

The title of professor emeritus in the University has been conferred on the following in respect of the chairs they have held at the colleges mentioned: Prof. M. E. Delafield (chemistry as applied to hygiene, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine); Prof. H. F. Hallett (philosophy, King's College); Prof. M. F. Lucas Keene (anatomy, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine); Prof. J. R. Partington (chemistry, Queen Mary College); Prof. A. V. Hill (physiology and head of the Biophysics Research Unit, University College); Prof. D. M. S. Watson (Jodrell chair of zoology and comparative anatomy, University College); Prof. H. E. Watson (Ramsay chair of chemical engineering, University College).

The following doctorates have been conferred: *D.Sc.*: Mr. W. B. Mann (Imperial College of Science and Technology); *D.Sc.(Econ.)*: Mr. R. H. Coase (London School of Economics and Political Science).

Colonial Service: Recent Appointments

THE following appointments have recently been made in the Colonial Service: J. Cofie (senior agricultural officer, Gold Coast), senior assistant secretary, Gold Coast; N. Lamont (agricultural officer, Fiji), economic botanist, Fiji; G. M. Roddan (director of agriculture, Nyasaland), director of agriculture, Kenya; J. O. Torto (assistant director of agriculture (cocoa industry, temporary), Gold Coast), senior assistant secretary, Gold Coast; W. T. S. Brown (conservator of forests, Gold Coast), deputy chief conservator of forests, Gold Coast; D. A. Cannon (senior pathologist, Nigeria), assistant director of laboratory services, Nigeria; A. Kertesz (medical officer, Nigeria), pathologist, Nigeria; Dr. J. Anderson (senior veterinary research officer, Kenya), assistant director of veterinary research, Kenya; G. D. N. Bartlett (agricultural assistant, Nyasaland), principal agricultural assistant, Nyasaland; R. Elliott (entomologist, Sierra Leone), entomologist, Nigeria; C. D. Hutchings (senior agricultural officer, Jamaica), deputy director of agriculture (Extension Services), Jamaica; F. F. Smithyman (agricultural assistant, Nyasaland), principal agricultural assistant, Nyasaland; Dr. R. A. Kenney, senior scientific officer (physiologist), Heat Research Unit, Nigeria; D. A. Brown, veterinary officer, Kenya; P. D. Berwick, meteorologist, East Africa High Commission; H. T. Hayes, fisheries officer, East Africa High Commission; A. B. Law, meteorological officer, Northern Rhodesia; R. T. Smith, sociological research officer, British Guiana; J. E. Stevens, senior meteorological officer, Northern Rhodesia; T. Trimble, meteorological assistant, East Africa High Commission; W. R. Bransby-Williams, field officer, Colonial Insecticides Research Unit, East Africa.

The Night Sky in August

NEW moon occurs on Aug. 2d. 22h. 39m., U.T., and full moon on Aug. 17d. 02h. 59m. The following conjunctions with the moon take place: Aug. 1d. 04h., Mars 3° S.; Aug. 5d. 07h., Mercury 2° S.; Aug. 5d. 21h., Venus 4° S.; Aug. 7d. 02h., Saturn 4° N.; Aug. 20d. 21h., Jupiter 5° S.; Aug. 30d. 0h., Mars 2° S. Mercury is an evening star, setting about an hour before the sun on Aug. 1, but it draws closer to the sun and is in inferior conjunction on Aug. 31, and is not favourably placed for observation during most of the month. Venus sets about an hour after the sun on Aug. 1, but as the planet is approaching the sun it is not well placed for observation through-

out the greater part of the month. Mars rises about 2h. 30m. during August and can be seen for some time before sunrise in the constellation Gemini. Jupiter rises at 22h., 21h. and 20h. on Aug. 1, 15 and 31, respectively, and is visible a little south of δ and ϵ Piscium throughout the month, stellar magnitude -2.3 . Saturn, an evening star, sets about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours after sunset on Aug. 1 but draws closer to the sun and is not easily seen at the end of the month, when it sets less than an hour after sunset. Occultations of stars brighter than magnitude 6 are as follows: Aug. 4d. 11h. 18m., α Leonis (*D*); Aug. 4d. 12h. 32.6m., α Leonis (*R*); Aug. 23d. 01h. 29.3m., μ Arie. (*R*). (*D*) and (*R*) refer to disappearance and reappearance, respectively, and the times refer to observations made at Greenwich. The Perseid meteors attain a maximum about Aug. 10-12, but moonlight will make observations of the shower somewhat difficult.

Announcements

THE honorary degree of LL.D. of the University of Aberdeen has been conferred on Sir William Ogg, director of Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts.

HONORARY degrees of the University of Reading have been conferred on the following: *D.Litt.*, Sir John Beazley, professor of classical archaeology in the University of Oxford, and Sir Frank Stenton, formerly vice-chancellor of the University of Reading; *D.Sc.*, Sir John Russell, formerly director of Rothamsted Experimental Station, and Sir Henry Tizard, chairman of the Advisory Council on Scientific Policy.

THE honorary degree of D.Sc. of the University of Wales has been conferred on Sir David Brunt, professor of meteorology in the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London.

THE following appointments have been made in the University of Leeds: Dr. R. P. Hullin, lecturer in biochemistry; Mr. W. S. Reith, research chemist and honorary lecturer in the Department of Botany.

POWER Jets (Research and Development), Ltd., have appointed Mr. G. C. R. Mathieson to be senior lecturer at the School of Gas Turbine Technology, Farnborough, Hampshire. Mr. Mathieson was until recently a senior scientific officer in the Aerodynamics Department of the National Gas Turbine Establishment, Pyestock, which he joined in 1946.

SIR ALEXANDER CARR-SAUNDERS has resigned from the chairmanship of the Colonial Social Science Research Council, owing to the pressure of other duties; he will be succeeded by Sir David Parry, professor of English law in the University of London since 1930. Sir Alexander has recently assumed the chairmanship of the Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies.

THE Annual Exhibition of the Amateur Entomologists' Society will be held on Saturday, September 22 (2 p.m. to 6 p.m.), at Buckingham Gate Central Schools, Wilfred Street, London, S.W.1. There will be exhibits of specimens, equipment, apparatus, photographs, etc., and talks by experts including Major Maxwell Knight. Further particulars can be obtained from the honorary publicity secretary of the Society, L. W. Siggs, 10 Repton Road, Orpington, Kent.