

with which the conference was brought to a close. On the afternoon of November 12, the day before the proceedings of the conference opened, an honorary doctorate was conferred at a special degree congregation on Mr. H. H. Rogge, president of the Canadian Westinghouse Company, by the University of Laval. It is understood that the papers presented and the discussion on them will, in due course, be published in book form.

Geographical Association: Annual Conference

THE annual conference of the Geographical Association will be held in the London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London, W.C.2, during December 30, 1953–January 2, 1954. The meeting will commence with the presidential address, by Dr. O. J. R. Howarth, who will speak on "The Commonwealth in the Geography Syllabus". Besides a number of lectures, there will be three symposia on the following subjects: the place and use of Ordnance Survey maps in the primary school; specialization in sixth forms; and geography in further education. Excursions will be made to the Map Room of the British Museum, the Central Forecasting Office, Dunstable, the Darwin Museum at Down House, Downe, Kent, and to the Port of London Authority. On January 1 at 3 p.m. there will be a joint meeting with the Royal Geographical Society and the Institute of British Geographers at the Royal Geographical Society's House, London, S.W.7 (admission by special ticket only), at which Mr. T. D. Bourdillon and Mr. C. W. F. Noyce will give a lecture on "The Ascent of Everest, 1953, and its Significance". In conjunction with the conference the Association is holding its usual exhibition of books, maps and appliances (including visual aids) for the teaching of geography. Further information can be obtained from the honorary conference organizer, Dr. W. G. V. Balchin, Department of Geography, King's College, Strand, London, W.C.2.

Conference on Embryology and Experimental Morphology

A SCIENTIFIC conference associated with the annual meeting of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Embryology and Experimental Morphology* will provide embryologists in Great Britain with an opportunity to discuss the latest work of many of their European colleagues. The meetings will take place during January 9–12 at University College, London, and papers will be read by M. Abercrombie, J. Brachet, A. Dalq, E. Faure-Fremiet, S. Horstadius, F. E. Lehmann, J. Pasteels, Chr. P. Raven, S. A. Stefanelli, S. Toivonen, C. H. Waddington and Et. C. Wolff. On January 11 demonstrations of research material will be given by J. Brachet, A. M. Dalq, S. M. Manton, P. B. Medawar, D. R. Newth, J. Pasteels, A. Stefanelli and C. H. Waddington. The meetings are open to all biologists, and details of them may be had from Dr. D. R. Newth, Department of Zoology, University College, London.

Lectures on Atomic Energy

THE Atomic Scientists' Association and the University of London Extra-Mural Department are arranging a course of six lectures on "Atomic Energy", to be held in the Beveridge Hall, Senate House, Malet Street, London, W.C.1, on successive Wednesdays at 7 p.m., commencing January 20, 1954. The titles of the lectures and the speakers will be as follows: atomic research at Harwell, by Sir

John D. Cockcroft, director of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell; atomic weapons, by Prof. O. R. Frisch, Jacksonian professor of natural philosophy, University of Cambridge; power from atomic energy, by Prof. F. E. Simon, professor of thermodynamics, University of Oxford; radiation hazards of atomic energy, by Dr. J. F. Loutit, director of the Radiological Research Unit, Harwell; medical uses of atomic energy, by Dr. E. E. Pochin, director of the Department of Clinical Research, University College Hospital, London; and atomic energy and moral issues, by Prof. Kathleen Lonsdale, professor of chemistry, University of London, and Sir George Thomson, master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. The fee for the lectures is 10s. for the complete course or 2s. a lecture. Tickets and further information can be obtained from Prof. J. Rotblat, Physics Department, Medical College, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Charterhouse Square, London, E.C.1.

Harwell Isotope School: Courses during 1954

THE Isotope School at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, which teaches the techniques of using and handling radioactive materials to scientists, directors and industrial research workers, is holding five courses during 1954 on the following dates (the latest date of application is shown in brackets): Course 21, January 11–February 5 (December 12, 1953); Course 22, March 1–26 (February 1); Course 23, August 30–September 24 (August 2); Course 24, October 4–29 (September 6); Course 25, November 15–December 10 (October 18). The School building, which is equipped with the latest apparatus, is outside the security fence; lectures and instruction are given by members of the Harwell staff. Students pay a fee of £40 for the course, and living accommodation can be arranged in the neighbourhood at moderate charges. Applications should be sent to the Isotope School, A.E.R.E., Harwell, near Didcot, Berks.

Overseas Scholarships Scheme of the Federation of British Industries

DR. W. ABBOTT, formerly H.M. staff inspector of engineering at the Ministry of Education, has been appointed director of studies in connexion with the overseas scholarships scheme of the Federation of British Industries. Mr. W. V. Jenkins, who has been responsible for the operation of the scheme since its inception, remains as manager. The scholarships scheme now embraces Australia, Chile, Cuba, India, Iran, Pakistan, Peru and the Sudan, and is in process of being extended to other British territories and certain foreign countries, especially in the Middle East. The first two groups of scholars from Latin America, four from Peru and three from Cuba, have recently arrived in Britain and begun their training at engineering works in various parts of the country. Scholars from other Latin American republics are expected shortly. Three more Indian scholars have also begun training, making a total of twenty-six graduates who are receiving their training under the scheme. Six have already returned home after completing their training.

University of Birmingham

THE following appointments have recently been made in the University of Birmingham. Dr. J. A. H. Waterhouse, lecturer in human genetics, has been given the title of reader in medical statistics. Dr. P. L. Krohn has resigned his readership in endo-