

THE NEW PREFERENCE AND LIMITATION ORDER ON LABORATORIES AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT

SCIENCE has received from E. H. Schaar, of Schaar and Company, Chicago, a copy of a circular letter explaining the new Preference Rating Order P-43 and Limitation Order L-144, together with copies of these two orders. He states that the circular was mailed to about 15,000 individuals in educational, governmental, institutional and industrial laboratories all over the country. It reads:

On June 26, 1943, both Preference Rating Order P-43 and Limitation Order L-144 were revised completely. Since both of them directly affect your purchases of laboratory supplies, we want to tell you about the many new provisions. Enclosed are copies of the two Orders; we urge you to study them carefully. Note especially these points, which are of particular interest:

1. P-43 assigns a rating of AA-1 to serial-numbered laboratories, and a rating of AA-2 to all other laboratories.

2. Laboratories engaged in research or production control essential to the war effort may obtain a serial number.

3. Laboratories which already have a P-43 serial number may continue to use it. Those which do not may apply to WPB on form WPB-167.

4. Certain items may be purchased only with approval from WPB (see L-144, List A; apply on form WPB-1414).

5. Laboratories which do not have serial numbers must obtain WPB approval (using form WPB-1414) to place a single order for \$200 or more, or to buy \$50 or more of a single item.

6. If you are still waiting for delivery of any orders placed with us, rerate them at once in accordance with these new rulings. By rerating them promptly, you will materially expedite delivery, in many instances.

7. If you do not already have a serial number, and if you believe you are eligible to obtain one, apply for one right now.

We shall be glad to give you any additional information we can, and to send copies of any of the forms you may wish to have. Just let us know how we can help.

THE MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

THE twenty-sixth summer meeting of the Mathematical Association of America will be held at the New Jersey College for Women, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12, in conjunction with the summer meeting and colloquium of the American Mathematical Society and the meeting of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics. Three sessions of the association will be held on Saturday, beginning at 10 A.M., 2 P.M. and 8 P.M.

The sessions of the American Mathematical Society will be held on Sunday and Monday. Three colloquium lectures will be given by Professor E. J. McShane, of the University of Virginia, the subject being "Existence Theorems in the Calculus of Variations." These lectures will be given at 9 A.M. on Sunday and at 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. on Monday. At 2 P.M. on Sunday Professor Antoni Zygmund, of Mount Holyoke College, will give an address on "The Complex Method of the Theory of Trigonometric Series."

The Institute of Mathematical Statistics will hold sessions on Sunday at 10:15 and 3:15 and on Monday at 10:15 A.M. there will be a joint session of the society and the institute.

On Sunday evening at 6:30 there will be an informal buffet supper for the three organizations at Wood Lawn, the Alumnae House of New Jersey College for Women. Following this supper at 8:30 P.M. the department of music of the New Jersey College for Women will give a musicale in the Music Building.

The Board of Governors of the association will meet at 10:15 A.M. on Sunday, September 12.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

WALLACE P. COHOE, of New York City, has been elected president of the Society of Chemical Industry, according to word received from the international headquarters of the society in London. Mr. Cohoe, who is technical adviser to corporations, principally in the fields of textiles, synthetics, paper and cellulose, succeeds Dr. William Cullen, chemical consultant of London, who for more than half a century was associated with the Nobel Explosives Company, Ltd., of Glasgow and South Africa.

Dr. Cullen, who will serve as chairman of the council during the administration of Mr. Cohoe, states that closer world relations among industries employing chemists and chemical engineers will be a chief objective of the society in the coming year.

