

this would have been inevitable had an enlarged *Proceedings* been distributed to all the Fellows. In the light of experience gained over the course of the past year, it has been found that the division which best meets the needs of Fellows is one which brings papers on microphysics and the physics of elementary particles into Section A, and papers on macroscopic physics into Section B. Cases arise where the division is bound to be somewhat arbitrary. While it is essential to maintain a certain amount of flexibility in the allocation of papers, a paper will, so far as possible, be put in the section where the main interest of the readers lies; for example, a paper on counter-technique would appear in B if the circuitry is the main interest, but would be in A if the applications to actual counting are of major importance. Details are available from the offices of the Physical Society, 1 Lowther Gardens, Prince Consort Road, London, S.W.7.

### University of Glasgow

The following appointments have recently been made from the University of Glasgow. Prof. W. J. Duncan has been elected to the newly founded Mechan chair of aeronautics and fluid mechanics. Lecturers have been appointed as follows: A. C. Crundwell (botany), R. Giles (natural philosophy), A. R. Hill (agricultural zoology), S. Mitchell (chemistry) to a senior lectureship, B. F. X. Touschek (natural philosophy). Dr. Robert Wright has retired after being senior lecturer in physical chemistry for thirty years. He graduated at the Royal University of Ireland (Queen's College, Belfast), and held an 1851 Exhibition Scholarship during 1912-15 at University College, London, and for the last year at Glasgow, where he was an assistant during 1914-17. After two further years as lecturer at Belfast, Dr. Wright returned to Glasgow in 1919. His research work has been mainly concerned with the study of solutions.

For the present session, 245 students have been newly admitted to the Faculty of Science. This is about ninety fewer than for the previous session, the difference being almost wholly due to the diminution in the number of students from the Forces. About two hundred research students have been registered. For the University as a whole, the total of matriculated students is just over 7,000.

### University of Cambridge: Appointments

The following appointments in the University of Cambridge have been announced: Prof. Dorothy Garrod, head of the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology; S. K. Runcorn, assistant director of research in geophysics; P. Johnson and P. George, assistant directors of research in colloid science. A. G. Brighton has been re-appointed curator of the Sedgwick Museum of Geology, and W. S. Mansfield director of the University farm.

### Mineralogical Society: New Officers and Council

At the recent anniversary meeting of the Mineralogical Society, Officers and Council for the session 1949-50 were elected as follows: *President*, Prof. C. E. Tilley; *Vice-Presidents*, Mr. B. W. Anderson and Dr. A. J. Bull; *Treasurer*, Mr. E. H. Beard; *General Secretary*, Dr. G. F. Claringbull; *Foreign Secretary*, Dr. L. J. Spencer; *Editor of the Journal*, Dr. L. J. Spencer; *Ordinary Members of Council*, Dr. G. W. Brindley, Dr. F. Dixey, Prof. L. Hawkes, Prof. W. Q. Kennedy, Dr. S. O. Agrell, Mr. H. G.

Dines, Mr. G. S. Gowing, Dr. S. I. Tomkeieff, Dr. F. A. Bannister, Dr. J. Phemister, Mr. H. M. Powell and Mr. H. P. Rooksby.

### Announcements

MR. E. V. MURPHREE, president of the Standard Oil Development Co., New York, has been awarded the Perkin Medal by the American section of the Society of Chemical Industry, given annually for outstanding work in applied chemistry. Mr. Murphree is known for his work on synthetic rubber, catalytic cracking, the application of the fluid solids technique, and synthetic liquid fuels.

A SCIENCE Meeting of the Physical Society will be held in the Physics Department University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, December 10, from 9.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. The subject of the meeting will be "Nuclear Physics". Talks will be given as follows: in the morning, (i) "Crystals for Scintillation Counters", by G. F. J. Garlick; (ii) "Speculations about the Origin of the Elements", by Prof. R. E. Peierls; in the afternoon, (i) "Life-times of Excited Nuclear States", by Mr. D. E. Bunyan; (ii) "The Shell Models of Nuclear Structure", by Dr. J. Lindhard. All physicists interested in the subject are welcome to attend.

It is announced from Pembroke College, Cambridge, that the Stokes Studentship is about to become vacant. The Studentship will be awarded without distinction of sex; preference will be given to graduates of the University of Cambridge. Candidates must not be less than twenty-three or more than thirty years of age on January 1, 1950, and a preference will be given to those between the ages of twenty-three and twenty-six. They must have shown capacity for research in mathematical or experimental physics or in related subjects, such as physical chemistry or the study of physical laws in relation to living matter. The normal value of the Studentship is £500 a year for three years. Applications must reach the Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge, on or before December 31, 1949, marked on the outside "Stokes Studentship".

To increase production knowledge in industry, the British Welding Research Association has established a team of development and liaison engineers, who will interpret the research results of the Association and discuss the many varied applications of welding with persons and firms interested in such problems. Mr. A. J. Hipperson, who leads the team, was for many years connected with the Welding Advisory Service and has been with the British Welding Research Association since its inception.

A SERIES of three Christmas Lectures, specially adapted for a juvenile audience of from twelve to seventeen years of age, will be given in the Royal Photographic Society's House, at 16 Princes Gate, London, S.W.7, on December 28, 29 and 30, at 3 p.m. The lecturers and subjects will be as follows: "Photographing People", by Mr. Richard N. Haile; "How a Photograph Gets into Print", by Mr. F. H. Smith; "Photographing Marine Life", by Dr. Douglas P. Wilson. Admission will be free but by ticket only, obtainable on application to the Secretary of the Society at the above address.

ERRATUM. In the note in *Nature* of October 15, p. 648, referring to the journal *New Education*, the price of the first issue was wrongly given as 1s. 6d. This should have been 1s. 3d.