

## Leeds

DR. F. A. GOLDSWORTHY, at present lecturer in mathematics at the University of Manchester, has been appointed to a second chair of applied mathematics. Dr. A. W. Goldie, at present reader in algebra at King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne, has been appointed to a second chair of pure mathematics.

## London

PROF. F. K. HARE, professor of geography and meteorology at McGill University, has been appointed to the chair of geography tenable at King's College. Mr. H. D. Ritchie, reader in surgery at the London Hospital Medical College, has been appointed to the chair of surgery tenable at that College. Dr. D. H. Michael, lecturer at University College, has been appointed to the readership in applied mathematics tenable at that College. Titles of reader have been conferred on the following: Dr. E. M. Deeley (electrical engineering), in respect of his post at King's College; Miss Vera I. Evison (archæology of the Anglo-Saxon period), in respect of her post at Birkbeck College; Mr. A. R. Ilesic (economic and social statistics), in respect of his post at Bedford College; Dr. N. Waloff (animal ecology), in respect of her post at the Imperial College of Science and Technology; Dr. E. M. Yates (geography), in respect of his post at King's College.

THE annual report for 1961-62 of University College, London, includes the report of the Chairman of the College Committee and the Provost, lists of publications by members of College Departments, August 1, 1961-July 31, 1962, as well as particulars of staff, higher degrees awarded, and College awards to students (Pp. 105. London: University College, 1963). A Development Council set up to further a comprehensive long-term programme has recommended maximum utilization of the present site as a first step. Student accommodation remains a major concern, and of the 3,119 full-time students, 1,708 live in lodgings, often at a considerable distance, and only 610 in University halls of residence. The number of postgraduate students increased by 5 per cent to about 1,100. Expenditure on research increased by £92,424 to £408,224.

## Rehovoth

THE report of the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovoth, for the two years 1960-61 contains brief accounts of the work in progress in some seventeen sections together with lists of publications, including patents, and lists of scientific staff (Pp. 151. Rehovoth, Israel: The Weizmann Institute of Science, 1963). Major building activity is at present centred in biology, but a new focus of collaborative research in the chemistry and physics of the solid state is being created. Besides plans for construction of a high-speed transistorized computer for applied mathematics, enlargement of the present Van de Graaff accelerator is contemplated.

## Swansea

THE following appointments have been made for the session 1963-64: *Readers*, Dr. D. A. Long (chemistry), Dr. K. C. Rockey (civil engineering); *Senior Lecturers*, A. P. Greenough (metallurgy), Dr. E. Naylor (zoology), G. L. Rees (economics), Dr. J. A. Sandover (civil engineering); *Lecturers*, Dr. R. H. Jones (physics), Dr. D. Betteridge (chemistry), C. Tomlinson (geography), Dr. B. Atkinson (chemical engineering).

## Announcements

THE following officers of the Canadian Biochemical Society have recently been elected: *President*, J. H. Quastel; *Vice-President*, L. Berlinguet; *Secretary*, H. D. Branion; *Treasurer*, R. M. Hochster; *Councillors*, J. M. R. Beveridge, S. H. Zbarsky and P. B. Hagen.

A MEETING on "The Rheology of Clays and Fine Particle Suspensions" will be held by the British Society of Rheology at the University of Keele during September 26-27. Further information can be obtained from J. F. Hutton, Shell Research, Ltd., P.O. Box 1, Chester.

A SYMPOSIUM on "The Ellipsometer and its Use in the Measurement of Surfaces and Thin Films" will be held at the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, during September 5-6. Further information can be obtained from Elio Passaglia, National Bureau of Standards, Washington 25, D.C.

A COURSE on "The Genetics and Physiology of Bacterial Viruses" will be held in the International Laboratory of Genetics and Biophysics, Naples, during September 18-October 12. Further information can be obtained from the Laboratorio Internazionale di Genetica e Biofisica, Casella Postale 104, Napoli.

THE fourth British Congress on the History of Medicine and Pharmacy entitled "The Evolution of Pharmacy in Britain" will be held in the University of Nottingham during September 20-23. Further information can be obtained from Dr. F. N. L. Poynter, Wellcome Historical Medical Library, the Wellcome Building, Euston Road, London, N.W.1.

THE Plant Phenolics Group is widening its scope to include other plant constituents. A symposium on "Comparative Biochemistry of the Leguminosae" will be held during September 10-11 at the John Innes Institute, Hertford, and will include nitrogenous compounds as well as phenolics. Further details can be obtained from the honorary secretary, A. H. Williams, Research Station, Long Ashton, Bristol.

THE third annual meeting of the Plant Phenolics Group of North America will be held in the University of Toronto during September 6-7. The programme will include a symposium on "Aspects of Plant Phenolic Chemistry". Further information can be obtained from Dr. V. C. Runeckles, Imperial Tobacco Company of Canada, Ltd., P.O. Box 6500, Montreal, Quebec.

A CONFERENCE on "Some Aspects of Surface Behaviour", arranged by the Materials and Testing Group of the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, will be held at the University of Bristol during September 16-17. Subjects under discussion will include: surface adsorption, diffusion and energy; macroscopic effects involving surfaces, for example, friction, stress corrosion and fatigue. Further information can be obtained from the Administration Assistant, Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

A VACATION course in "The General Theory of Electrical Machines", arranged by the Electrical Engineering Department of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, will be held at the College during September 16-20. The course will provide an introduction to modern methods of calculating the performance of d.c. and a.c. machines under any conditions of operation. Further information can be obtained from B. J. Prigmore, Electrical Engineering Department, Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, S.W.7.

A CONFERENCE on "Cellular Control Mechanisms and Cancer", organized under the auspices of the Commission on Cancer Research of the International Union Against Cancer and the Netherlands Cancer Institute, will be held in Amsterdam during September 9-13. Subjects under discussion will include: genetic control of protein synthesis; mechanisms of cell differentiation; growth regulation; structure and function of tumour cells; carcinogenic agents. Further information can be obtained from Prof. O. Mühlbock, Netherlands Cancer Institute, Antoni van Leeuwenhoek-Huis, Sarphatistraat 108, Amsterdam C.