

University News :

Hull

THE Department of Scientific and Industrial Research has made a grant of £6,000 to the Department of Chemistry towards the purchase of a mass spectrometer in support of research by Dr. G. C. Bond.

The Nature Conservancy has made a grant of £4,900 to the Department of Geography for a three-year investigation into the coastal geomorphology of Holderness and Spurn Head.

The following appointments to lectureships were made and took effect as from October 1 : F. J. Bryant (physics) and I. C. Williams (zoology).

London

THE following titles are announced : that of professor of physics in the University of London, conferred on Dr. M. Blackman, in respect of his post at the Imperial College of Science and Technology ; of professor of physical chemistry in the University of London, conferred on Dr. F. C. Tompkins, in respect of his post at the Imperial College of Science and Technology ; of reader in biochemistry in the University of London, conferred on Mr. S. P. Datta, in respect of his post at University College ; of reader in applied mathematics in the University of London, conferred on Dr. C. W. Kilmister, in respect of his post at King's College.

Oxford

RESEARCH grants are announced as follow : by the Medical Research Council, a grant not exceeding £1,100, for one year as from October 1, for scientific assistance in a study by X-ray analytical methods of insulin and related structures, to be carried out in the Laboratory of Chemical Crystallography under the direction of D. M. Hodgkin, reader in X-ray crystallography ; by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, a grant not exceeding £5,700 for three years as from October 1, 1959, for studies in interferometric spectroscopy, to be carried out in the Clarendon Laboratory under the direction of H. G. Kuhn, also a further grant not exceeding £1,250 during the period October 1, 1959, to September 30, 1960, for work on the constitution of bismuth-rich alloys, being carried out in the Department of Metallurgy under the direction of Prof. W. Hume-Rothery ; by the U.S. Public Health Service, a sum of 14,160 dollars for one year from September 1, 1959, for the continuation of research on vision and light quanta being carried out in the Department of Physiology by M. H. Pirenne, under the direction of Prof. E. G. T. Liddell.

The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research has provided grants not exceeding : £1,000 for one year as from October 1, 1959, for research on some natural products with biological activity, to be carried out in the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology under the direction of Dr. E. P. Abraham ; £1,500 for one year as from October 1, 1959, for research into perceptual limitations in high-speed performance in the Institute of Experimental Psychology by H. Kay, under the direction of Prof. R. C. Oldfield ; £22,860 for three years ending September 30, 1962, for an investigation of the geological age of rock series by methods based on natural radioactivity, being carried out in the Department of Geology under the direction of Prof. L. R. Wager ; £1,220 for equipment for research on the biochemical mechanism of cell division, to be carried out in the Department of Biochemistry under the direction of Sir Hans Krebs,

and £25,725 for the period October 1, 1959, to July 31, 1962, for an investigation of materials, using magnetic resonance and double resonance techniques, to be carried out in the Clarendon Laboratory under the direction of Prof. B. Bleaney.

The Admiralty has supplied, for the year ending March 31, 1960, a grant not exceeding £9,534 10s. 0d., for the continuation of research on centimetre waves and fundamental problems being carried out in the Clarendon Laboratory under the direction of Prof. B. Bleaney ; and the Ministry of Supply a grant not exceeding £1,175 for a year from September 1, 1959, for the continuation of an investigation of fluoro-carbohydrates being carried out in the Department of Biochemistry under the direction of Dr. P. W. Kent.

Announcements

MR. F. C. BRABY, chairman and managing director of Fredk. Braby and Co., Ltd., has been elected chairman of the Council of the British Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association in succession to Dr. Maurice Cook, who retires from that office on December 31.

THE Infra-Red Development Co., Ltd., Welwyn Garden City, has amalgamated with Hilger and Watts, Ltd., 98 St. Pancras Way, Camden Road, London, N.W.1. The Infra-Red Development Co. was founded in 1946 and specializes in the analysis of gases by non-dispersive infra-red techniques, primarily for industrial purposes ; it has been under the technical control and management of Mr. W. B. Bartley, who will remain managing director. It will continue to operate at its works and offices in Welwyn Garden City.

THE well-known instrument makers, Griffin and George, Ltd., Ealing Road, Alperton, Wembley, Middlesex, are opening a new branch at 626 Welbeck Road, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne. To celebrate this step, two exhibitions are being held, at the Heaton Assembly Rooms, Heaton Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, during November 17-20, and at the Corporation Hotel, Corporation Road, Middlesbrough-on-Tees, during November 23-25. The exhibitions will show a representative range of equipment of the latest type for education, research and development and industry.

UNDER the provisions of the Fulbright Programme, travel grants are available to citizens of the United Kingdom and dependent territories, to go to the United States for an academic or educational purpose, provided that they have adequate financial support in dollars for the visit, and have been accepted by an American institution of higher learning. Grants cover the cost of direct travel between the candidate's home and the American university or institution. They are available during June 1, 1960-August 15, 1960, for which applications must be submitted by March 14, 1960 ; and August 16, 1960-April 1, 1961, for which applications must be submitted by June 1, 1960. Application forms and further information can be obtained from the United States Educational Commission in the United Kingdom, 71 South Audley St., London, W.1.

WE regret that in the article entitled "Scientists in the Public Service in Britain" in *Nature* of September 19, p. 858, the statement issued officially relating to Dr. J. W. G. Lund is incorrect. Dr. Lund is in charge of the algological research of the Freshwater Biological Association, of which Mr. H. C. Gilson is director.