

ocean waters would not allow the disposal of radioactive waste in their deeper zones (see *Nature*, 182, 563; 1958).

#### D.S.I.R.: Longer-term Grants for Special Researches

LONGER-TERM grants for special researches will be awarded by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in future. These grants—which have normally been limited to a maximum of five years—may now be awarded for an initial period of up to seven years with the possibility of continuing support for a further ten years. When fully established, the support for these researches will be transferred from the Department to a university. The Department is therefore willing to support for longer periods outstanding university investigators embarking on promising researches for which their universities are unable to make adequate provision. The first closing-date for applications is March 1. Further information can be obtained from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, 5-11 Regent Street, London, S.W.1.

#### University News:

#### Birmingham

THE following appointments have been announced in the University of Birmingham: G. S. Pittaway to be lecturer in chemical engineering; Dr. W. T. Roberts to be lecturer in industrial metallurgy; Dr. A. L. Haigh to be lecturer in physiology.

#### Durham

PROF. E. LEDERER of the Institut de Biologie Physico-Chimique, 13 Rue Pierre Curie, Paris, will visit King's College in the University of Durham, Newcastle upon Tyne, during March 3-21 and for a further period after Easter.

#### University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland

MR. D. J. EVE has been appointed lecturer in inorganic and physical chemistry.

#### Announcements

PROF. N. F. MOTT, Cavendish professor of experimental physics in the University of Cambridge, has been elected Master of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, in succession to Sir James Chadwick, who is retiring.

MR. W. S. ELLIOTT has been appointed managing director of IBM World Trade Laboratories (Great Britain), Ltd., a new subsidiary of IBM World Trade Laboratories Corporation of New York. At present the Laboratories are at Hursley House, near Winchester in Hampshire, but it is planned to erect a new laboratory in the Southampton area. Research and development are being undertaken in the field of electronic data processing and computing.

A RESIDENTIAL working conference on Automatic Programming of Digital Computers will be held in the Department of Mathematics, Brighton Technical College, during April 1-3, under the direction of Dr. A. D. Booth. Further particulars and forms of application can be obtained from the Registrar, Brighton Technical College, Richmond Terrace, Brighton.

THE Stress Analysis Group of the Institute of Physics, in collaboration with the Instituut T.N.O., is organizing a conference to be held at the Technische Hogeschool, Delft, during March 31-April 4, at

which 55 papers to be distributed beforehand will be discussed. The conference is open to all who are interested: details of the programme and registration forms can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary, Institute of Physics, 47 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

THE Parasitology Group of the Institute of Biology is holding its spring meeting at the University of Edinburgh during March 19-22. Twenty-five communications and several laboratory exhibitions have been selected; the proceedings of the meeting will not be published. Those wishing to attend the meeting should register before February 28. Further information on the programme can be obtained from Miss June Mahon, Bedford College, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

TWO symposia, on "Water and Woodlands" and on "Lysimeters", respectively, organized by the International Association of Scientific Hydrology will be held at Hannoversch-Münden, near Kassel, in Germany, during September 8-13. Intending contributors should submit summaries to the Assistant Secretary, The Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1, from whom further information can be obtained. Completed papers must be submitted by the middle of April.

THE eleventh Technical Exhibition of the Oil and Colour Chemists' Association will be held in the New Hall of the Royal Horticultural Society at Greycoat and Elverton Streets, London, S.W.1, during March 17-19. The theme of the Exhibition will be the presentation of technical advances in those industries supplying the paint, varnish, printing ink, linoleum and other allied industries. The technical advances may relate to new products, new knowledge relating to existing products and their uses or, in suitable cases, existing knowledge which is not generally available in the consuming industries. Admission is free for both members and visitors. Further information can be obtained from the general secretary, Mr. R. H. Hamblin, Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4.

THE Acoustics Group of the Physical Society is sponsoring two symposia dealing with the problem of noise and vibration. The first, at 2.15 p.m. on March 24 in the Physics Department, Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, on "Recent Studies of Noise Problems", will survey recent work on the measurement and effects of noise. It is open to all without formality. The second is a one-day meeting on April 7 in the University of Southampton. Entitled "New Techniques in the Analysis of Noise and Vibration", it will include contributions on aspects of the use of correlation techniques, of digital computers for data processing and analysis, and on general applications of statistical communication theory. It is a joint meeting with the Institute of Physics. Further information can be obtained from D. M. A. Mercer, Physics Department, University of Southampton.

ERRATUM. In the communication by M. V. Carter entitled "Chemical Destruction of Mature Perithecia of *Mycosphaerella pinodes*", in *Nature* of January 17, p. 162, a line of description was omitted from the headings of columns 3-7 in Table 2. These headings, which refer to concentrations of pentachlorophenol, should read 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1.0 and 2.0 per cent, respectively.