The Society of Chemical Industry, founded in 1881, has approximately 5,000 members throughout the world. It is composed of eighteen sections. England has eleven sections, Canada five, the United States one and Australia one. The chairman of the American section is Dr. Foster D. Snell, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Cohoe is planning a trip to England to develop a program for the expansion of the activities of the society. Sections will be established in New Zealand, South Africa and India after the war. He will visit all Canadian sections to coordinate their work with that of the American and other British sections. He has been vice-president of the Society of Chemical Industry and chairman of the American and Canadian sections. He is a member of the American Chemical

Society, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the American Institute of Chemists and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Mr. Cohoe, who was born in Norwich, Ontario, in

1875, is the sixth American president of the society. The others were Dr. C. B. Chandler, Dr. William H. Nichols, Professor Ira Remsen, Professor Marston T. Bogert and Dr. Arthur D. Little.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. GEORGE D. BIRKHOFF, Perkins professor of mathematics at Harvard University, has been elected an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

DR. KENNETH E. CASTER, assistant professor of geology and fellow of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of the University of Cincinnati, has been elected a corresponding fellow of the Instituto de Estudios Superiores of Uruguay.

THE National Society for the Prevention of Blindness has awarded the Leslie Dana Gold Medal, given annually "for outstanding achievements in the prevention of blindness and the conservation of vision," to Dr. Walter B. Lancaster, of Boston, consulting ophthalmic surgeon at the Boston City Hospital, the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and the Massachusetts General Hospital, in recognition of "long meritorious service." Dr. Lancaster, though eighty years old, is in active practice as an ophthalmologist. The award is given by the St. Louis Society for the Blind on the recommendation of the Association for Research in Ophthalmology.

A LIST of honors to Canadians conferred by the King of England "on the occasion of the celebration of his birthday and on the advice of Canadian Ministers," as given in *Nature*, includes the following names: *C.M.G.*: Professor C. J. Mackenzie, acting president of the National Research Council of Canada; Professor W. G. Penfield, head of the Neurological Institute, Montreal. *C.B.E.*: Dr. A. E. Archer, president of the Canadian Medical Association; Professor J. B. Collip, president of the Royal Society of Canada; W. E. Phillips, president of Research Enterprises, Ltd.

DR. E. W. SMITH, president-elect of the British Institute of Fuel, has been awarded the Birmingham Medal of the Institution of Gas Engineers, in recognition of "his outstanding work during the past thirty years for the gas industry."

A WIRELESS to *The New York Times* reports that honorary fellowships awarded by the Royal College of Surgeons, London, and presented at a reception given on the evening of July 21, include the following Americans: Colonel Elliot C. Cutler, Moseley professor of surgery, and Dr. R. B. Osgood, professor of orthopedic surgery, at Harvard University; Dr. Evarts A. Graham, professor of surgery at the Medi-

cal College of Washington University, St. Louis, and Dr. Howard C. Naffziger, professor of surgery in the Medical School of the University of California, San Francisco, chairman of the sub-committee on neurological surgery of the National Research Council. Dr. Naffziger was the only American present at the reception at which the awards were made. On this occasion a message was received from the King of England, who sent his best wishes to the college and expressed his hope that its museum, damaged by a German bomb two years ago, would be restored as soon as possible after the war.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR G. RUGGLES, after forty-one years of service in the division of entomology of the University of Minnesota, retired from active service on June 30. For twenty-five years he served in the dual capacity of teacher and state entomologist. He continues work in the State Department of Agriculture in an advisory capacity.

AT the Medical School of the University of Minnesota, Dr. Harold A. Whittaker has been promoted to a clinical professorship of preventive medicine and public health; Dr. Ralph T. Knight to a clinical professorship of anesthesia, and Dr. Wallace D. Armstrong to a professorship of physiological chemistry.

DR. DONALD DUNCAN, professor and head of the department of anatomy of the School of Medicine of the University of Buffalo, has been appointed professor of anatomy at the School of Medicine of the Louisiana State University.

DR. JOHN R. MOHLER, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has retired after serving in the bureau for forty-six years. He will be succeeded by Dr. Arthur W. Miller, assistant chief of the bureau since 1928.

WITH the retirement on July 1 of W. W. Mackie, agronomist in the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of California at Berkeley, the activities of the division of agronomy have been transferred to Davis. Dr. Mackie is on leave from the university, to assist the Imperial Rice Growers Cooperative Association as consultant in the production of rice.

DR. E. B. KRUMBHAAR, professor of pathology at the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed a member of a committee of the Harvard Overseers to visit the Medical School and the Stillman Infirmary.