

British Isles and probably in Europe. There is also a record of an attempt, in which the boys of Gresham's School have played an important part, to establish a fulmar colony at Weybourne and another of a visit paid by members of the Society to Skokholm. Abridged reports of two prize-winning efforts in an essay competition deal with the birds of the Yealm Estuary in South Devon and a biological survey of a small stagnant pool, and show that Gresham's School is admirably contributing to the future supply of our field naturalists.

### 316 National Forest Parks

THE latest in the series of National Forest Park guides prepared by the Forestry Commission are those for Glen More in the Eastern Highlands of Scotland and Hardknott in south-west Cumberland. The one for Glen More has been edited by Prof. John Walton, who also describes the vegetation of the district. In two separate articles, A. Macpherson Grant and Miss I. F. Grant describe the history and traditions of the district, while descriptions of the geology and wild life are contributed by J. G. C. Anderson and Seton Gordon. Accounts are also given of the forests and plantations and the climbing grounds and hill walks in and around Glen More Park. J. M. Bannerman has provided a list of Gaelic place names and their translations, and there is a comprehensive bibliography. There are also a number of etchings, photographs and specially prepared maps, all of a quality which equals the high standard of the contributed articles. The guide for Hardknott has been prepared on a similar plan and reaches an equal standard of excellence. Five of these guides have now been published and may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, price 2s. each.

### 242 Diseases of *Lachenalia glauca*

LACHENALIAS are grown rather sporadically in British horticulture. They have not hitherto been attacked by many fungal parasites; but D. E. Green and M. A. Hewlett describe a bulb rot and a leaf spot upon this host (*J. Roy. Hort. Soc.*, 74, Pt. 5, 217; May 1949). The bulb rot is caused by a species of *Fusarium*, and *Mystrosporium adustum* is the parasite in leaf spot. Inoculation experiments have proved the pathogenicity of *M. adustum*, and have shown that it produces symptoms of ink disease on *Iris reticulata*.

### Advisory Committee on Colonial Geology and Mineral Resources: Appointments

THE Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. A. Creech Jones, has appointed an Advisory Committee on Colonial Geology and Mineral Resources to advise him on matters relating to the geological survey of the Colonial Empire and the investigation of its mineral resources. The membership of the Committee is: Mr. C. G. Eastwood (*chairman*), Colonial Office; Mr. N. L. Mayle, Colonial Office; Dr. F. Dixey, geological adviser to the Secretary of State; Mr. E. S. Willbourn, Directorate of Colonial Geological Surveys; Mr. G. E. Howling, principal, Mineral Resources Division of the Colonial Geological Surveys; Sir Edmund Teale, formerly mining consultant to the Tanganyika Government and director of the Geological Survey, Tanganyika; Sir Lewis Fermor, formerly director of the Geological Survey of India; Mr. R. Annan, chairman of various gold mining companies operating in Africa; Mr. S. H. Boileau,

chairman of the Chrome Co., Ltd., and the African Manganese Co., Ltd.; Dr. C. H. Desch, director of the Iron and Steel Institute; Dr. J. G. King, director of the Gas Research Board; Mr. F. B. Howard White, Mond Nickel Co., Ltd.; Dr. W. F. P. McLintock, director of the Geological Survey of Great Britain; Sir Andrew McCance, president of the Iron and Steel Institute; Mr. B. Lightfoot, formerly director of the Geological Survey of Southern Rhodesia; Prof. A. E. Trueman, chairman, University Grants Committee; Prof. H. H. Read, professor of geology, Imperial College of Science and Technology, London; Dr. G. M. Lees, chief geologist, Anglo-Iranian Oil Co.; Prof. J. A. S. Ritson, professor of mining, Royal School of Mines, London; Mr. L. C. Hill, Rio Tinto Co., Ltd.; Sir William Ogg, director of Rothamsted Experimental Station; Mr. E. H. Beard (*joint secretary*), Mineral Resources Division of the Colonial Geological Surveys; Mr. R. H. Hobden (*joint secretary*), Production and Marketing Department "B", Colonial Office.

### Royal Society of Edinburgh: Officers

THE following have been elected officers and members of council for 1949-50 of the Royal Society of Edinburgh: *President*, Prof. J. Kendall; *Vice-Presidents*, Sir Ernest Wedderburn, Prof. A. C. Aitken, Prof. E. P. Cathcart, Sir Alexander Gray, Prof. A. Holmes and Prof. W. O. Kermack; *General Secretary*, Dr. J. E. Richey; *Secretaries to Ordinary Meetings*, Prof. E. T. Copson and Prof. J. Norman Davidson; *Treasurer*, Mr. A. W. Young; *Curator of Library and Museum*, Dr. D. Guthrie; *Ordinary Members of Council*, Prof. J. H. Gaddum, Prof. G. D. Preston, Prof. S. J. Watson, Mr. R. Ll. Gwilt, Mr. E. G. Dymond, Mr. C. W. Parsons, Prof. R. W. Wheldon, Prof. T. Neville George, Prof. J. W. Heslop Harrison, Dr. C. E. Lucas, Prof. M. G. Say and Prof. W. M. Smart.

### University of London

PROF. D. H. HEY, professor of chemistry at King's College, has been appointed to the Daniell chair of chemistry tenable at the College from October 1, 1950, in succession to Prof. A. J. Allmand, who will be retiring at the end of the session 1949-50. Dr. Forrest Fulton has been appointed to the University readership in bacteriology and immunology tenable at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine from October 1. The title of professor emeritus in the University has been conferred on Prof. C. A. Lovatt Evans on his retirement from the Jodrell chair of physiology at University College, to which he was appointed in 1926; and on Prof. C. B. Fawcett on his retirement from the chair of geography at University College, which he has held since 1928.

The following doctorates have been conferred: D.Sc. on R. A. Gregory (University College), and J. E. Webb (Birkbeck College); D.Sc. (Eng.) on A. J. Gould (external student), and A. W. Skempton (Imperial College).

ERRATUM. In the communication on "Adenosine Triphosphatase Activity . . ." by Dr. A. Csapó in *Nature* of October 22, p. 702, we regret that "triphosphatase" was printed instead of "triphosphate" in par. 1, line 13; par. 2, line 9; par. 3, line 5; par. 4, line 3.