

New York City; Dr. Ingeborg C. Radde, endocrinology at the University of Toronto; Dr. R. F. Scott, pathology at the London Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, London, England; Dr. Joan M. Vale, endocrinology at the University of Toronto.

#### University of Glasgow

AMONG those on whom the honorary degree LL.D. was conferred on Commemoration Day at the University of Glasgow, there were two members of the 1914 Shackleton Polar Expedition: Prof. Alexander Stevens, sometime professor of geography in the University of Glasgow, and J. M. Wordie, master of St. John's College, Cambridge, and director of the Scott Polar Research Institute. Other men of science were: Prof. Boris Ephrussi, professor of genetics in the University of Paris, whose ideas and early experiments have strongly influenced the present developments in biochemical genetics; and Sir Edward Salisbury, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Sir Arthur Trueman, sometime professor of geology in the University of Glasgow, and lately chairman of the University Grants Committee, was given the degree *in absentia*.

#### University of Birmingham

THE title of reader in analytical chemistry in the University of Birmingham has been conferred on Dr. R. Belcher, senior lecturer in analytical chemistry, and the title of university research fellow on the following: Prof. D. L. Anderson, associate professor of physics at Oberlin College, Ohio, who will be working in the Department of Physics for a year; and W. D. Seymour, during the tenure of his present appointment in the Department of Engineering Production. The following appointments have been made in the University: Dr. J. D. Eshelby, lecturer in physical metallurgy; Dr. A. B. Foster, Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., Fellow in the Department of Chemistry; and F. Edmondson, Leverhulme Fellow in the Department of Engineering Production.

#### University of Leeds

THE following appointments have been made in the University of Leeds: J. B. Butler, senior agricultural economist in the Department of Agriculture; Prof. B. E. Douglas and Prof. H. Taube (Chicago), Brotherton research lecturers in physical chemistry; E. W. Bennett, lecturer in the Department of Civil Engineering. The Department of Bacteriology has received a gift of £700 from Newton Chambers and Co., Ltd., for research.

#### The Night Sky in July

FULL moon occurs on July 16d. 00h. 29m., U.T., and new moon on July 29d. 22h. 20m. The following conjunctions with the moon take place: July 3d. 15h., Venus 5° N.; July 9d. 18h., Saturn 8° N.; July 14d. 00h., Mars 3° S.; July 28d. 08h., Mercury 2° S., and at the same time Jupiter 0° S. In addition to these conjunctions with the moon, Venus is in conjunction with Regulus on July 12d. 08h., Venus 1.1° N., and Mercury is in conjunction with Jupiter on July 28d. 00h., Mercury 1.9° S. Mercury, in inferior conjunction on July 6, is too close to the sun to be seen until near the end of the month; on July 31 it rises at 2h. 50m., nearly an hour before sunrise. Venus is an evening star, its times of setting being 22h. 20m., 22h. 50m. and 21h. 15m. at the beginning, middle and end of the month, respect-

ively. Its stellar magnitude varies between -3.5 and -3.6, and the visible portion of its illuminated disk between 0.76 and 0.66. Mars is visible throughout the night, setting in the early morning hours at 2h. 40m., 1h. 20m. and 0h. 15m. on July 1, 15 and 31, respectively. Its fairly close approach to the moon on July 14 has been already noticed, but observation of the planet will not be then very easy as the moon is only two days from full. During the early portion of July Jupiter is too close to the sun to be seen, but on July 15 it rises at 3h. and on July 31 at 2h. 25m. and is visible for a short time in the constellation Gemini. Saturn sets at 0h. 40m., 23h. 40m. and 22h. 40m. on July 1, 15 and 31, respectively, and is visible during the early morning hours in the constellation Virgo. Only one occultation of stars brighter than magnitude 6 takes place in July: 18 Aquar. reappears on July 17d. 22h. 45.8m., the observation being made at Greenwich. The earth reaches aphelion on July 3.

A partial eclipse of the moon takes place during July 15-16 and is visible at Greenwich. The circumstances of the eclipse are as follows:

Moon enters penumbra	July 15d. 21h. 47.7m.
Moon enters umbra	15 23 09.4
Middle of the eclipse	16 00 20.3
Moon leaves umbra	16 01 31.3
Moon leaves penumbra	16 02 52.9

Magnitude of eclipse is 0.411, the diameter of the moon being 1.

#### Announcements

THE 1954 award of the Commemorative Medal of Prince Albert I of Monaco (Prix Manley-Bendall) has been made to Captain de Corvette G. Houot and Engineer Officer P. Willm, of the French Navy, for their great achievement in descending to a depth of just over 2½ miles off Dakar in the naval bathyscaphe *F.N.R.S.-3*. The award was announced at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Institut Océanographique held in June at Paris, and the donor of the Medal is generously having it struck in duplicate so that each recipient can possess it.

A FOLK Gallery in the Abbey House Museum, Kirkstall, will be opened by Dr. F. Sherwood Taylor, director of the Science Museum, London, on July 2, at 11 a.m. The gallery is in the form of a small street called "Abbey Fold".

THE British Institution of Radio Engineers will hold its annual convention at Christ Church, Oxford, during July 8-12; the theme this year will be the application of electronics to industry. Representatives from many branches of industry as well as from the Armed Services, universities and technical colleges will be present. Further information can be obtained from the Institution at 9 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.

A SYMPOSIUM on "The Comparative Endocrinology of Vertebrates" will be held in the Department of Zoology, University of Liverpool, during July 12-16. The symposium will be in two parts—the comparative physiology of reproduction, and the hormonal control of water and salt-electrolyte metabolism in vertebrates—under the respective chairmanship of Prof. S. Zuckerman and Dr. S. J. Folley. The proceedings of the symposium will be published as a memoir of the Society for Endocrinology. Accommodation is available at the University. All communications should be directed to the organizer, Dr. I. Chester Jones, Department of Zoology, University of Liverpool.