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### Announcements

THE Herbert Spencer Lecture for 1956 of the University of Oxford will be delivered by Sir Edward Bullard on December 4, at noon, his subject being "The Interior of the Earth".

MISS MARY GEORGE, principal information officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, has been appointed director and secretary of the Electrical Association for Women in succession to Dame Caroline Haslett.

DR. EDWARD WENK, JUN., has been appointed chairman of the Department of Engineering Mechanics of the Southwest Research Institute, Texas. He is an authority in the fields of stress analysis, naval architecture and building design and construction, and was formerly head of the Structures Division of the David Taylor Model Basin, Washington, D.C.

PROF. G. P. WRIGHT, Sir William Dunn professor of pathology in the University of London at Guy's Hospital Medical School, and Denis Hill, senior lecturer in clinical neurophysiology, Maudsley Hospital, London, and physician and lecturer in psychological medicine at King's College Hospital, London,

have been appointed members of the Medical Research Council. The Earl of Limerick and Sir Geoffrey Vickers have been reappointed for a further term of office.

AN international conference on rock magnetism, under the auspices of the International Council of Scientific Unions, will be held during November 1-3 in the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, with Prof. P. M. S. Blackett as chairman. Those wishing to attend should write before October 18 to Dr. J. A. Clegg, Department of Physics, Imperial College, London, S.W.7.

THE National Institute of Agricultural Botany is holding its Crop Conference for 1956 in Cambridge at the Union, Bridge Street, during December 12-13. The general theme will be "The Choice of Seed by Farmer and Grower", and sessions will be devoted to the seed testing service, vegetable crops, and wheats for the farmer to grow and sell. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary of the Institute at Huntingdon Road, Cambridge.

THE French Society of Metallurgy is holding its annual "Journées Metallurgiques d'Automne" in the Maison de la Chimie, 28 rue Saint-Dominique, Paris 7<sup>e</sup>, during October 22-27. Further information can be obtained from the Société Française de Métallurgie, 25 rue de Clichy, Paris 9<sup>e</sup>.

THE Fullers' Earth Union, Ltd., a member of the Laporte Group of Companies, has offered a scholarship to the Chemistry Department at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, to support and develop research in progress within the Department on the chemistry of clays. The studentship, which is of the value of £350 a year plus fees, is held in the first instance by Mr. G. S. Perry, who will study the intercalation of organic mixtures by clay minerals and the efficiency of such minerals in chromatographic separations.

THE B.B.C. is presenting one or two research scholarships each year of £385 per annum to university graduates in electrical engineering or physics, to enable them to work for a higher degree at any university in the United Kingdom. The scholarships are for two years in the first instance, and are limited to male British subjects. The subject for research must be in fields of telecommunications or physics having an application to sound or television broadcasting. The Corporation has awarded one research scholarship only this year, to Mr. P. C. J. Hill (University of Birmingham), who will work in the Department of Electrical Engineering, Imperial College of Science and Technology, under the supervision of Dr. D. Gabor.

REFERENCE was made in *Nature* of September 29 to the separate publication of Appendix III of the 1956 issue of the "Yearbook of the Universities of the Commonwealth". This appendix gives the number of overseas students in British university institutions. The corresponding Appendix III for the 1957 issue of the "Yearbook" has now been issued. This shows that for the academic year 1955-56 the total number was 9,723 (8,467 men, 1,256 women), as compared with 9,050 in 1954-55.

ERRATUM. In the review entitled "Techniques and Theory of Molecular Beams" by Dr. E. H. S. Burhop (*Nature*, 178, 608; 1956), the name "Rutherford" should read "Retherford". We regret this error.