

## SCIENCE NOTES AND NEWS

### International Conference on the Use of Atomic Energy

An international conference for the exchange of information on the beneficial uses of atomic energy is to be held in Oxford from July 16 to 21. The conference will be devoted to reports by users of radioactive isotopes on the techniques employed and results obtained. Industrial, medical, agricultural and other research uses of isotopes will also be discussed.—

### Cosmic Ray Investigations in Antarctica

Australia is planning a new physics station for cosmic ray observations, and other scientific investigations on the shores of the Antarctic Continent. The new station will supplement and extend the scientific and meteorological work now being carried out at Macquarie Island. Two different series of observations on cosmic radiation have been proceeding at Macquarie Island, and the observation post still further south, is expected to increase the value of the work.

### Dr. B. Mukerji

The appointment of Dr. B. Mukerji as Director, Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow, in succession to Sir Edward Mellanby, has been announced.

### Zoological Society of Bengal

At the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Zoological Society of Bengal, held on 6th May, the following Office-bearers were elected for 1951-52: *President*: Prof. H. K. Mookerjee; *Vice-Presidents*: Dr. M. O. T. Iyengar and Dr. Alexander Wolsky; *General Secretary*: Sri. G. K. Chakravarty; *Treasurer*: Sri. M. M. Chakravarty; *Editor*: Sri. J. L. Bhaduri; *Secretary for Foreign Correspondence and Publications*: Dr. S. P. Ray Chaudhuri.

### Zoological Society of India: Calcutta Branch

The Annual General Meeting of the Calcutta Branch of the Zoological Society of India was held in Calcutta, on 3rd April 1951, when the following Office-bearers were elected for the year 1951: *Chairman*: Dr. S. L. Hora; *Secretary*: Sri. A. G. K. Menon.

### Building Research Congress

More than a thousand delegates have already accepted invitations to attend the Building Re-

search Congress to be held in London in September. They include the Directors of Building Research of ten Commonwealth and continental countries and official representatives of many colonial and other countries.

### Royal Institute of Chemistry: Bangalore Section

At the Second Annual Meeting of the Bangalore Section of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, held on 5th April 1951, the following Officers were elected:

*Chairman*: Prof. K. V. Giri; *Vice-Chairmen*: Mr. H. Shiva Rao and Dr. C. V. Natarajan; *Hon. Treasurer*: Mr. I. S. Patel; *Hon. Secretary*: Dr. T. L. Rama Char.

### Science Progress in India: 1938-50

Dr. S. L. Hora, Director, Zoological Survey of India and General Editor, Section of Zoology, writes that the National Institute of Sciences of India has decided to publish a book entitled *Progress of Science in India*, covering the period from 1938-50. Persons interested are requested to pass on the relevant information to the following Sub-Editors, dealing with respective sub-sections as indicated: Dr. N. K. Panikkar, Chief Research Officer, Central Marine Fisheries Research Station, Mandapam Camp, South India (*Fish and Fisheries*); Dr. G. S. Thapar, Department of Zoology, Lucknow University (*Parasitology*); Dr. M. L. Roonwal, Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun (*Entomology*); and Dr. B. S. Chauhan, Zoological Survey of India, 34, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta-12 (*General Zoology*).

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