

throughout the *Mineralogical Journal* is generally good; the presentation of the papers with their illustrations (mostly line-drawings), while perhaps not attaining the high standard achieved by its contemporaries in mineralogy in Western countries, is none the less reasonably satisfactory.

#### University News:

Belfast

THE following appointments to lectureships have been announced: Dr. P. M. Robinson (botany); A. Refsum, Dr. P. D. Roberts and Dr. G. Williams (electrical engineering).

Birmingham

THE following appointments have been made: *Lectureships*, Dr. M. R. Daniel (physics); C. Fraser (social psychology); Dr. G. G. Henshaw (botany); M. Jobes (physics); M. C. Scott (physics); Dr. Heidi H. Swanson (anatomy); *Research Fellowships*, J. G. Allen (anatomy); Dr. N. A. Bukhari (chemistry); A. J. Collings (medical biochemistry and pharmacology); J. D. Davies (physics); Dr. J. C. Dore (Nuffield Research Fellow in the Department of Physics); G. J. Hawkins (electronic and electrical engineering); P. Hicken (pathology); J. Insley (Senior Research Fellow in the Institute of Child Health); D. A. Jackson (physics); E. W. Taylor (zoology and comparative physiology); J. E. Williams (industrial metallurgy).

London

MR. J. D. SARGAN, reader in econometrics in the London School of Economics and Political Science, has been appointed to the chair of econometrics tenable at that School. Dr. P. H. Venables, of the Medical Research Council-Social Psychiatry Research Unit, has been appointed to the readership in psychology tenable at Birkbeck College. Titles have been conferred as follows: reader in physiology, on Mr. J. E. Pascoe in respect of his post at University College; reader in sociology (with special reference to criminology), on Dr. T. P. Morris in respect of his post at the London School of Economics and Political Science; professor of sociology (with special reference to politics), on Dr. R. T. McKenzie in respect of his post at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

#### Royal College of Science and Technology, Glasgow

THE annual report of the Royal College of Science and Technology, Glasgow, for 1962-63, covering the 167th session, records a total of 2,004 full-time and 2,150 part-time students, compared with 1,997 and 2,546, respectively, in 1961-62; the number of part-time students has steadily fallen from 3,241 in 1959-60 (Pp. 95. Glasgow: The Royal College of Science and Technology, 1964). In his foreword the principal, Dr. S. C. Curran, refers to the Government's announcement that the College was to be given full university status and the choice of the name, the University of Strathclyde, with Lord Todd as first Chancellor. An imperative need stemming from the developments now proceeding is that of student residences, where the College is at a grave disadvantage. Discussions with representatives of the Scottish College of Commerce are examining the possibility of amalgamating that College with the new University. Besides lists of publications, Council and heads of departments, the report includes the usual departmental reports which refer to the increasing volume and scope of the research effort. Dr. Curran refers particularly to the start-up of the reactor at the East Kilbride Research Centre in a collaborative venture with the Scottish universities and the Queen's University, Belfast, and supported by a large grant from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. Further details of present research work are given in a separate *Report on Research 1962-63*, which also includes lists of publications and titles of theses approved for higher

degrees, arranged under Departments (Pp. 53. Glasgow: The Royal College of Science and Technology, 1964).

#### The Night Sky in September

NEW moon occurs on Sept. 6d 04h 35m U.T. and full moon on Sept. 21d 17h 31m. The following conjunctions with the Moon occur: Sept. 2d 13h, Mars 1° S.; Sept. 2d 16h, Venus 5° S.; Sept. 19d 11h, Saturn 3° N.; Sept. 25d 19h, Jupiter 1° N. Venus is in conjunction with Pollux on Sept. 2d 14h, Venus being 9° S., and Mars with Pollux on Sept. 5d 05h, Mars being 6° S. Mercury is a morning star, rising nearly two hours before the Sun on Sept. 20; it is visible low in the south-east before sunrise, and may be observed during the last three weeks of the month. Venus is a morning star, rising at 1h 10m, 1h 25m and 1h 55m on Sept. 1, 15 and 30, respectively. Its stellar magnitude is -3.8; its distance from the Earth increases during the month from 67 to 89 million miles and the visible portion of the apparent disk from 0.516 to 0.654. Mars rises at 0h 45m, 0h 30m and 0h 20m at the beginning, middle and end of the month, respectively. Its stellar magnitude is +1.6, and conditions for observation are becoming more favourable. Jupiter rises at 21h 10m, 20h 15m and 19h 15m on September 1, 15 and 30, respectively. It is near the boundary between Aries and Taurus, its stellar magnitude is -2.2 and its distance from the Earth on September 15 is 415 million miles. Saturn sets at 4h 20m, 3h 25m and 2h 20m at the beginning, middle and end of the month, respectively. It is in Aquarius, moving westwards among the stars. Its stellar magnitude is +0.7 and its distance from the Earth on September 15 is 822 million miles. Occultations of stars brighter than magnitude 6 are as follows, observations being made at Greenwich: Sept. 1d 02h 28.8m, 3 Gem. *m* (*R*); Sept. 18d 20h 25.5m,  $\times$  Cap. (*D*); Sept. 29d 00h 20.8m, 87 B. Gem. (*R*). *D* and *R* refer to disappearance and reappearance, respectively. The autumnal equinox occurs on Sept. 23d 00h 17m.

#### Announcements

THE fourth annual general meeting and conference of the Society for Folk Life Studies will be held in Cardiff during September 11-13. Further information can be obtained from J. Geraint Jenkins, Welsh Folk Museum, St. Fagans, Cardiff.

THE thirty-eighth annual conference of Aslib entitled "Looking Forward in Documentation" will be held in the University of Exeter during September 28-October 1. Further information can be obtained from Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

A MEETING of the British Society of Rheology will be held in the University of Exeter during September 28-30. Papers will be presented on rheometry and the teaching of rheology. Further information can be obtained from Dr. M. F. Culpin, 8 The Broadway, Pontypool, Monmouthshire.

THE fifth course in "Histochemistry", arranged by L'Institut d'Histochemie Médicale, will be held in Paris during September 28-October 10. Further information can be obtained from the Secrétariat de l'Institut d'Histochemie Médicale, Nouvelle Faculté de Médecine, 45 rue des Saints-Pères, Paris 6.

A SYMPOSIUM on "The Application of Chemical Engineering in Newly Developing Countries", organized by the Institution of Chemical Engineers, will be held in London on September 29. Further information can be obtained from O. G. Weller, Institution of Chemical Engineers, 16 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

ERRATUM. In the communication entitled "Allelism of Silver, Gold, and Imperfect Albinism in the Fowl" by Prof. R. K. Cole and T. K. Jeffers, which appeared on p. 1238 of the December 31, 1963, issue of *Nature*, lines 13 and 14 should read ". . . Identical linkages (7.0 per cent) were . . .".