

Consort Road, London, S.W.7; 6s., or 7s. 3d. by post). But the value of the handbook is not limited to those who will have an opportunity of seeing the exhibition, for within its two hundred-odd pages are to be found a selected account of British instruments and apparatus and scientific and technical books that will serve as a valuable reference work to all those concerned with the physical sciences and technology. The book is arranged in numerical order of stands at the exhibition, and short paragraphs describe each particular item. There are an index of exhibitors' names and a fairly detailed subject index which supply all that is needed to locate any entry. Because of the restriction of exhibition space this year, the Society has been forced to limit severely the number of firms and establishments which it could invite to participate, and in order to compensate for this in some measure a new section of the handbook has been instituted in which firms describe items that would have been exhibited had space been available; this section, which consists of twenty-nine pages, is printed on yellow paper to distinguish it from the other items.

#### University of London: Appointments

THE following have been appointed to readerships tenable at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, University of London: Dr. D. N. Baron (chemical pathology), formerly senior lecturer in clinical biochemistry in the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London; Dr. Eleanor J. Zaimis (pharmacology), formerly lecturer in pharmacology in the School of Pharmacy, London. Dr. P. Du Val, formerly senior lecturer in the University of Bristol, has been appointed to the University readership in geometry tenable at University College, London. The title of reader in mathematics in the University of London has been conferred on Mr. T. V. Davies in respect of the post held by him at King's College, London.

#### Atomic Energy of Canada, Ltd.: Chalk River

IN *Nature* of January 2, we referred to the Chalk River atomic energy establishment as "a closed community engaged exclusively on secret work". Dr. W. B. Lewis, Vice-President for Research and Development, writes that this is not the case. "Almost all research work at Chalk River in pure nuclear physics and in biology is non-secret and less than half of that in chemistry is secret. It is mainly the technological aspects of the plant which are secret. The scientific staff freely discuss their work with colleagues in universities and other laboratories in America and Europe. Some fifty papers on original work are published annually. Lectures are given at universities and scientific institutions by scientists on the staff, and papers are presented at meetings of learned societies such as the American Physical Society, the Royal Society of Canada and the Chemical Institute of Canada. Visitors from other laboratories may come to Chalk River for discussions of non-secret work, subject only to certain reasonable formalities. General interest visits are not encouraged, but visiting scientists number about forty a month. As in Britain, security clearance is a requirement for all staff, because the disadvantages of splitting the establishment far outweigh the possible advantages. Besides basic research, it should be noted that the principal target of Canada's atomic energy programme is atomic power. Although by British standards this plant is geographically remote, it is not, we feel, intellectually isolated."

#### Announcements

THE University of Sheffield has conferred the title of reader on the following: Dr. J. G. Boswell (plant physiology), at present senior lecturer in botany; and Dr. E. T. B. Francis (vertebrate zoology), at present senior lecturer in zoology.

DR. R. M. WILLIAMS has been appointed director of the Applied Mathematics Laboratory of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Zealand, in succession to Mr. I. D. Dick, who was recently appointed an assistant secretary of the Department. Dr. Williams was born in Christchurch, New Zealand, and graduated in mathematics from Canterbury College in 1940. After war work, first on radar and then in the United States on the atom bomb, he obtained a Ph.D. at Cambridge and then, in 1949, took up a post as senior mathematician at the Applied Mathematics Laboratory.

THE new building of the Borough Polytechnic, London, S.E.1, will be open for inspection during April 7-9. This building includes laboratories for pure and applied chemistry, biology and biochemistry.

As a result of war damage, etc., the records of University College, London, were much impaired. The College is now preparing a complete list of those who have studied there either as undergraduates or postgraduates or who have been otherwise associated with the academic work there. The College is therefore asking anyone who has been in any way associated with it to write to the Secretary, giving their present addresses and a short statement of their careers with dates.

THE seventh annual congress of the Laboratory Animals Bureau will be held this year in the University of Sheffield during April 5-6. At the end of the first day the Animal Technicians Association will hold its annual general meeting. Further information can be obtained from the Laboratory Animals Bureau, M.R.C. Laboratories, Holly Hill, London, N.W.3.

THE Universities Federation for Animal Welfare is holding an Easter congress in University College, London (Malet Street, London, W.C.1), during April 6-9. The congress is open to all, whether members of the Federation or not, on payment of a fee of 2s. 6d. Full board (£3 3s., or 30s. for students) is available in the College. Further information can be obtained from Miss M. P. Williams, Branch Organizer of UFAW, 284 Regent's Park Road, London, N.3.

THE Development Commission is offering a few grants to British honours graduates for training in research problems in marine or freshwater science, which is designed to fit them for employment either in the Fishery Research Services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Scottish Home Department or in a marine or freshwater biological research institute. The grants are worth £250-£350 a year, with extra university fees paid, and are tenable from October 1 initially for one year, but renewable up to a maximum of three years. Application forms, to be returned by May 20, can be obtained from the Secretary, Development Commission, 6a Dean's Yard, Westminster, London, S.W.1.