NEWS AND NOTES

To Members of the Subcommittee on Neisseriaceae
of the Nomenclature Committee of the
International Association of Microbiologists

A newsletter:

The Chairman of our group, Professor E.G.D. Murray, has retired from his professorship at McGill University and will devote his time to research at the University of Western Ontario. He will continue as Chairman of our Subcommittee on Neisseriaceae. His address will be 126 Regent Street, London, Ontario, Canada.

Beginning January, 1956, the Secretary of the Subcommittee, Dr. Sara E. Branham, will be succeeded in this office by Dr. Michael J. Pelczar, Department of Bacteriology, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. Matters pertaining to the activities of the Committee should be addressed to him after that date. Dr. Branham will continue as a member of the Subcommittee; she has not retired and there is no change in her address. Dr. Branham is checking over her collection of meningococci with the object of establishing type strains representative of the current classification.

It is with sadness that the Committee notes the death of one of its members, Dr. Th. Thjötta. Dr. Thjötta was an outstanding bacteriologist in this era whose knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm will be sorely missed. A sketch of his life appears in the October 1955 issue of the International Bulletin of Bacteriological Nomenclature and Taxonomy.

Sara E. Branham, Secretary
Subcommittee on Neisseriaceae

To the Members of the Subcommittee on Neisseriaceae

Dr. Sara E. Branham has been Secretary of the Subcommittee on Neisseriaceae from its inception and the acknowledged constructive contribution of the Committee is very largely due to her wise, unselfish and energetic work. Many difficult situations were overcome through her kind and considerate actions and this encouraged the response and contributions made by the members of the Committee.

Dr. Branham has an unequalled knowledge of the Neisseriaceae; so it is fortunate she consents to continue to be a member of the Committee and to establish the Type strains in her collection. Her opinion and guidance will thus continue to be available in what is still an important matter. I am sure I express the feelings of every member of the Committee in thanking Dr. Branham for all she has done.

The Committee is fortunate in the acceptance by Dr. Michael J. Pelczar of the Secretaryship and his success is assured by his interest and active work on Neisseriaceae.

E.G.D. Murray, Chairman
Subcommittee on Neisseriaceae