

working in the Medical Research Council's Research Unit for Molecular Biology at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge. Mr. Bentzon will work with Prof. M. S. Bartlett in the University of Manchester on the application of modern statistical theory of biological problems and Mr. Hunt will study methods of protein chemistry with Prof. M. Ottesen at the Carlsberg Laboratory, Copenhagen.

#### Lalor Grants and Awards for 1960

THE Lalor Foundation has announced the programme of awards for 1960 which it is offering for research in the biological sciences. These awards are to be for support of research on the fundamental biochemical and physiological mechanisms concerned with fertility and reproduction in various forms of life. The objectives are to further the knowledge and understanding of the basic phenomena involved and to extend and develop the possibilities for effective regulation and control. The awards may range up to 8,000 dollars a year, depending upon the scope and duration of the projects approved. Preference will be given to younger members of university and college staffs with an upper age limit of 45 years. The work may be carried out at the applicant's own institution or elsewhere. The Foundation will also grant postdoctorate summer or short-term research awards at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass., or elsewhere for appropriate projects in the fields specified. For these awards, the stipends will normally not exceed 900 dollars for a single man or a woman, 1,100 dollars for a married man working at his home institution, and 1,250 dollars for a married man with principal programme at another institution. Application and inquiries should be sent to the Lalor Foundation, 4400 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington 5, Delaware, and applications must be received by January 15, 1960.

#### Selby Fellowship

It is announced that Messrs. H. B. Selby Pty., Ltd., of Australia, have placed at the disposal of the Australian Academy of Science the means to establish a research fellowship, to be known as the Selby Fellowship. The intention of the gift is to recognize that, whereas there are numerous scholarships that enable Australian graduates to proceed overseas for research experience, there is now a need for measures to bring young graduates from British and other overseas universities for postdoctoral work in Australian laboratories. The Selby Fellowship is intended as a contribution to this problem. The Fellowship may be awarded for work in any branch of physical or biological science, and is tenable at any university or research institution in Australia by applicants less than thirty years of age. In general, applicants should hold the Ph.D. degree or have equivalent status and experience, but the Fellowship will not normally be given to those who have already held a senior research award. The Selby Fellowship will normally be tenable for one full year of work in Australia. This year applications will close on November 1 with the Assistant Secretary, Australian Academy of Science, Gordon Street, Canberra City, A.C.T. In future years it is intended that applications will close about June 20.

#### University News :

#### Birmingham

THE following appointments have been made: to the chair of botany, Prof. J. Heslop Harrison (for a

note on Prof. Heslop Harrison's work see *Nature*, 173, 150; 1954); Dr. Brenda Manly and Dr. J. Cohen, lecturers in zoology; K. A. Redish, lecturer in mathematical physics; Dr. N. A. Dyson, lecturer in physics; Dr. F. J. Wallace, lecturer in mechanical engineering; Dr. I. R. Smith, lecturer in electrical engineering; Dr. V. G. Jenson, lecturer in chemical engineering; Dr. W. B. Morgan, lecturer in geography; R. S. Hall, Research Fellow in physics; E. A. Howson, Research Fellow in electrical engineering; R. D. Hartley, Research Fellow in mining; E. Whipp, G. E. C. Hirst Fellow in the Department of Electrical Engineering; A. T. Aldred, Research Fellow in physical metallurgy; D. W. Jones, Research Fellow in physical metallurgy.

#### Leeds

THE following appointments to lectureships have been made: A. W. Chronowicz (civil engineering); Dr. B. F. Salvage (electrical engineering); A. L. Yettram (civil engineering).

#### Sheffield

THE following appointments to lectureships have been made: P. Chadwick, applied mathematics; Dr. J. N. Murrell, chemistry; C. E. Blank, medical genetics; Dr. J. Sykes, biochemistry; Dr. J. M. Hoskins, bacteriology and virology; Dr. J. Allison and Dr. A. M. Howatson, electrical engineering; K. Littlewood, fuel technology and chemical engineering; Dr. E. W. Lee, physics; L. Lehman, dental mechanics and prosthetics; T. B. Ferguson and J. D. Stringer, mechanical engineering; W. J. M. Tegart and C. W. Hawarth, metallurgy. Dr. J. F. Wallace has been appointed senior research fellow in mechanical engineering. The title of reader has been conferred on the following: Dr. A. Garnett, geography; Dr. D. R. Davies, applied mathematics; Dr. P. L. Pauson, organic chemistry.

#### St. Andrews

THE following appointments have been made: to readerships, Dr. D. Bijl, lecturer in natural philosophy in St. Salvator's College, and Dr. A. J. O. Cruickshank, lecturer in electrical engineering in Queen's College. Senior lectureships are as follows: Dr. J. L. Copp, lecturer in chemistry in Queen's College; Dr. F. D. Gunstone, lecturer in chemistry in St. Salvator's College; Mr. W. McNicoll, lecturer in civil and mechanical engineering in Queen's College; Dr. A. R. Mitchell, lecturer in mathematics in St. Salvator's College; and Dr. F. Walker, lecturer in geology in Queen's College.

#### Announcements

FOLLOWING the death of Sir Claude Gibb, it has been announced in the House of Commons that Sir Solly Zuckerman will succeed him as chairman of the committee responsible for controlling Government-financed scientific research and development. The committee was set up to consider the techniques and management of such projects.

ERRATUM. The papers referred to in the article entitled "Water-Resources and Water-Use Survey" in *Nature* of July 11, p. 96, are wrongly described in the footnote. The correct reference number is WMO No. 82.TP.32, which is published by the Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization, Avenue de la Paix, Campagne Rigot, Geneva.