

tuto Politecnico Nacional in Mexico City; *The Sudan*, Dr. D. B. Carlisle, of the Anti-Locust Research Centre, London, to visit the University of Khartoum. An additional three or four Royal Society visiting professorships have also been established as from 1966, tenable in developing countries of the Commonwealth, and the following appointments have been made for the year 1966-67: *Hong Kong*, Prof. L. Fowden, professor of plant chemistry and director of the A.R.C. Unit of Nitrogen Fixation at University College in the University of London, to visit the University of Hong Kong; *Nigeria*, Prof. H. N. Barber, professor of botany in the University of New South Wales, to visit the University of Ibadan; *West Indies*, Prof. R. A. Raphael, Regius professor of chemistry in the University of Glasgow, to visit the University of the West Indies.

THE United States-United Kingdom Educational Commission has announced that applications from British citizens for Fulbright travel grants to visit the United States should be made in the near future. Intending applicants must first fill in a record card which can be had from the Commission at 71 South Audley Street, London, W.1. Completed applications for grants to visit the United States for a period beginning on June 1, 1967, should be made before March 17 next. Those wishing to leave the United Kingdom between August 1, 1967, and April 1, 1968, must apply before May 15 (or before June 1, 1967, if they are senior academics).

THE following have been appointed to the membership of the new Advisory Committee on Drug Dependence, of which Lord Brain is the chairman: Dr. R. Bannister, Mr. K. J. P. Barraclough, Dr. T. H. Bewley, Mr. A. Blenkinsop, Mr. J. C. Bloomfield, Mr. P. E. Brodie, Dr. P. H. Connell, Mr. W. Deedes, Miss M. Furlong, Dr. R. G. Gibson, Dr. J. D. P. Graham, Miss E. I. W. Hobkirk, Dr. N. Malleson, Dr. H. J. S. Matthew, Dr. A. B. Monro, Miss E. C. Murphy, Mr. H. W. Palmer, Mr. T. Raison, Mr. M. Schofield, Mr. R. J. Werry and The Baroness Wootton of Abinger.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Society of South Africa on October 19, the following were elected fellows of the Society: DR. A. J. W. BAYER, professor of botany

in the University of Natal; DR. D. H. SUMMERSELL DAVIS, Medical Ecology Centre, Johannesburg; DR. E. PLUMSTEAD, Bernard Price Palaeontological Research Unit, Witwatersrand University; DR. T. SCHRIER, University of Cape Town; DR. C. H. WYNDHAM, director of the Human Sciences Laboratory, Johannesburg.

THE Royal National Institute for the Blind will consider occasional applications for financial support from its prevention of blindness funds to approved studies on the prevention, investigation, treatment and other aspects of blindness, including the purchase of special equipment. Applications, which should indicate why support is unavailable from statutory sources, should be sent to: The Director-General, The Royal National Institute for the Blind, 224 Great Portland Street, London, W.1.

RESEARCH fellowships in forest resources are awarded annually by Harvard University from the Charles Bullard Fund. These Bullard fellowships, the purpose of which is to support advanced research and study by men who show promise of making an important contribution to forestry and forest management, are open to men in public service, in academic careers and in private forestry, and carry stipends up to \$15,000. Further information can be obtained from the Committee on the Charles Bullard Fund for Forest Research, Littauer Center 119, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138.

A SYMPOSIUM on "Radioisotope Tracers in Industry and Geophysics", organized by the International Atomic Energy Agency, will be held in Prague during November 21-25. The main topics of the symposium will be studies of plant kinetics, dispersion of effluent, friction and wear studies, labelling of industrial products for subsequent identification and geophysical studies. Further information can be obtained from the Division of Public Information, International Atomic Energy Agency, Kärntnering 11, Vienna I, until November 15, and from the I.A.E.A. Press Officer, Náměstí Družity, Prague 6—Dejvice, during November 17-26.

ERRATUM. In the second review on p. 568 of the November 5 issue of *Nature*, the London publisher of the books *The African Elephant* and *The African Lion* is Arthur Barker, Ltd., not Arthur Baker. Ltd.

THE NIGHT SKY IN DECEMBER

All times are in Universal Time

PLANETS	MOON		CONJUNCTIONS WITH THE MOON				Zodiacal position
	New Moon	12d 03h Full Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	
		27d 18h	—	6d 13h, 2° S.	2d 10h, 5° S.	29d 14h, 5° S.	
						19d 12h, 2° N.	
	Times of rising (R) and setting (S) during the month		End	Mag.	D_p (10 ⁶ miles)		
Name	R/S	Beginning	Middle				
Mercury	R	5h 45m	6h 35m	Unfavourable	-0.4	113	
Venus	—	Unfavourable for observation			—	157	
Mars	R	1h 05m	0h 50m	0h 35m	+1.3	147	
Jupiter	R	19h 50m	18h 50m	17h 45m	-2.1	415	
Saturn	S	0h 35m	23h 40m	22h 40m	+1.3	881	

D_p is the distance of planet from the Earth on the 15th of the month.

OCCULTATIONS OF STARS BRIGHTER THAN MAGNITUDE +6 AT GREENWICH

Star	R/D	Time	Mag.
η Leo	D	4d 03h 11.4m	+3.6
η Leo	R	4d 04h 06.7m	+3.6
γ Vir m.	R	7d 03h 01.6m	+2.9
14 Cet	D	20d 17h 44.0m	+5.9
76 Gem	R	28d 23h 42.5m	+5.4

(D, disappearance; R, reappearance)

METEORS

Name	Active period	Date of maximum	Radiant	Remarks
Geminids	9d-14d	13d	112° R.A., +32° Dec.	Favourable
Ursids	20d-22d	22d	217° R.A., +76° Dec.	Favourable

OTHER PHENOMENA

22d 07h, Winter Solstice.