the corneal elements are absent. It is a type of eye which is developed in response to a pelagic habit of life. Apart from the eyes, the most outstanding characters are the form and size of the antennal scales and the shape and armature of the telson.

Shorter papers report on the isopods, halobates, birds, a sponge, echinoderms, insects and mites, pyrosomids and a lizard.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 15

QUEKETT MICROSCOPICAL CLUB (at the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1), at 2.30 p.m.—Inaugural meeting at the new meeting rooms, Sir Henry Dale, Pres.R.S., in the chair; Address by Mr. W. E. Watson-Baker, President of the Quekett Club; Special exhibition of members' work.

SHEFFIELD METALLURGICAL ASSOCIATION (at 198 West Street, Sheffield 1), at 2.30 p.m.—Annual General Meeting. Presidential Address.

Monday, January 17

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY (at Kensington Gore, London, S.W.7), at 3 p.m.—Mr. J. N. L. Baker and Mr. E. W. Gilbert: "The Doctrine of an Axial Belt of Industry in England."

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (LONDON STUDENTS' SECTION) (at Savoy Place, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C.2); at 7 p.m.—Problems Night.

Tuesday, January 18

EUGENICS SOCIETY (at the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1), at 5 p.m.—Debate: "That the Programme of Social Security set out in the Beveridge Report should be Supported on Eugenic Grounds".

Institution of Electrical Engineers (Wireless Section) (at Savoy Place, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C.2), at 5.30 p.m.—Discussion on "Comparative Merits of Different Types of Directive Aerials for Communications" (to be opened by Mr. J. A., Smale).

Wednesday, January 19

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS (at John Adam Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.2), at 1.45 p.m.—Mr. Henry Berry: "London's Water Supply". INSTITUTE OF FUEL (at the James Watt Memorial Institute, Great Charles Street, Birmingham), at 2.30 p.m.—Mr. R. Whitfield: "Fuel and Metallurgical Furnaces".

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1), at 3 p.m.—Dr. E. B. Bailey, F.R.S.: "Tertiary Igneous Tectonics of Rhum (Inner Hebrides)".

ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY (at 49 Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London, S.W.7), at 4.30 p.m.—Annual General Meeting. Prof. D. Brunt, F.R.S.: "Progress in Meteorology".

Thursday, January 20

CHEMICAL SOCIETY (at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1), at 2.30 p.m.—Dr. H. W. Thompson: "The Scope and Limitations of Infra-Red Measurements in Chemistry" (Tilden Lecture).

Friday, January 21

INSTITUTE OF FUEL (at the Royal Technical College, Glasgow), at  $5.45~\mathrm{p.m.}$ —Dr. E. W. Smith; "Education in the Fuel Industries".

Saturday, January 22

BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY (at the British Postgraduate Medical School, Ducane Road, Shepherds Bush, London, W.12), at 11.15 a.m.

INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS (ELECTRONICS GROUP) (joint meeting with the Midland Branch of the Institute of Physics) (at the University, Edmund Street, Birmingham), at 2.30 p.m.—Discussion on "Space-Charge and Noise in Radio Valves" (to be opened by Dr. P. B. Moon and Dr. R. R. Nimmo).

#### APPOINTMENTS VACANT

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments on or

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ASSISTANT MASTERS for (a) CHEMISTRY AND MATHEMATICS, and (b) PHYSICS AND GEOGRAPHY, at the East Ham Technical College—The Secretary for Education, Education Office, Town Hall Annexe, Barking Road, East Ham, London, E.6 (January 22).

PRINCIPAL of the Croydon Polytechnic and Evening Institutes—The Education Officer, Education Office, Katharine Street, Croydon (January 24).

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LECTURER IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING—The Principal, Derby Technical College, Normanton Road, Derby (January 24).

SPEECH THERAPIST (full-time)—The Director of Education, Leopold Street, Sheffield (January 25).

LECTURER (man or woman) IN ZOOLOGY—The Principal, Huddersfield Technical College, Huddersfield (January 31).

ENTOMOLOGIST in the Department of Agriculture, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia—The Official Secretary, Office of the High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia, 429 Strand, London, W.C.2 (January 31).

LECTURER IN PHYSICS—The School Secretary, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, London, W.2 (February 1).

PRINCIPAL of the Gloucestershire College of Domestic Science and Training College—The Secretary, County Education Office, Shire Hall, Gloucester (February 5).

