

University of London

THE title of professor emeritus of zoology in the University of London has been conferred on Prof. A. J. Grove on his retirement from the chair of zoology at Queen Mary College, where he has been an 'appointed teacher' since 1933; the title of professor of pharmacology in the University has been conferred on Dr. J. M. Robson in respect of the post held by him at Guy's Hospital Medical School. Dr. G. Brownlee has been appointed to the University readership in pharmacology, tenable at King's College. The degree of D.Sc. has been conferred on W. Ehrenberg (Birkbeck College) and L. N. Owen (Imperial College of Science and Technology).

Royal Statistical Society: Election of Officers

AT the annual general meeting of the Royal Statistical Society the following elections were announced: *President*, Prof. Bradford Hill; *Honorary Secretaries*, Mr. R. F. George, Mr. Richard Stone, Mr. Philip Lyle; *Honorary Treasurer*, Mr. R. F. Fowler. Mr. H. Campion, of the Central Statistical Office, was awarded the Society's Guy Medal in silver.

The Night Sky in July

NEW moon occurs on July 15d. 05h. 05m., U.T., and full moon on July 29d. 04h. 17m. The following conjunctions with the moon take place: July 4d. 03h., Jupiter 1° N.; July 12d. 12h., Venus 6° S.; July 19d. 08h., Saturn 0.8° N.; July 21d. 18h., Mars 1° N.; July 31d. 09h., Jupiter 0.9° N. Mercury is a morning star at the beginning of the month, but, as it rises only forty minutes before the sun on July 1 and is in superior conjunction on July 11, it is too close to the sun for observation during the month. Venus rises nearly two hours before the sun throughout July and can be seen in the eastern sky in the early morning hours, stellar magnitude -3.4 , the visible portion of the illuminated disk varying between 0.805 and 0.882 . Mars sets at 23h. 40m., 22h. 55m. and 22h. 05m. on July 1, 15 and 31, respectively, and can be seen in the constellation of Virgo for a short time before sunrise. In the early part of the month it is a little north of δ Virginis, and at the end of the month a little north-east of α Virginis. Jupiter rises at 22h. 55m. and 20h. 55m. on July 1 and 31, respectively, and can be seen about midway between λ and θ Aquarii, but a little south of the line joining them. The declination of the planet is about -9° , so that it does not attain a greater altitude than 30° in the latitude of Greenwich; this maximum altitude is reached in the third week of July about an hour before sunrise, and the planet is too low during the month for very favourable observation. Saturn, which is close to ϵ Leonis, sets at 23h. 10m. on July 1 and at 22h. 15m. on July 15, but after this it draws too close to the sun for favourable observation, setting 1h. 25m. after the sun on July 31. Only one occultation of stars brighter than magnitude 6 takes place during the month, ω Sagittarii reappearing on July 1d. 02h. 07m. The earth reaches aphelion on July 3.

Announcements

SIR IAN HELLBRON, director of the Brewing Industry Research Foundation and formerly professor of organic chemistry in the University of London (Imperial College of Science and Technology), has

been elected a foreign member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences and Letters.

SIR HENRY TIZARD has asked the Minister of Defence to be relieved of part of his responsibilities as scientific adviser, and will continue work on a part-time basis. Sir Frederick Brundrett, chief of the Royal Naval Scientific Service, has been appointed deputy scientific adviser to the Minister of Defence. Sir Henry Tizard will continue to be chairman of the Defence Research Policy Committee.

THE Mixed Commission of Radiobiology, under the auspices of the International Council of Biological Unions, will hold a meeting at the Bibliothèque de l'Institut du Radium, 26 rue d'Ulm, Paris 5^e, on July 16, at 5 p.m. The provisional programme will include: the election of a president and a secretary; information and publications on radiobiology; organisation within the United Nations; radiobiological teaching and research; standardization of animal stocks and of biological material; and radiobiological units. This meeting has been made possible by a grant from Unesco. The secretary of the Commission is Dr. P. Bonet-Maury, Laboratoire Curie, 11 rue Pierre-Curie, Paris 5^e.

THE fifth annual electronics exhibition organised by the North-Western Branch of the Institution of Electronics will be held at the College of Technology, Manchester, on July 18, 2.30 p.m.-9 p.m., and during July 19-20, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Part of the exhibition will be devoted to the interests of the amateur constructor, and there will be demonstrations of television reception on receivers designed for home construction. Admission will be by ticket obtainable from Mr. A. Hickson, 205 Parris Wood Road South, East Didsbury, Manchester 20.

A DAY conference on "Clay Minerals, with Special Reference to Moulding Sand Bonds" will be held in the Department of Coal Gas and Fuel Industries, University of Leeds, on July 7, beginning at 10 a.m. Papers will be given by Dr. R. E. Grim, geologist and head of the Division of Clay Resources and Clay Mineral Technology, State Geological Survey Division, Illinois, and by Prof. A. L. Roberts and Dr. R. W. Grimshaw, of the University of Leeds. The papers will be followed by discussions and demonstrations. Attendance fee for the conference is 10s. Further particulars may be obtained from Miss M. Spink, assistant to the Director of Extra-Mural Studies, University, Leeds, 2.

THE Medical Research Council invites applications for the Kathleen Schlesinger Fellowship, tenable initially for one year at the National Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, Queen Square, London, and worth £700-£1,000 a year. This fellowship is provided from a fund established by the late Mr. E. M. Schlesinger and Mrs. Schlesinger in memory of their daughter; it is for the investigation of the origin and nature of cysts of the brain, and preference will be given to candidates who elect to work on the mechanisms underlying degenerative processes affecting the brain. Applications must reach the Secretary, Medical Research Council, 38 Old Queen Street, London, S.W.1, not later than July 15.

ERRATUM. In *Nature* of June 3, p. 868, in a notice of "Biology and Man", it is stated that the author is senior biology master at Winchester College; Dr. F. G. W. Knowles is, in fact, senior biology master at Marlborough College.