

Teyler Essay Competition

THE 1961 competition for the Teyler Prize, organized jointly by the Teyler Foundation and the Second Teyler Society, will take the form of an essay on modern theories of the genesis of organic matter and macromolecules originating during a phase of development of the Earth, prior to the appearance of the first living organisms. The Teyler Prize consists of a gold medal or 400 Dutch guilders. The closing date for the competition is January 1, 1963. Further information can be obtained from the directors of Teylers Stichting, Fundatichuis, Damstraat 21, Haarlem (Netherlands).

University News :

Belfast

THE following appointments to lectureships have been announced: B. E. S. Gunning (botany); Dr. W. D. McGrath (physical chemistry); B. C. S. Wilson (archæology). Grants have been received as follows: from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, £695 for the purchase of an argon chromatograph, and £768 for the purchase of a gas chromatograph with flame ionization detector, both for research in the Department of Chemistry; from the Wellcome Trust, £5,500 for the purchase of an Akashi electron microscope and an ultramicrotome for use in research by the Department of Zoology.

Birmingham

AMONG the recent appointments are the following: J. W. Fortey, to be lecturer in civil engineering; D. E. N. Davies, to be Associated Television Fellow in the Department of Electrical Engineering; B. Henderson, to be William Gibbins Research Fellow in the Department of Physical Metallurgy; Dr. A. I. Rees to be Imperial Chemical Industries Fellow in Geophysics in the Department of Geology.

Keele

THE Nuffield Foundation has given £20,000 to the University College of North Staffordshire for the purpose of setting up and maintaining a special library, to be known as the Nuffield Library, appropriate for the foundation year of general studies in the College. This Library, to be housed in the new University Library building under construction, will contain multiple copies of a number of texts which are basic to the study of each of the twenty or more subjects which go to make up the foundation year course. Part of the grant is to be available to keep this Library constantly up to date.

London

DR. F. F. HEYMANN has been appointed reader in physics in the University of London, and Dr. J. Lewis reader in chemistry in the University of London, in respect of posts held by them at University College.

Sheffield

THE following appointments have recently been announced: Dr. S. C. R. Dennis, senior lecturer in applied mathematics; Dr. R. C. Hewson-Brown, lecturer in applied mathematics; Dr. D. S. Dugdale, Speedicut research fellowship in mechanical engineering; J. Beech, United Steel Companies' fellowship in metallurgy; D. H. Warrington, J. H. Andrew fellowship in metallurgy; A. Mitchell, C. H. Desch research fellowship.

Announcements

PROF. J. D. BERNAL, professor of physics in Birkbeck College, University of London, has been elected a member of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to scientific knowledge in the field of physics.

SIR THOMAS SCRIVENOR, deputy high commissioner for Basutoland, the Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland, has been appointed secretary of the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux.

THE third meeting of the Biological Engineering Society is to be held in Bristol on April 29. The Society will be visiting the University, in particular the Department of Anaesthetics and the Burden Neurological Institute. Further information can be obtained from Dr. A. Nightingale, Physics Laboratory, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, S.E.1.

A GENERAL meeting of the Association of Applied Biologists is to be held at the Manor House, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, on March 10. The meeting will include a symposium on "Physiology of Field Crops". Further information can be obtained from Miss G. N. Thorne, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts.

A ONE-DAY symposium on the application of interference microscopy to problems of research is to be held by the Royal Microscopical Society on March 15 in its rooms at Tavistock House South, W.C.1. Further information can be obtained from the General Secretary, The Royal Microscopical Society, Tavistock House South, Tavistock Square, W.C.1.

THE fourth symposium in agricultural meteorology will be held in the University College, Aberystwyth, on March 8. The topic for discussion is "Soil Climate with Special Reference to the British Isles". Particulars can be obtained from Mr. James A. Taylor, Department of Geography and Anthropology, University College, Aberystwyth.

THE fourteenth Laboratory Animals Centre Congress is to be held at the University of Bristol during April 10-11. Admission to the Congress is by invitation only. Forms of application and further information can be obtained from the Director, Laboratory Animals Centre, Medical Research Council Laboratories, Woodmansterne Road, Carshalton, Surrey.

THE Third Australian Spectroscopy Conference will be held in the Chemistry School, University of Sydney, during August 22-24, under the sponsorship of the Standing Committee on Spectroscopy of the Australian Academy of Science. The Conference will cover all aspects of pure and applied spectroscopy including the newer fields such as resonance spectroscopy. Further information can be obtained from Dr. L. E. Lyons, Department of Physical Chemistry, University of Sydney.

GEOCHEMICAL LABORATORIES, LTD., 2 Elmfield Avenue, Teddington, Middlesex, announce that these Laboratories, hitherto carried on in partnership by Mr. H. B. Milner and Mr. A. H. Clarke, will be continued by Mr. Clarke under the same name. Mr. Milner will continue to be actively concerned with the Laboratories and has agreed to act as consultant and adviser.