

at least 150 science textbooks to date. About 50 percent of these are in mathematics and biology. There are only 19 chemistry textbooks and 18 physics textbooks on the list.

New Journals

Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications. vol. 1, No. 1, July 1959. Paul Berg *et al.*, Eds. Academic Press, 111 Fifth Ave., New York 3. Monthly. Individual subscribers, \$6.50; others, \$12.

Botanica Marina. Spring 1959. T. Levring, chairman, Ed. Committee. Cram, De Gruyter, Hamburg, Germany. Quarterly.

Bulletin of the United States Antarctic Projects Office. vol. 1, No. 1, Sept. 1959. U.S. Antarctic Projects Office, Washington 25, D.C.

Cern Courier. No. 1, Aug. 1959. European Organization for Nuclear Research, Geneva 23, Switzerland. Monthly. Free.

Current Anthropology (pre-issue). Sept. 1959. Sponsored by Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. Sol. Tax, Ed. The Editor, University of Chicago, 1126 E. 59 St., Chicago 37, Ill. Bimonthly. \$10.

Experimental Neurology. vol. 1, No. 1, Apr. 1959. William F. Windle, Ed. Academic Press, 111 Fifth Ave., New York 3, 6 issues, \$16.

News Briefs

A Forensic Science Society was formed recently during a well-attended meeting at Nottingham University in England. The object of the society is to advance the study and application of forensic science. With this aim in view, a series of symposia, to be held alternately in London and in the provinces, is being arranged. Among the subjects suggested for discussion are blood, hypoglycemia, street accidents, and instrumentation.

All persons professionally interested in forensic science are eligible for membership. The president of the society is J. B. Firth, and the secretary is Dr. E. G. C. Clarke of the Royal Veterinary College, London N.W.1, from whom further information may be obtained.

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Natural History, published by the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and *Nature Magazine*, published in Washington by the Amer-

ican Nature Association, have consolidated and will appear in merged form in January. The new magazine will be under the direction of John Purcell, editor of *Natural History*, and will be published in New York. Richard W. Westwood, president of the American Nature Association and editor of *Nature Magazine*, will serve as a contributing editor, reporting on developments in the field of conservation as viewed from the nation's capital. Paul M. Tilden, assistant editor of *Nature Magazine*, will be an associate editor of the combined publication.

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At the recent central divisional meeting of the American Psychiatric Association held in Detroit, a plaque was awarded to Wayne State University's department of psychiatry and to the department's main teaching and clinical facility, the department of psychiatry of Detroit Receiving Hospital, for the best scientific exhibit presented at the meeting. The award recipient was selected by representatives of all the mid-western states. The exhibit was on the diagnosis, understanding, and treatment of emergency psychiatric problems.

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Cornell University has announced the establishment of what is probably the first large university-sponsored center for radiophysics and space research. Thomas Gold has been selected director of the new unit, to be known as the Cornell University Center for Radiophysics and Space Research, and Henry G. Booker is associate director. Gold is professor of astronomy, professor of electrical engineering and professor of physics at Cornell, and Booker is director of the School of Electrical Engineering, professor of engineering physics, and professor of physics.

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The Optical Society of America has established an executive office at 1155 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C. Mary Warga, professor of physics at the University of Pittsburgh, is the executive secretary of the society, which is building up a library in its new office.

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The Commission on Crystallographic Apparatus of the International Union of Crystallography has published a second edition of the *Index of Crystallographic Supplies*, which can be obtained for \$2.50 from the Société française de Minéralogie et de Cristallographie, 1, rue Victor-Cousin, Paris 5^e, France. The 125-page volume contains a list of

equipment and supplies, literature references, advertisements, and addresses of manufacturers and suppliers, including branches in various countries. Chairman of the commission is W. Parrish, Philips Laboratories, Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y.

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A Symposium on Theory, Technique, and Clinical Application of Vectorcardiography was held at the Medical Academy, Wroclaw, Poland, 21-24 October, under the chairmanship of Hugon Kowarzyk. Outstanding Polish cardiologists, including Professor Zdzislaw Askanas, participated. Papers were presented by scientists from nine European countries, the U.S., and Mexico.

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A comparative study of technical and scientific manpower in 55 countries is the subject of *Training of Technical and Scientific Personnel*, published recently by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. The survey analyzes past experience, present trends, and future possibilities existing in technical-training fields and points out the need for additional teachers. The volume may be obtained from the UNESCO Publications Center, 801 Third Ave., New York, N.Y., or from the Columbia University Press, 2960 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

National Wildlife Week will be observed from 20 to 26 March 1960 under the sponsorship of the National Wildlife Federation and its affiliates in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Walt Disney will serve as honorary chairman for the observance, which will have the theme "Water—Key to Your Survival."

Scientists in the News

Ira V. Hiscock, a leading figure in public health, will retire 1 January as chairman of the public health department at Yale University. He has been on the Yale faculty for 39 years. His retirement has been moved ahead to permit him to become a Carnegie visiting professor in public health at the University of Hawaii for 6 months. He was president of the American Public Health Association in 1956-57 and is a past president of the National Heart Council. He is a member of the expert panel on public health administration of the World Health Organization of the United Nations.