

Rothamsted Experimental Station and chairman of the Congress Council. A registration fee of 2 guineas will be charged, payable to the Honorary Secretary of the Congress at 56 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, from whom further information can be obtained.

Aluminium in Shipbuilding

A SYMPOSIUM on "The Use and Welding of Aluminium in Shipbuilding", organized by a joint committee representing the Institute of Welding, the British Welding Research Association, the Institution of Naval Architects, the British Shipbuilding Research Association and the Aluminium Development Association, will be held in the Weir Lecture Hall of the Institution of Naval Architects, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London, S.W.1, during December 7-8. The symposium will consist of four sessions on, respectively, welding processes and techniques; materials and design; applications; and applications and economic factors. Admission to the symposium for the discussion of the papers to be presented is free. The papers will be published before the symposium, and a complete set can be obtained on payment of a registration fee of 4 guineas. The full proceedings will be published later and offered for sale by the Institute of Welding. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Institute of Welding, 2 Buckingham Palace Gardens, London, S.W.1.

International Wool Textile Research Conference

THE proceedings of the International Wool Textile Research Conference held in Australia in August and September (see *Nature*, October 15, p. 712) are to be published in five volumes. The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization is making a special pre-publication offer at a price of £A10 per set of five volumes, or £A2 per volume for Volumes A-D and £A4 for Volume E. The titles of the volumes are: Volume A, "Histology of Wool and Hair and of the Wool Follicle"; Volume B, "Chemical Physics and Physical Chemistry of Wool and Proteins"; Volume C, "Chemistry and Biochemistry of Wool Proteins, Peptides and Amino Acids"; Volume D, "Physics of Wool and other Viscoelastic Fibres"; Volume E, "Wool Technology". The ordinary price will be £A25 for the five volumes, and the reduced price is possible only for orders which are received before printing commences. Order forms are available from: Australian Scientific Liaison Office, Africa House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

University of Glasgow

THE following have been appointed lecturers in the University of Glasgow: G. W. Crosbie (biochemistry); N. G. Waton (experimental pharmacology); N. Grassie (macromolecular chemistry); J. Aitchison (mathematics); H. A. de Borde, B. H. Bransden, D. Dixon and W. S. C. Williams (natural philosophy); I. A. Boyd and Ann B. MacNaught (physiology), and L. M. Kellas (veterinary histology and embryology). Dr. A. Bhati has been appointed to an Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., fellowship in chemistry. A course in nuclear engineering, consisting of forty lectures and about twenty-five hours of practical work, is now available in the University for final-year students in engineering; it is being run by the Department of Natural Philosophy. A new petrochemical laboratory has been added to the Geology Department, and some of the space vacated by the Chemistry Department in the main University building is being taken over as an extension by the

Geography Department. For the present session, 343 new students (273 men and 70 women) have been admitted to the science departments, compared with 287 in 1954. In the University as a whole, the total number of matriculated students has increased by about a hundred to 5,679.

University of London

THE title of professor of biology in the University of London has been conferred on G. E. H. Foxon in respect of his post at Guy's Hospital Medical School, and that of professor of geography in the University of London on A. E. Smailes in respect of his post at Queen Mary College. The following have been appointed to University of London readerships tenable at the institutions indicated: Dr. P. M. Butler, zoology at the Royal Holloway College; Dr. S. W. Hinds, public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; N. P. W. Moore, mechanical engineering at the Imperial College of Science and Technology; and Dr. R. K. S. Wood, plant pathology at the Imperial College of Science and Technology.

Announcements

DR. J. F. LOCKWOOD, master of Birkbeck College, has been elected vice-chancellor of the University of London for the remainder of the university year 1955-56, in succession to Prof. H. R. Robinson, who has resigned on medical grounds.

THE Ellen Browning Scripps Fellowship for 1955-56 has been awarded to Dr. Gordon W. Ballmer. The Fellowship is awarded by the San Diego Zoological Society, California, and is for research in any field of biology, a stipend of 3,500 dollars for a ten-month period being provided, together with full facilities for work at the San Diego Zoological Gardens. Dr. Ballmer, who is a graduate in zoology of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, will study carbohydrate metabolism in the Testudinata.

MR. S. L. HUTHNANCE, at present county agricultural officer for Berkshire, has been appointed deputy provincial director for the West Midland Province of Britain, in succession to Dr. D. H. Robinson, who was recently appointed provincial director.

THE ninth meeting of the European Association of Exploration Geophysicists will be held in London, at Church House, Westminster, during December 7-9. Further information can be obtained from the British representative, J. E. R. Wood, British Petroleum Co., Ltd., Kirklington Hall, nr. Newark, Notts, or from the Association itself at 30 Carel van Bylandtlaan, The Hague, Holland.

THE Scientific and Technical Group of the Royal Photographic Society is arranging a conference on "Photographic Science and Technique", to be held on December 3, in the Arthur Worthington Hall of the University of Manchester (Dover Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester 13). Seven papers will be read. It is hoped to make a visit in the evening to the Shirley Institute. The conference will be open to the public. Further information can be obtained from R. E. Withrington, 49 Kensington Avenue, Manor Park, London, E.12.

IN his review of Dr. Pollitzer's book on plague, which appeared in *Nature* of October 1, p. 615, Dr. E. Ashworth Underwood wrote on line 7: "Dr. Pollitzer, the only surviving author". Dr. Wu Lien-teh is in fact alive and still very active in other capacities.