REGISTRAR—The Principal, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth (February 10).

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CHAIR OF BOTANY tenable at King's College, and CHAIR OF BOTANY tenable at Birkbeck College—The Academic Registrar, University of London, c/o Richmond College, Richmond, Surrey (February 21).

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LECTURER IN CHEMISTRY FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS—The Acting Secretary, University Court, Glasgow (February 25).

UNIVERSITY CHAIR OF ANATOMY tenable at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School—The Academic Registrar, University of London, c/o Richmond College, Richmond, Surrey (March 20).

TEMPORARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT IN FARM ECONOMICS under the Department of Agriculture for Scotland—The Ministry of Labour and National Service, Central (Technical and Scientific) Register, Advertising Section, Alexandra House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2 (quoting Reference No. F.1944.A).

ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL ENGINEER for the Nigerian Government Public Works Department—The Secretary, Overseas Manpower Committee, Ministry of Labour and National Service, Alexandra House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2 (quoting Reference No. 538).

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER (temporary) for a Government Department at Bath, to deal with the design and installation of loud-speaker and broadcast systems—The Ministry of Labour and National Service, Central (Technical and Scientific) Register, Advertising Section, Alexandra House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2 (quoting Reference No. 538).

ASSISTANT MASSERS for (a) GENERAL SCHENGE with MANHEMARUS.

ASSISTANT MASTERS for (a) GENERAL SCIENCE WITH MATHEMATICS, to take charge of laboratories, and (b) Engineering Subjects with Mathematics in Day Technical School and Evening Institute—The Principal, Technical Institute, 28 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent. Two Science Teachers, one a male teacher, main subject Physics, with subsidiary Chemistry or Mathematics; the other, male or female teacher for General Science, with some Biological background—The Principal, Technical Institute, Rochester.

Two (full-time) Assistant Teachers for (a) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for (a) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for ca) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for ca) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for (a) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for (a) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for (a) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for (a) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for (a) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for (a) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for (a) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for (a) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for (a) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for (a) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for (a) Science and/or Mathematics, and (b) General Teachers for (a) Science (c) University College, Leicester.

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#### Great Britain and Ireland

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Bulletin No. 126: Report on Fungus, Bacterial and other Diseases of Crops in England and Wales for the Years 1933–1942. Pp. iv+100+8 plates. (London: H.M. Stationery Office.) 2s. net. [2412 Royal College of Surgeons of England. Scientific Report for the Year 1942–1943. Pp. 24. (London: Royal College of Surgeons of England.) [2412

#### Other Countries

Trabajos del Instituto Nacional de Sanidad. Estudio experimental de una cepa apatógena e inmunizante de Rickettsia Prowazeki, Cepa E. Por Dr. G. Clavero y Dr. F. Pérez Gallardo. Pp. 30. La prueba intradérmica de Giroud en la infección tifoexantemática: Nuestra experiencia personal, técnicas y posibilidades de su aplicación. Por Dr. G. Clavero y Dr. F. Pérez Gallardo. Pp. 66. Investigación del virus tifoexantemático en las ratas de España. Por Dr. G. Clavero y Dr. F. Pérez Gallardo. Pp. 26. Tecnicas de Laboratorio en el tifus exantemático. Por Porf. Dr. G. Clavero del Campo y Dr. F. Pérez Gallardo. Pp. 186. (Madrid: Instituto Nacional de Sanidad.) [1712]



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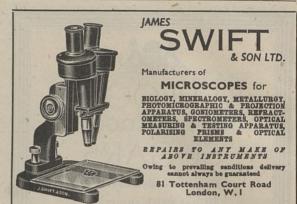
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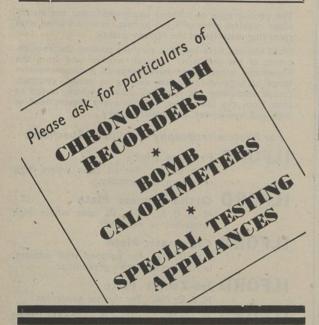
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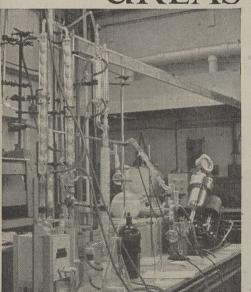
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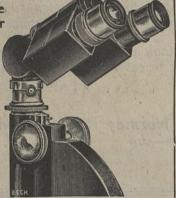
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