

of the more fundamental aspects of magnesium metabolism, particularly intestinal absorption. Initially Mr. Ross will work at the Department of Animal Pathology, Cambridge. *Research Training Scholarship*: Mr. W. A. G. Charleston to undertake an investigation into the mechanics of the quadrupedal vertebral column, with special reference to the dog and the cat, under Prof. C. W. Ottway at the Department of Veterinary Anatomy, University of Bristol. Eight Evans Final Year Scholarships have also been awarded.

The International Nickel Company of Canada, Ltd., Fellowship

THE establishment of a fellowship to honour the visit of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, to the nickel mines in the Sudbury area has been announced by the International Nickel Company of Canada, Ltd., and the Canada Council (the latter being a body established by the Canadian Government for the encouragement of the arts, humanities and social sciences). The fellowship will be called 'The Queen Elizabeth II Fellowship (The International Nickel Company of Canada, Limited, Royal Tour, 1959)'. The award will be a postdoctoral fellowship tenable for two years. Research can be undertaken in the chemistry or physics of metals, geophysics, geology, metallurgy, mineralogy, or mining. Candidates must be Canadian citizens and holders of a doctor's degree and the fellowship must be held at a Canadian university. The International Nickel Company has deposited 15,000 dollars with the Canada Council, which will supervise all arrangements for the fellowship.

The Night Sky in November

FULL Moon occurs on Nov. 15d. 09h. 42m. U.T. and New Moon on Nov. 30d. 08h. 46m. The following conjunctions with the Moon take place: Nov. 4d. 16h., Saturn 5° S.; Nov. 27d. 02h., Venus 0.6° N. In addition to these conjunctions with the Moon, Mercury is in conjunction with Jupiter on Nov. 7d. 10h., Mercury being 3.4° S., Mercury with Antares on Nov. 10d. 05h., Mercury being 2.0° N., Jupiter with Antares on Nov. 15d. 16h., Jupiter being 5.2° N., Mercury with Jupiter on Nov. 17d. 06h., Mercury being 2.1° S., Mercury with Antares on Nov. 17d. 21h., Mercury being 3.3° N., and Venus with Spica on Nov. 30d. 05h., Venus being 4.5° N. Mercury is too close to the Sun for observation. Venus is a morning star, rising at 2h. 35m., 2h. 55m. and 3h. 25m. on November 1, 15 and 30, respectively; its stellar magnitude is -4.0 . Its distance increases during the month from 55 to 77 million miles and the visible portion of the apparent disk increases from 0.443 to 0.598. Mars and Jupiter are too close to the Sun for observation. Saturn sets about 2 hr. after the Sun, and will be visible low in the south-west after sunset; conditions are not favourable for observation. Occultations of stars brighter than magnitude 6 are as follows, observations being made at Greenwich: Nov. 4d. 17h. 47.6m., γ Sgr. (D); Nov. 5d. 17h. 23.7m., ρ Sgr. (D); Nov. 14d. 3h. 53.9m., ξ Ari. (D); Nov. 16d. 18h. 32.0m., α Tau. (D); Nov. 16d. 19h. 28.9m., α Tau. (R). D and R refer to disappearance and reappearance, respectively. The Taurid meteors are active during the first fortnight of the month, conditions being moderately favourable; the radiant is near R.A. 3h. 36m., Dec. $+14^\circ$. The Leonids are active during November

15-17, but conditions are unfavourable for observation.

Announcements

THE first Polarographic Society Medal has been awarded to Prof. J. Heyrovský for his discovery of the polarographic method in the nineteen-twenties and for the subsequent major contributions to the subject by himself and his students.

DR. W. M. HAMPTON, of Chance Brothers, Ltd., will deliver the Fifth Chance Memorial Lecture of the Society of Chemical Industry under the title 'The Development of Furnaces for Glass Melting'. The Lecture will be delivered on February 9 in Birmingham.

DR. AINSLEY IGGO, of the Department of Physiology, University of Edinburgh, has been appointed by the Royal Society to a Locke Research Fellowship. Dr. Iggo will continue his research at Edinburgh on unmyelinated afferent nerve fibres: their peripheral specificity and their central connexions.

PROF. A. L. HODGKIN, Royal Society research professor in the University of Cambridge, and Prof. R. Milnes Walker, professor of surgery in the University of Bristol, have been appointed members of the Medical Research Council in succession to Prof. R. C. Garry and Mr. H. J. Seddon, who are retiring after their normal four-year term of service. The Committee of Privy Council has also recently appointed Sir Hugh Linstead as the House of Commons member of the Council in succession to the late Richard Fort.

THE Bibliography of Scientific Publications of South and South-East Asia for June 1959 (No. 6, Vol. 5) compiled jointly by the Unesco Science Co-operation Offices for these areas and published by Indoc, National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi, lists by subject a further 102 titles.

THE Committee on Fire Research and the Fire Research Conference of the Division of Engineering and Industrial Research of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council is planning a two-day international symposium on the theme 'The Use of Models in Fire Research', to be held at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C., during November 9-10. Further information can be obtained from Mr. D. W. Thornhill, Executive Secretary, Committee on Fire Research and Fire Research Conference, National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington 25, D.C.

AWARDS for study in statistics by persons whose primary field is not statistics but one of the physical, biological or social sciences to which statistics can be applied are offered by the Department of Statistics of the University of Chicago. The awards range from 3,600 dollars to 5,000 dollars on a nine months basis or 4,400 dollars to 6,000 dollars on a basis of eleven months. The closing date for application for the academic year 1960-61 is February 15, 1960. Further information can be obtained from the Department of Statistics, Eckhart Hall, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois.

ERRATUM. In the communication entitled 'Incorporation of DL-[2- 14 C] Mevalonic Acid Lactone into Polyisoprene', by R. G. O. Kekwick, B. L. Archer *et al.*, in *Nature* of July 25, on p. 270, col. 1, line 1, for 'active' read 'inactive'.