

awards will be announced before October 1, 1945. Additional applications received by November 15, 1945, will be considered and awards announced by December 31, 1945. Detailed information with respect to these awards and a copy of the required application form may be secured upon written application to the Secretary-Treasurer, National Research Council, Ottawa.

University of Durham : Appointments

DR. A. C. OFFORD has been appointed to the chair of mathematics in the Newcastle Division of the University of Durham. Dr. Offord was born in 1906, and was educated at University College, London, and at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he was elected to a fellowship. He has also been a lecturer at the University College of North Wales, Bangor. He joined the Mathematics Department at King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in 1941. His published work includes papers on the theory of divergent series, Fourier transforms, trigonometric intervals and the application of methods of the theory of probability to algebraic equations; he has also done work on integral functions.

Mr. W. H. F. Barnes has been appointed to the chair of philosophy in the Durham Division of the University of Durham. Mr. Barnes is thirty-six years of age. He was educated at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he was awarded the Haigh Scholarship in classics and the John Locke Scholarship in mental philosophy. He also held for two years a Senior Demysip at Magdalen College. Since 1936 he has been assistant lecturer and then lecturer in philosophy at the University of Liverpool. During 1941-42 he was in the R.A.F. and thereafter took a post as administrative officer in the Ministry of Supply. His published works include papers in periodicals on values, meaning and verifiability, action, Berkeley and Locke, and Richard Price.

University of London : Appointments

THE following appointments have been made in the University of London: Mr. Raymond Irwin, county librarian of Lancashire, to be director of the School of Librarianship at University College; Dr. John Yudkin, recently supervisor in biochemistry and physiology at Christ's College and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, to the University chair of physiology tenable at King's College of Household and Social Science; Dr. L. Dudley Stamp, since 1926 Sir Ernest Cassel reader in economic geography at the London School of Economics and Political Science, to the chair of geography at the School.

Announcements

DR. H. J. GOUGH, who has just been released by the Ministry of Supply (*Nature*, Aug. 11, p. 168), is joining Lever Brothers and Unilever Ltd. as engineer-in-chief, and will shortly take up his duties at Unilever House.

THE Nuffield Foundation has made a grant of £1,045 a year for five years for the stipend and pension contributions of a special research fellowship for Dr. E. Orowan to enable him to continue his work in the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, on the plastic properties of metals; in addition, the Foundation will provide £455 a year for the same period towards the cost of the fundamental research work undertaken by him.

THE next three graduate memberships of the Royal Institution, open to recent graduates, of either sex, of any university in the British Empire who have taken a degree with either first or second class honours in any scientific subject, will shortly be awarded by the managers of the Institution. These memberships give the holder the privileges of attending all lectures delivered in the Institution and the use of the Library. Application forms can be obtained from the General Secretary, Royal Institution, 21 Albemarle Street, London, W.1.

THE Gas Light and Coke Company has decided to broaden the basis of its research programme and to arrange for improved co-ordination of effort within the Company. Dr. H. Hollings, hitherto the chief gas chemist of the Company, has been appointed controller of research, and he now becomes responsible for the activities of Watson House as well as those of the Fulham Research Laboratory. The following further appointments have also been made: Mr. W. Dieterichs to be manager, Watson House; Mr. G. C. Holliday to be manager, Gas Light Centre; Dr. R. H. Griffith to be senior research chemist; Dr. S. Pexton to be senior chemical engineer.

AT the annual meeting of the Genetical Society, the following officers were elected: *President*, Dr. C. D. Darlington; *Vice-Presidents*, Prof. R. A. Fisher, Mr. M. B. Crane and Dr. J. Hammond; *Acting Treasurer*, Dr. D. G. Catcheside; *Secretaries*, Mr. W. J. C. Lawrence, John Innes Horticultural Institution, Mostyn Road, Merton, London, S.W.19; and Mr. R. R. Race, Galton Laboratory Serum Unit, at the Department of Pathology, University of Cambridge.

MR. J. E. C. BAILEY, chairman and managing director of Baird and Tatlock (London), Ltd., has been elected president of the Scientific Instrument Manufacturers' Association of Great Britain in succession to Mr. Frank Wakeham, who retires after three years of office. Mr. Bailey is a member of the Admiralty Chemical Advisory Panel, of the Commission on Scientific and Laboratory Equipment of the Conference of Allied Ministers of Education, and of several committees of the British Standards Institution. Other officers of the Association are: *New Vice-Presidents*: Mr. J. Hasselkus (Ross, Ltd.), Mr. Frank Wakeham (Cambridge Instrument Co., Ltd.), Mr. T. J. Offer (Chas. Baker); *Hon. Treasurer*: Mr. S. Borthwick (R. and J. Beck, Ltd.); *Hon. Secretary*: Mr. G. A. Whipple (E. R. Watts and Son, Ltd.); *Members of Council*: Mr. H. A. Carter (J. H. Dallmeyer, Ltd.), Mr. G. A. Heed (A. Kershaw and Sons, Ltd.), Mr. A. J. Hughes (Henry Hughes and Son, Ltd.), Mr. J. Loxham (The Sigma Instrument Co., Ltd.), Major G. McAlpine (Kelvin, Bottomley and Baird, Ltd.), Mr. E. C. Sherren (United Kingdom Optical Co., Ltd.); Mr. M. H. Taylor (Taylor, Taylor and Hobson, Ltd.), Mr. H. A. C. Trepte (W. and J. George and Becker, Ltd.), Mr. W. N. Wheat (Chance Bros., Ltd.), Mr. H. H. Zeal (G. H. Zeal, Ltd.).

ERRATUM.—In the communication "Abnormal Lignification in the Wood of some Apple Trees", by Dr. A. Beryl Beakbane and Dr. Eleanor C. Thompson, in *Nature* of August 4, p. 145, Fig. 1 has been inverted; that is, the section of the 'rubbery' branch is that marked (a).