

"Accordingly, on behalf of the Committee, I am inviting contributions to a fund which will enable this Lectureship to be established in perpetuity. The money will provide a fee for the lecturer and for his expenses and may be spent in other suitable ways by a board of trustees".

Contributions should be sent to, and further information can be obtained from, Sir John Gaddum, Agricultural Research Council, Institute of Animal Physiology, Babraham, Cambridge. Cheques should be made payable to the Fisher Memorial Committee.

University News:

Cambridge

THE following have been elected into fellowships at Churchill College, Cambridge: *Title A* (from October 1), Dr. D. H. Williams, College lecturer in chemistry. *Title B* (Junior Research Fellowships from October 1), Dr. D. F. Hartley, for research in computer languages; A. D. McLaren, for research in mathematical statistics (Central Electricity Generating Board fellowship); W. G. Dixon, for research in theoretical physics; J. J. Monaghan, for research in theoretical physics (Gulbenkian fellowship). *Title F* (Overseas Fellowships), Prof. A. T. James, professor of mathematical statistics at Yale University (January–August 1965).

Leeds

THE annual report of the Librarian of the University of Leeds for session 1962–63 records total holdings of 727,804, accessions for the year totalling 39,000; loans to readers totalled 120,400, of which nearly 70,000 were from the Brotherton Library itself. Inter-library loans totalled 6,682, of which 4,745 were from the Brotherton Library (Pp. 12. Leeds: The University, 1963). A single book fund has now taken the place of the former general and departmental fund and departmental allocations have been suspended. The acute shortage of space at the Brotherton Library now conditions many of its activities, but, following the establishment of a Department of Chinese Studies, the Library is forming a section to support the teaching and research of this Department.

London

THE annual report for 1962–63 of University College, London, expresses continuing concern with the structure of the University and with financial resources (Pp. 99. London: University College, 1964). Although the College income increased by £336,000 over the previous year, the whole of this sum was earmarked in one way or another, and there was a sense of restraint so far as all academic policies were concerned until the Treasury announcement of June 1963 indicating that an increased grant would be available for 1963–64. The number of full-time students increased by 3.5 per cent to 3,938, of whom 1,103 were postgraduates. Of the total, 430 were from the British Commonwealth overseas and 411 from other parts of the world. Full-time postgraduate students increased by 6.7 per cent. More than thirty pages of the report are occupied by a list of publications during the year arranged by departments, giving an impressive picture of the diversity and distinction of the present research work.

The Weizmann Institute of Science

THE report on *Scientific Activities in 1962–63* of the Weizmann Institute of Science covers two years in which the new fields of enquiry were entered (Pp. 245+13 photographs. Rehovoth, Israel: The Weizmann Institute of Science, 1964). Its present scientific complement is about 450, including 190 scientists, 45 engineers directly serving the research programme, 160 pre-doctoral research students and 53 Fellows and guest scientists spending periods of three months or more at the Institute. With a technical administrative service staff of 700, the total

complement exceeds 1,150. There are brief reports from the various sections, to which are appended lists of publications during the year.

Eclipse of the Moon, June 24–25

THERE will be a total eclipse of the Moon on June 24–25, visible at Greenwich. The circumstances are:

Moon enters penumbra	June 24d 21h 55m U.T.
Moon enters umbra	24d 23h 09m
Total eclipse begins	25d 00h 16m
Mid-eclipse	25d 01h 06m
Total eclipse ends	25d 01h 57m
Moon leaves umbra	25d 03h 03m
Moonset at Greenwich	25d 03h 54m
Moon leaves penumbra	25d 04h 14m
Magnitude of eclipse	1.56

One hour should be added to the above for summer-time.

Announcements

DR. DETLEV W. BRONK, president of the Rockefeller Institute, has been awarded the 1964 Marcellus Hartley Gold Medal of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences for "Eminence in the Application of Science to the Public Welfare".

PROF. D. GABOR, professor of applied electron physics at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, has been elected an honorary member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

THE annual general conference of the Society for the Study of Fertility will be held at Oxford during July 8–11. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, 129 Harley Street, London, W.1.

AN international congress on "Physics of Non-crystalline Solids", sponsored by the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, the Dutch Physicists Association and Dutch Industries, will be held at Delft during July 6–10. Further information can be obtained from Prof. J. A. Prins, Lab. Technische Natuurkunde T.H., Delft.

OPEN days will be held at the Fire Research Station during July 7–9. Much of the work of the Station will be on display, including: economics of fire; use of modelling techniques for studying fire; the protection of steel in buildings; control of explosions; foam for aircraft crash fires. Further information can be obtained from the Director, Fire Research Station, Boreham Wood, Herts.

A CONFERENCE of the Iron and Steel Institute on "Steelmaking in the Basic Arc Furnace" will be held in Sheffield during July 6–10. The conference will include sessions on: layout of basic arc furnace plants; process development in arc-furnace steelmaking; furnace design and power supply; refractories and electrodes. Further information can be obtained from the Iron and Steel Institute, 4 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.

THE second international summer school of brain research will be held at the Netherlands Central Institute for Brain Research, Amsterdam, during July 6–17. The school* is designed as a postgraduate course for biologists, engineers, physicists, chemists and physicians, and will include courses on the neurone and sensory mechanisms. Further information can be obtained from Dr. J. P. Schadé, Central Institute for Brain Research, Mauritskade 59b, Amsterdam-0.

THE twentieth International Geographical Congress will be held in London during July 6–August 11. The programme will include the following sections: geography of population and settlement; economic geography; climatology, hydrology, oceanography, glaciology; biogeography; geomorphology; historical geography; applied geography; regional geography; cartography. Further information can be obtained from the International Geographical Congress Press Office, Brompton House, Lancaster Place, London, W.C.2.