

ELECTIONS TO THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH

ACCORDING to a report in *Nature* the following were elected fellows of the Royal Society of Edinburgh at the annual stated meeting: Dr. F. L. Arnot, lecturer in natural philosophy in the University of St. Andrews; Major P. C. Banerjee, Indian Medical Service; J. L. Begg, treasurer and past vice-president of the Geological Society of Glasgow; Dr. T. R. Bolam, lecturer in chemistry, University of Edinburgh; Finlay J. Cameron, general manager, Caledonian Insurance Company, Edinburgh; J. I. Carswell, lecturer in engineering, University of Edinburgh; Dr. A. M. Clark, lecturer and director of studies, University of Edinburgh; Dr. A. L. Craig-Bennett, lecturer in zoology, University of Edinburgh; E. G. Dymond, Carnegie research fellow and lecturer in natural philosophy, University of Edinburgh; J. M. Erskine, general manager, Commercial Bank of Scotland, Ltd., Edinburgh; Dr. Thomas Ferguson, medical inspector of factories, Home Office; Professor C. Forrester, department of chemistry and assaying, and acting principal, Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad; Dr. W. H. Fowler, medical radiologist, Edinburgh; A. W. de R. Galbraith, city engineer, architect and surveyor, Christchurch, New Zealand; A. C. Gardner, chief engineer, Clyde Navigation Trust, Glasgow; Dr. R. P. Gillespie, lecturer in mathematics, University of Glasgow; T. H. Gillespie, director-secretary, Zoological Society of Scotland, Edinburgh; W. G. Guthrie, assistant in applied mathematics, University of St. Andrews; Lieutenant-Colonel E. E. Hume, Medical Corps, United States Army, librarian of the Army Medical Library, Washington, D.C.; Dr. D. Lees, clinical medical officer, Corporation of Edinburgh and surgeon in charge of venereal diseases, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; J. Macleod, manager, Glasgow Corporation Chemical Department; Professor J. Malcolm, department of physiology, University of Dunedin, New Zealand; W. J. M. Menzies, inspector of salmon fisheries of Scotland, Fishery Board for Scotland, Edinburgh; Professor L. M. Milne-Thomson, assistant professor of mathematics, Royal Naval College, Greenwich; Dr. J. Murray, rector, The Academy, Annan; T. Nicol, lecturer in anatomy, University of Glasgow; C. W. Parsons, lecturer in zoology, University of Glasgow; A. W. N. Pillers, chief veterinary officer, Corporation of Liverpool and lecturer on veterinary parasitology, University of Liverpool Veterinary School; F. A. B. Preston, lecturer in municipal engineering, town planning, etc., Royal Technical College, Glasgow; J. L. Somerville, auditor to the University of Edinburgh; Dr. J. B. Tait, junior naturalist (hydrographer), Fishery Board for Scotland, Aberdeen; G. Taylor, assistant keeper, depart-

ment of botany, British Museum; Dr. G. Timms, lecturer in mathematics, University of St. Andrews; Professor J. M. Watt, department of pharmacology and lecturer in dental materia medica, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg; Dr. W. F. J. Whitley, medical officer of health, Northumberland County Council; J. Wright, Kirkealdy.

THE NORTH AMERICAN COUNCIL ON FISHERY INVESTIGATIONS

ON September 13 and 14 the North American Council on Fishery Investigations held its twentieth annual meeting at the Atlantic Biological Station, St. Andrews, New Brunswick. This council is an international body composed of representatives of Canada, Newfoundland, France and the United States, and was organized on invitation of the Canadian Government in 1921 to cooperate in scientific investigations of the deep-sea fisheries adjacent to the North Atlantic coast of the American continent. Since 1928 annual meetings of the council have been held in various cities in Canada and the United States, which have been attended by a growing number of marine fishery investigators concerned with a study of the great fisheries in which each of the member nations is directly concerned. The purpose of these meetings is to correlate the results of investigations in the western Atlantic and to make them mutually available to the several countries involved, thus bringing about by informal arrangements without overhead charges a unity of purpose and a coordination of method in fishery research and a corresponding avoidance of duplication of effort.

The St. Andrews meeting was attended by upwards of twenty-five government and private fishery investigators, and reports of progress were presented covering investigations of the cod, haddock, mackerel, herring and squid fisheries, and hydrographic and biological investigations relating to temperature, currents and the chemical and biological content of the offshore and coastal waters. The question of obtaining uniform and mutually comparable fishery statistics based on the origin of catch as a guide to the proper management of the fisheries was given particular attention.

The United States was officially represented by Dr. H. B. Bigelow, director of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and chairman of the council, and by Elmer Higgins, of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries. Reports on their respective fishery investigations were presented by O. E. Sette and W. C. Herrington, both of the North Atlantic staff.

THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA AND AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

THE forty-sixth annual meeting of the Geological Society of America will be held Thursday, Friday and