

and taxes, and the use of water, gas, electric current, &c. This figure is a provisional one, and is subject to revision at the end of one year.

The total estimated expenditure on capital account, exclusive of scientific apparatus yet to be bought, is anticipated to be in the neighbourhood of £9,250.

Staff.—It will be remembered that the appointments of Mr. R. Stenton and Dr. J. G. Myers as senior and junior technical assistants respectively, and the transfer of Miss R. Davenport from the Publication Office as secretary, were approved at the last meeting of the committee. Since the purchase of the property Mr. J. Smith has been selected for the post of caretaker-mechanic at £2 17s. 6d. a week and a cottage. He is a remarkably competent carpenter and all-round mechanic. Mrs. Smith will undertake the cleaning, &c., of the laboratory for a further 17s. 6d. a week. Mr. P. Trevaskis has been appointed as head gardener at £2 10s. a week with quarters. He was trained at the famous gardens at Aldenham House, and created a very favourable impression as a student at Kew, whence he has come to us direct. He has already done some excellent work. The services of Mr. J. Macro, an under-gardener in the employ of the former occupier of the property, have been retained at £2 5s. a week. Mr. L. F. Milton, of the Department of Science, University of Durham, has been appointed laboratory assistant at an initial salary of £210 per annum. A boy of fifteen, who lives in the neighbourhood and has a marked taste for natural history, has been appointed at a salary of 15s. per week to assist him and to be trained in the handling of living insects. This will complete the requisite staff for the present, though if the probable demands from the Dominions and colonies are realized in the next year or two, additions to the technical staff will be essential.

Unless there is some unforeseen delay, the laboratory should be in working-order by the 1st June, though, owing to the season being already far advanced, the investigations that can be undertaken this year will necessarily be limited and of a preliminary character only.

APPENDIX II.—STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1927.

	Received.			Expended.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Government grants	13,403	18	6			
Interest on deposits	348	4	3			
<i>Review of Applied Entomology</i>	563	8	5	1,110	14	3
<i>Bulletin of Entomological Research</i>	365	17	10	666	18	9
Salaries				8,340	15	6
Queen's Gate office				624	11	5
Library				191	11	8
Office and library furniture				135	17	4
Scientific equipment				49	8	0
Travelling-expenses				52	16	3
Translations				9	17	6
Specialists' fees				90	2	3
General expenses				282	0	11
"Handbook of Tropical African Pests"				49	2	9
<i>Zoological Record</i> ("Insecta")	102	15	5	61	0	0
Tropical African Fund	7	2	3			
Carnegie students	100	0	0			
Sundry publications				60	2	2
Provident Fund				656	13	0
Suspense				200	0	0
	£14,891	6	8	£12,581	11	9

APPENDIX III.—GENERAL FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1927.

	Received.			Expended.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash with Crown Agents				481	16	3
Cash on deposit				7,500	0	0
Invested in 4 per cent. funding stock				2,500	0	0
Stationery Office, paid in advance				200	0	0
Government grants outstanding: South Africa, £350; S. Rhodesia, £300				650	0	0
Outstanding liabilities—						
Salaries for March	629	0	0			
Government grants paid in advance	50	0	0			
<i>Review of Applied Entomology</i> (six parts and two indices)	604	0	0			
<i>Bulletin of Entomological Research</i> (three parts and index)	386	0	0			
Balance of Carnegie Fund	231	11	0			
Publication Office, rent, lighting, &c.	150	0	0			
Stationery Office	30	0	0			
Library	20	2	9			
Sundry publications	20	0	0			
	2,120	13	9	11,331	16	3
Balance of Tropical African Fund	638	0	8			
Balance of Bureau Fund	8,573	1	10			
	£11,331	16	3	£11,331	16	3