

Radiofrequency Spectroscopy Group

A DISCUSSION will be held on "High Resolution Nuclear Magnetic Resonance" in Oxford during April 21-22, organized by Dr. R. Richards. Limited accommodation will be available in college for those who wish it. Reservation forms for this should be obtained from Dr. R. Richards, Lincoln College, Oxford. It is hoped that there will be contributions on the theory of high-resolution spectra, its application to organic and inorganic chemistry, and on the design of spectrometers. It is not intended to have any introductory accounts of the subject. Another meeting will be held during September 22-23, at Newcastle, on "Magnetic Resonance in the Solid State", organized by Dr. E. E. Schneider. Further information about these meetings and the Group can be obtained from Dr. D. J. E. Ingram, Honorary Secretary, Radiofrequency Spectroscopy Group, The University, Southampton.

Physical Society Exhibition

THE Physical Society's annual Exhibition of Scientific Instruments and Apparatus will be held in the Old and New Halls of the Royal Horticultural Society, Westminster, S.W.1, on the following dates: March 24, 10.30 a.m.-7 p.m. (Fellows and Press only, 10.30 a.m.-2 p.m.); March 25, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; March 26, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; March 27, 10 a.m.-4.30 p.m. The size of the Exhibition is expected to be similar to that of previous years, including 133 exhibitors, and a large number of universities, hospital physics departments and research organizations are again participating, thus assuring a high proportion of purely research exhibits. The following discourses, to be delivered at 5.45 p.m. on the dates indicated, are to be given: March 24, "Goethe's Colour Experiments", by Mr. M. H. Wilson (Goethean Science Foundation); March 25, "Some Uses of Physics in Archaeology", by Dr. E. T. Hall (Research Laboratory for Archaeology and History of Art, Oxford); March 26, "Some Recent Investigations with Aircraft on the Physics of Clouds and Rain", by Mr. R. J. Murgatroyd. As in previous years, the Society is publishing a "Handbook of Scientific Instruments and Apparatus" in connexion with the Exhibition (6s. net or 7s. 8d. post paid). All inquiries should be addressed to the Physical Society, 1 Lowther Gardens, Prince Consort Road, London, S.W.7.

University News:

University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland

LEVER BROTHERS (RHODESIA), LTD., has given £10,000 to the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland to endow a Research Fellowship. The Lever Research Fellowship will be of the value of £650 per annum, and preference in its award will be given to male graduates who wish to pursue advanced study and research in chemistry, chemical engineering or allied subjects. There are no restrictions of race or colour for candidates, who must normally be residents or children of residents in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Sheffield

THE following have resigned: Prof. R. P. Jepson, on his appointment as professor of surgery in the University of Adelaide; Prof. W. Hobson, on his appointment as medical officer in training and education in the World Health Organization Regional Office, Copenhagen.

The University has received the following grants: £2,000 a year for the next five years from the Town Trustees. This will be used for strengthening the recently created Department of Psychiatry. 8,500 dollars from the Rockefeller Foundation for research in microbiology.

Announcements

THE following awards have been announced by the Royal Society of Edinburgh: Keith Prize, 1955-57, to Dr. I. M. H. Etherington, for his papers on algebra published in the *Proceedings* of the Society during the period of the award and for his earlier contributions in the same field; Neill Prize, 1955-57, to Monica Taylor, for her joint paper published in the *Proceedings* of the Society during the period of the award and in recognition of her distinguished contributions to protozoology.

DR. D. G. EVANS has been appointed director of the Division of Biological Standards at the National Institute for Medical Research in succession to Dr. W. L. M. Perry, who is going to the chair of materia medica in the University of Edinburgh.

THE annual open day of the Glasshouse Crops Research Institute will be held on June 11. Further information can be obtained from the Institute, Worthing Road, Rustington, Littlehampton, Sussex.

THE 1958 annual conference of the Textile Institute will be held at Edinburgh during May 12-16. The subject will be "Fibre Blends and Mixtures". Further information can be obtained from the Textile Institute, 10 Blackfriars Street, Manchester 3.

A GENERAL discussion, organized by the Faraday Society, on "Configurations and Interactions of Macromolecules and Liquid Crystals" will be held in the Department of Chemistry, University of Leeds, during April 15-17. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Faraday Society, 6 Gray's Inn Square, Gray's Inn, London, W.C.1.

THE Institution of Electrical Engineers is holding an International Convention on Microwave Valves during May 19-23. Further information can be obtained from The Secretary, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London, W.C.2.

THE third congress of the International Federation of Prestressing will be held in Berlin during May 5-10. Further information can be obtained from Mr. Philip Gooding, Secretary, Prestressed Concrete Development Group, Terminal House, Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.

THE eighth annual meeting of the Société de Chimie Physique, which is to be held in Paris during May 27-30, will be devoted to a discussion on "Transferts d'Energie Lumineuse et Photosensibilisation". Further information can be obtained from Prof. G. Emschwiller, Ecole Supérieure de Physique et de Chimie, 10 rue Vauquelin, Paris Ve.

ERRATUM. In the communication entitled "Iso-leucine and Allo-isoleucine" by Anna W. I. van Dam-Bakker in *Nature* of January 11, in line 8 on p. 117, the comment "erroneously called threonine by Shulgin" is incorrect; the phrase should read "an allo-configuration is also possible for hydroxyproline, hydroxylysine and threonine, which also contain 2 asymmetric carbon atoms".