sympathies side by side with mastery of detail and meticulous precision in the expression of scientific observations. Amidst his numerous contributions to Mineralogy, Petrology and Archaean Geology, perhaps the most outstanding work which will remain as a memorial to his ability and industry, is his monograph on the Manganese Ore Deposits of India dealing with every aspect, scientific and economic, of the subject.

Dr Fermor's social qualities are equally great; they find full play in his administrative duties, not only in his department, but also such institutions as the Asiatic Society of Bengal, of which he is the President, and of the Mining and Geological Institute of India, of which he is the Treasurer and Editor. A happy disposition, an even temper at all times and the capacity to understand and appreciate other points of view that his own, characterise his dealings with his official colleagues and non-official friends and acquaintances. We wish him long life and further honours.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER SCHOOL ON BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS OF MAGNETIC RESONANCE

A two week Winter School on Biological Applications of Magnetic Resonance will be held in Bangalore during 25 September—6 October 1984 immediately following the XI International Conference on Magnetic Resonance in Biological Systems to be held in Goa, India. This Satellite event after the International Conference will provide unique opportunity to Young Indian scientists and those from other developing countries to learn and discuss the latest advances in Magnetic Resonance and its applications with emphasis to biological systems. Most of the lectures will be given by Internationally renowned scientists attending the Goa conference.

The admission will be restricted to 50 participants from outside Bangalore and will be decided by a National Committee. The last date of receiving applications is 30 May 1984 and the selected participants will be informed of the decision of the National Committee by 30 June, 1984.

Those desirous of attending the School should apply to the undersigned in a proforma that can be obtained from the convener. Dr C. L. Khetrapal, Convener, Raman Research Institute, Bangalore 560 080.

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DR KAILASH NATH KATJU AWARDS FOR SCIENCES

Dr Kailash Nath Katju awards for Sciences of Rs. 50,000/- has been jointly awarded to Dr R. K. Singh of Rani Durgawati University, Jabalpur, Dr S. K. Goswami of Bhopal University, and Dr J. S. Rathore of Awadesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa. The Award was presented to the scientists by Mr. Zail Singh, President of India.

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HARI OM ASHRAM GOLD MEDAL

The Hari Om Ashram gold medal for durg research in Ayurveda has been awarded to Dr (Mrs.) Mohana Krishnaswamy (Biochemistry) and to Dr K. K. Purushothaman (Phytochemist), of the Captain Srinivasamurthy Drug Research Institute, Madras. The award is being given for their work in screening the anti-cancer activity of a herb chitraka (Plumbago zeylanica). This research project concerns the isolation of a chemical compound and pre-clinical research in its anti-cancer activity. The drug has great potential as a breakthrough in cancer treatment.