

beginning next September, to the following British graduates, among others: W. G. Chaloner, University of Reading (palaeobotany); R. I. Gillespie, University College, London (chemistry); H. L. Kornberg, University of Sheffield (biochemistry); D. D. Mears, King's College, London (engineering); P. G. Moore, University College, London (statistics); E. A. Power, University College, London (physics); G. C. Shephard, University of Birmingham (mathematics); R. J. Taylor, Clare College, Cambridge (astrophysics); D. G. Verney, University of Liverpool (sociology); and J. M. Williams, St. John's College, Oxford (chemistry). In addition, Dominion Civil Service Fellowships have been awarded to H. P. A. De Boom, South Africa (veterinary science), J. J. Kitshoff, South Africa (economics) and M. J. Moriarty, New Zealand (agricultural economics); and Colonial Civil Service Fellowships to F. A. Loyd, Kenya (conservation) and C. S. Ramage, Hong Kong (meteorology).

### "Protection from the Effects of Radiation"

COMMANDER P. L. CHANDLER, writing from 50 Montgomery Road, Sheffield, 7, says: "In *Nature* of February 28, p. 378, certain remarks are attributed to me, the nature of which I wish to disclaim. The policy of protection of personnel in the Naval Ordnance Inspection Department is not determined by the 'delivery of the goods'. The regulations laid down by their Lords Commissioners to the Admiralty are strict and conform to recommendations as accepted throughout the radiological world. These regulations as laid down are fully complied with in the Naval Ordnance Inspecting Department and those in force are such that the very minimum dose is obtained by personnel employed in the Radiological Department, and this is confirmed by daily readings with ionization chambers and regular readings by N.P.L. film batches".

### Announcements

SIR ROBERT ROBINSON, Waynflete professor of chemistry in the University of Oxford, has been awarded the Priestley Medal of the American Chemical Society, the Society's highest award.

SIR JOHN LENNARD-JONES has been awarded the Hopkins Prize of the Cambridge Philosophical Society for his work on the mathematical theory of molecular structure. The Prize is awarded every three years to a member of the University of Cambridge adjudged to have published the best original work in connexion with mathematico-physical or mathematico-experimental science in the relevant three-year period. The present award is intended to refer to the period 1945-48. The first recipient was Sir G. G. Stokes in 1867.

THE COUNCIL of the Institute of Metals has elected Sir Arthur Smout (past-president) a Fellow, in recognition of his long and distinguished services to the Institute; the number of Fellows is limited to twelve. Sir Arthur Smout was chairman during 1934-42 of what is now known as Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., Metals Division.

MR. DAVID P. RAMSOME, a descendant of Robert Ramsome, the well-known agricultural engineer, and managing director of E. H. Bentall and Co., Ltd., has been elected president for 1953-54 of the Institution of British Agricultural Engineers.

DR. W. IDRIS JONES, director-general of research to the National Coal Board, has been elected president

of the Institute of Fuel for the session 1953-54; he will succeed the retiring president, Dr. G. E. Foxwell, in October.

THE following appointments have been made in the University of London: Dr. L. F. Lamerton to the readership in physics applied to medicine, tenable at the Institute of Cancer Research, Royal Cancer Hospital; Dr. Miles Weatherall to the University readership in pharmacology, tenable at the London Hospital Medical College.

DR. S. F. MASON, formerly of Wadham College, Oxford, has been appointed a Research Fellow of the Department of Medical Chemistry of the Australian National University; he took up his duties on April 1 in the Department's laboratories, which are at present at 183 Euston Road, London, N.W.1.

THE fifth annual symposium on phytopharmacy, organized by a number of Belgian and Dutch organizations and companies interested in this field, will be held in the Institute of Agronomy, 233 Coupure, Ghent, on May 5. The majority of the papers will be in Dutch or French. Further information can be obtained from the secretary, R. H. Kips, Rijkslandbouwhogeschool, Coupure 233, Ghent.

THE Scientific and Technical Group of the Royal Photographic Society is organizing a conference on "Photographic Science and Technique", to be held in the Arthur Worthington Hall, University of Manchester, on May 16. A number of short papers will be read, with subsequent discussion, on some problems and uses of photography in scientific, industrial and medical work. The conference will be open to all; those who hope to attend should inform the Group Honorary Secretary (D. H. O. John, 62 Chelmsford Road, Shenfield, Brentwood, Essex), from whom further information can be obtained.

THE Society for Endocrinology is arranging a symposium on "The Determination of Adrenal Cortical Steroids and their Metabolites", to be held at the Medical Society of London, Chandos Street, W.1, on May 21 at 9.30 a.m. Non-members of the Society wishing to attend should write to Prof. N. F. MacLagan, Westminster Medical School, London, S.W.1. The Society also announces that a lecture on "The Prostatic Glands as Targets for Steroids" will be given by Dr. Charles Huggins (Ben May Laboratory for Cancer Research, University of Chicago) at the Royal Society of Medicine, Wimpole Street, London, W.1, on June 23 at 5.30 p.m. Admission is free and without ticket.

A COURSE on "Geography and Food Resources", to be held at Westham House Adult Residential College, Barford, near Warwick, during May 22-26, has been arranged by the Association of Agriculture with the co-operation of Captain F. Owen, principal of Westham House. After an opening talk on factors limiting world food production, other lectures will deal with land use and agricultural geography of Great Britain, the Dominions, Europe and the tropics. The fee for the course, which is residential, is £3 12s. 6d. Applications should be addressed to the General Secretary, Association of Agriculture, 238 Abbey House, 2 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, from whom further details can be obtained.

ERRATUM. In the account of the Bose Institute, Calcutta, in *Nature* of March 14, p. 468, the director was referred to as Dr. R. C. Mazumdar. This should read Dr. D. M. Bose.