

Fulbright Travel Grants

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"McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology"

THE McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., Ltd., has just published a 15-volume "Encyclopedia of Science and Technology". It is of handy format, each volume consisting of 600–700 double-column pages, and the last volume includes an index to the whole. It is claimed that the work involves 7,200 articles, varying in length from 100 to 1,500 words, contributed by more than 2,000 scientists and technologists from the United States, among whom are many with an international reputation. Continuous revision, the bugbear of any form of encyclopaedia, is to be provided by means of "Year Books", beginning in 1962, each consisting of articles on outstanding developments of the preceding year, and shorter notes on important discoveries, new products and applications. The pre-publication price is £61 11s. 6d. (159 dollars); after December 15 the price will be £67 16s. 6d. (175 dollars).

University News : Birmingham

THE following appointments have been made: *lectureships*, Dr. C. F. Wells (chemistry), Dr. F. Bakhtar (mechanical engineering), Dr. J. L. Jinks (honorary lecturer in the Department of Genetics); *research associateships and fellowships*, G. Lines (medical biochemistry and pharmacology), P. Johnson (medical biochemistry and pharmacology), R. H. Hollier (Tube Investments Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Engineering Production), G. R. Izaak (nuclear physics).

The University has accepted the offer by Joseph Lucas, Ltd., to second to the University each year an American professor, nominated by the University, to hold a Joseph Lucas visiting professorship in the Department of Engineering Production.

Leeds

DR. H. M. N. H. IRVING, of the University of Oxford, has been appointed to the chair of inorganic and structural chemistry, from a date to be arranged.

London

PROF. B. G. NEAL, professor of civil engineering at the University College of Swansea, has been appointed to the University chair of applied science with special reference to engineering tenable at the Imperial College of Science and Technology.

Sheffield

AMONG the appointments to be announced recently are the following: N. Moray, to be lecturer in psycho-

logy; J. E. Enderby, to be lecturer in physics; Dr. J. V. S. Mani, to be I.C.I. Research Fellow in the Department of Fuel Technology and Chemical Engineering.

Sydney

DR. W. N. CHRISTIANSEN has been appointed to the Peter Nicol Russell chair of electrical engineering in succession to Prof. D. Myers. For twelve years prior to his appointment he was engaged in research on radio astronomy in the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization. Dr. L. C. Birch has been appointed to the Challis chair of zoology, which became vacant on the retirement early this year of Prof. P. D. F. Murray. Dr. Birch was appointed to a senior lectureship at the University in 1948 and later became reader in zoology.

Announcements

VISCOUNT AMORY has been appointed chairman of the Medical Research Council, in succession to the Earl of Limerick.

DR. GEORGE W. CORNER, For. Mem. R.S., historian of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, and director emeritus, Department of Embryology of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, has been appointed executive officer of the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia. He will retain a connexion with the Rockefeller Institute as visiting professor.

THE third international symposium on "Comparative Endocrinology" is being sponsored by the Zoological Society of Japan, and is to be held during June 5–10, 1961, at Oiso. Further information can be obtained from the chairman of the symposium, Dr. Kiyoshi Takewaki, Department of Zoology, University of Tokyo.

AN international pharmacological meeting is being organized under the auspices of the Section of Pharmacology of the International Union of Physiological Sciences, and is to be held in Stockholm during August 22–25, 1961. The general theme of the meeting will be "Mode of Action of Drugs". Further information can be obtained from the First International Pharmacological Meeting, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm 60, Sweden.

"New Polish Publications" lists new and forthcoming books published in Poland, with annotations in English. The books of scientific interest are classified under the headings: philosophy, psychology, education; economics, social sciences; biology; agriculture, forestry; medicine; mathematics, astronomy, chemistry; geology, geography, geophysics; and techniques. Issues Nos. 1–5, 1960, include some 126 entries under these headings (Agpol Foreign Trade, Advertising and Publishing Agency, Warsaw).

UNDER the title "United Kingdom Postgraduate Awards 1960–62" the Association of Universities of the British Commonwealth has issued a list of such awards tenable at universities in the United Kingdom, and a short list of awards for United Kingdom graduates tenable at universities outside the United Kingdom (Tenth Edition. Pp. ii+136. London: Association of Universities of the British Commonwealth, 1960). There are a subject index to each list and also an index to the named awards. This tenth edition is in a new and larger format, and it is proposed to publish subsequent editions every two years.