

Durham University Appointments Board, 1961). Fewer men seemed to be applying to the Atomic Energy Authority, but the Board did not notice the diminished interest in the heavy electrical plant industry found elsewhere. Of male graduates in science taking up paid employment, 13 per cent went straight into school teaching, compared with 12 per cent in 1959; for women, the corresponding figures were 67 per cent and 58 per cent; 50 per cent of the men graduating in arts and 70 per cent of the women went into teaching, and of these, 75 per cent attended teacher training courses. Comment is made on the very low present-day demand for geologists, the acute shortage of mathematicians (the proportion entering teaching has in consequence declined), the increased demand for arts men from industry and the increased recruitment to the public service, though public service overseas attracted only one recruit. The serious lack of information bearing on the proper employment of the woman arts graduate is stressed.

Vision Research

THE appearance of yet another scientific journal is not necessarily a cause for rejoicing, but Pergamon Press is certainly to be congratulated on its initiative in founding *Vision Research*, an international journal the first number of which appeared in June (1, Nos. 1/2; June 1961. Pp. iv + 201. Annual subscription rates: (A) for libraries, government establishments, research laboratories, etc., £10 (30 dollars); (B) for individuals who place their orders directly with the publisher and certify that the journal is for their personal use, 70s. (10 dollars). London and New York: Pergamon Press, 1961). Several different disciplines have an interest in the subject of vision—psychology, physiology, ophthalmology, physics, photo-chemistry, genetics—and the subject has applications in very many different fields. It is too much to hope that all papers on vision can be channelled into a single journal, but if the best of them find their way into *Vision Research* this will be an immense gain to visual scientists, who at present have to search through a great variety of journals. It will also enhance the prestige of the science itself and stimulate more rapid progress in the subject. The first number has been dedicated very fittingly to Commander Dean Farnsworth, who was the guiding spirit when the project was first under discussion, but who died while the plans were still in the formative stage. A board of editors, under the chairmanship of Dr. T. Shipley, of Miami, is supported by a large honorary editorial advisory board drawn from some twenty different countries and representing the leading workers in the field. Success in a venture of this kind depends most of all, perhaps, on maintaining a high standard in the quality of the papers that are accepted for publication and on the quality of the publication itself. The first number has got away to a good start on both counts.

National Museums of Southern Rhodesia

IN the annual report of the National Museums of Southern Rhodesia for 1960 reference is made to the planning that has been undertaken for the provision of three new museums buildings at Salisbury, Bulawayo and Umtali (Pp. 22. Bulawayo, Salisbury, and Umtali: National Museums of Southern Rhodesia, 1961). To further these important projects the Administrative Section of the organization was moved to Salisbury as being better placed strategically to cover the three units. The move also relieved the

Administrative Section, at a time of intensive planning, of the detailed work of any one unit. There have been several changes in the staff, and Colonel H. L. Boulton, curator of the Queen Victoria Museum, has completed his contract with the Trustees. Much research has been undertaken and members of the staff contribute to an impressive list of publications.

Maccabaeen Prize and Medal

ENTRIES are now invited for the 1962 Maccabaeen Prize of twenty-five guineas and a Bronze Medal, which is awarded annually by the Faculty of the History of Medicine and Pharmacy of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London. Competitors, who must be less than thirty years of age on March 15, 1962, will be required to submit before that date an essay of not more than 6,000 words on any subject connected with the history of medicine or pharmacy. Further details can be obtained from the honorary secretary of the Faculty, Dr. F. N. L. Poynter, The Wellcome Historical Medical Library, The Wellcome Building, Euston Road, London, N.W.1.

Plastics Institute Lectures on "Plastics"

THE Plastics Institute is again arranging a series of lectures on "Plastics", to be held at the City of London College, Moorgate, in the autumn. The lectures are of an introductory nature and are intended for non-technical staff. Applications for registration forms should be sent to the City of London College as soon as possible. The programme is as follows: "Types of Plastics", by Dr. C. A. Redfern (October 2); "Plastics and the Chemical Industry", by Dr. E. S. Narracott (October 9); "The Structure of the Plastics Industry", by C. J. G. Stanley (October 16); "Plastics as Replacement Materials", by K. B. Bartlett (October 23); "Creation of New Markets by Plastics Materials", by C. W. Welch (October 30); "Plastics and Packaging", by Dr. G. Swift (November 6); "The Plastics Industry and the Rubber Industry", by J. A. Rhys (November 13); "The Future", by Dr. V. E. Yarsley (November 20).

University News:

Leeds

THE following appointments have been announced: Dr. P. Grosberg, to a research chair of textile engineering in the Department of Textile Industries; Dr. P. R. Brook and Dr. G. A. Morrison, to be lecturers in the Department of Organic Chemistry; Mr. R. S. Davidson, formerly demonstrator in the Department, to be Brotherton Research Fellow in the Department of Organic Chemistry; Dr. I. G. Gass, to be lecturer in the Department of Geology; Mr. W. Houghton-Evans, to be lecturer in architectural engineering in the Department of Civil Engineering; Mr. M. Kirk, at present lecturer in the Department of Geography, to be lecturer in the Department of Social Studies; Mr. P. Levi, to be Bernard Hickson Fellow in the Department of Botany; Dr. G. A. Salmon, to be J. W. Wootton Research Fellow in the Department of Chemistry; Dr. Jean E. Wilkinson, to be Medical Research Council Research Fellow in the Department of Medicine.

The following grants and donations, among others, have been received: £1,000 from the Yorkshire Council of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, for the Department of Physical Chemistry; £15,000 a year for seven years from the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa, Ltd., to continue the work of the Research Institute of African Geology, and