

Council for Industry and Commerce; Dr. Willis Jackson, chairman of the Joint Committee on the Supply and Training of Teachers for Technical Colleges). The conference is open only to delegates and to specially invited guests.

#### Christmas Lectures

THE Christmas Lectures at the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, London, W.1, will be given this year by Dr. H. Baines; the subject will be "Photography", and Dr. Baines is giving six lectures on Thursdays, Saturdays and Tuesdays, beginning December 27. At the Institution of Electrical Engineers, the Christmas Lecture for older school-children will be given by Mr. J. F. Coales, of the Engineering Laboratory, University of Cambridge; he will speak on "Automation" and the lecture will be given on January 1 and repeated on January 2, at 3 p.m. Applications for tickets for Mr. Coales's lecture, which are free, should be sent to the Secretary, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London, W.C.2.

#### Oversea Service Division, Colonial Office

THE following appointments have recently been made in the Oversea Service Division, Colonial Office: N. Lawrence (scientific officer, Royal Observatory, Hong Kong), deputy director, Royal Observatory, Hong Kong; F. J. Parnell (assistant director, Game and Tsetse Control, Northern Rhodesia), director of Game and Tsetse Control, Northern Rhodesia; P. R. Adam, agricultural officer, Gold Coast; J. L. Anderson, agricultural officer, Western Region, Nigeria; M. G. Clough, agricultural engineer, Northern Region, Nigeria; R. Comber, agricultural specialist (plant physiologist), Gambia; P. G. Dennison, agricultural officer, Kenya; D. P. Drew, agricultural officer, Northern Region, Nigeria; W. M. Graham, entomologist, Maize and Produce Control, Kenya; F. N. Goodwin, agricultural officer, Northern Region, Nigeria; R. T. Harberd, agricultural officer, Northern Region, Nigeria; H. E. Hill, soil surveyor (Soil and Land Use Survey), British Guiana; S. P. Legg, livestock research officer, Ebini, British Guiana; K. R. Middleton, agricultural chemist, Northern Region, Nigeria; E. J. Mundy, agricultural officer, Northern Region, Nigeria; O. S. Swainson, principal, Farm Institute, Uganda; J. F. Ward, horticulturist, Department of Agriculture, Jamaica; R. B. Iles, scientific officer (zoologist), East Africa Fisheries Research Organization, East Africa High Commission; D. G. Almond, geologist, Uganda; H. P. J. Barr, assistant conservator of forests, Northern Region, Nigeria; P. B. Cruickshank, assistant conservator of forests, Gold Coast; R. M. Lee, assistant conservator of forests, Gold Coast; J. S. Scott, conservator of forests, Northern Region, Nigeria; O. Barnes, tsetse officer, Tanganyika; E. A. S. La Croix, entomologist, Tsetse Control Department, Gold Coast; P. L. Shinnie, director of antiquities, Ministry of Social Services, Uganda; B. Heyworth, veterinary officer, British Guiana; D. McManus, veterinary officer, Kenya; D. D. O. Pawson, veterinary officer, Tanganyika; J. H. Robb, veterinary officer, Western Region, Nigeria; L. F. Slater, veterinary officer, Uganda; R. C. H. Sweeney, section scientific officer, Nyasaland; W. Martin, senior technical assistant, Tuberculosis Research Unit, Gold Coast; P. Thomas, cocoa soil survey officer, Western Region, Nigeria.

#### Announcements

SIR CHRISTOPHER HINTON, managing director of the Industrial Group, United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, has been awarded the Churchill Gold Medal for 1956 of the Society of Engineers, for his work on atomic energy.

DR. WILLIAM J. ROBBINS, director of the New York Botanical Garden and professor of botany in Columbia University since 1937, has been elected a trustee of the Rockefeller Institute.

MR. W. A. SANDERSON, an assistant director of the Nuffield Foundation, has been appointed secretary of the United Kingdom and British Commonwealth Branch of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, which will be temporarily accommodated in Nuffield Lodge, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

THE following appointments in the University of Sheffield have been announced: Dr. A. Critchlow, to be lecturer in chemistry; Dr. A. R. Entwisle, to be lecturer in metallurgy. Dr. P. H. Price, lecturer in fuel technology, has resigned.

THE annual exhibition of laboratory apparatus and techniques arranged by the Manchester and District Section of the Royal Institute of Chemistry will be held in the College of Science and Technology, Sackville Street, Manchester, during 2 p.m.-8 p.m. on January 3 and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on January 4.

THE Education Panel of the Corrosion Group of the Society of Chemical Industry is offering a prize of 25 guineas for an essay or paper on any aspect (not necessarily research) of corrosion of metals and its prevention. Competitors must not be more than twenty-seven years old, and their contributions, which may contain diagrams and photographs, should be approximately four thousand words in length. Entries must be submitted before March 31 to the Corrosion Group Essay Competition, c/o Society of Chemical Industry, 14 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1, from which further information can be obtained.

THE Managing Trustees of the Drummond Fellowships for Research in Nutrition will consider in March 1957 applications for not more than one Drummond Senior Fellowship (£900 per annum) and not more than two Drummond Junior Fellowships (£500 per annum) for research in nutrition. The fellowships will normally be tenable for two years. Particulars can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Drummond Trust, University College, Gower Street, London, W.C.1. Completed application forms must be received not later than January 31, 1957.

RESEARCH papers on the chemistry and technology of oils and fats by a scientific worker in India are invited for consideration for the award of the Prof. T. P. Hilditch Medal. Such papers must relate to work carried out in the past two years, and should reach the convener of the award committee, Dr. D. R. Dhingra, H.B. Technological Institute, Kanpur, India, by December 31.

THE British Steel Castings Research Association has moved to new laboratories at East Bank Road, Sheffield 2.

A REVIEW of "The Chemistry of Living Cells" by Prof. Helen R. Downes was published in *Nature* of November 24, p. 1140. We are informed that the English publishers are Longmans, Green and Co., Ltd., and the price is 45s. net.