

## University News:

## University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire

DR. F. A. ROBINSON, managing director of Twyford Laboratories, has been appointed to the honorary post of professorial fellow in the Department of Biochemistry. This is the first post of its type to be created within the university, and it follows the recommendations made by the Robbins Committee on Higher Education for developing co-operation between industry and the universities.

## Appointments

THE following have been appointed vice-presidents of the Royal Society for the year ending November 30, 1967: LORD FLECK, treasurer of the society and formerly chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited; SIR ASHLEY MILES, biological secretary of the society and director of the Lister Institute; PROFESSOR M. J. LIGHTHILL, physical secretary of the society and Royal Society research professor at Imperial College of Science and Technology, London; PROFESSOR H. W. THOMPSON, foreign secretary of the society and professor of chemistry in the Physical Chemistry Laboratory, Oxford; PROFESSOR G. E. BLACKMAN, Sibthorpeian professor of rural economy at the University of Oxford and director of the A.R.C. Unit of Experimental Agronomy, Oxford; DR. S. G. HOOKER, technical director (aero), British Siddeley Engines, Limited; DR. R. D. KEYNES, director of the Institute of Animal Physiology, Babraham, Cambridge; DR. N. KURTI, reader in physics, Oxford.

MR. R. H. A. SKJÖLDEBRAND, technical assistant to the managing director, and project leader of the Oskarshamn Nuclear Power Group, Stockholm, has been appointed special assistant to Dr. S. Eklund, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

## Announcements

THE Trustees of the Lady Tata Memorial Trust invite applications for fellowships and scholarships for research on leukaemia, in the academic year beginning October 1, 1967. Candidates with programmes of research on any aspect of malignant disease which may throw light on problems of leukaemia will be eligible for consideration, and the awards are open to suitably qualified investigators of any nationality, working either in their own institutions or in other centres abroad. Further information and forms of application can be obtained from the Secretary of the (European) Scientific Advisory Committee, Lady Tata Memorial Trust, Chester Beatty Research Institute, Fulham Road, London, S.W.3. Applications must be submitted before March 31.

THE U.S. Atomic Energy Commission has approved 64 educational assistance grants totalling \$517,431 to 57 colleges and universities through its Division of Nuclear Education and Training. Twenty-one grants amounting to \$109,310 are in the life sciences group, and 43 grants totalling \$408,121 are in physical sciences and engineering. The primary purpose of the awards is to assist educational institutions in their advanced science curricula.

THE Geological Society of London has made the following awards for 1967: *The Wollaston Medal* to Sir Edward Bullard; *The Lyell Medal* to Professor W. Q. Kennedy; *The Murchison Medal* to Professor T. S. Westoll; *The Bigsby Medal* to Professor F. H. T. Rhodes; *The Wollaston Fund*, an award of approximately £30, to Mr. A. H. Stride; *The Murchison Fund*, an award of approximately £30, to Mr. F. W. Dunning; a moiety of the *Lyell Fund*, amounting to approximately £10, to each of the following: Mr. G. A. Goodlet, Mr. A. C. MacL. McKinlay and Mr. D. J. Shearman.

DR. W. T. DEAN, of the British Museum (Natural History), has been awarded the silver medal of the Liverpool Geological Society, in recognition of his contributions on the

geology of the Ordovician of the Welsh Borderlands, North West England, and Montagne Noire, France.

THE U.S. Atomic Energy Commission has presented its Distinguished Service Award to the following members of its headquarters staff for their contributions to U.S. nuclear energy programmes: E. J. BLOCH, deputy general manager; D. L. CROWSON, director of the Division of Military Application; G. F. QUINN, assistant general manager for plans and production.

MR. M. W. JENSEN, manager of engineering standards and chief of the NBS Office of Weights and Measures, has been awarded the Edward B. Ross Award, presented annually by the National Bureau of Standards, U.S. Department of Commerce, for outstanding achievement in the development of standards of practice.

DR. L. M. BRANSCOMB, chief of the NBS Laboratory Astrophysics Division at the Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics in Boulder, has been awarded the 1966 Samuel Wesley Stratton Award by the National Bureau of Standards, U.S. Department of Commerce. The award, which consists of a bronze plaque and a \$1,500 honorarium, was presented to Dr. Branscomb in recognition of his "outstanding contributions and sustained leadership in the field of atomic and molecular physics".

DR. HELEN S. HOGG, professor of astronomy and research associate in the University of Toronto's David Dunlap Observatory at Richmond Hill, has been awarded the Rittenhouse Silver Medal.

THE University of Liverpool has arranged a series of safety lectures to be given on Wednesdays during the Lent term, at 2.30 p.m., in the University Lecture Theatre Building. The lectures will deal with general safety principles as well as their application to specific types of laboratory.

A SYMPOSIUM on "Structural Analysis of Polymers" will be held in the University of Bradford during February 24-25. Further information can be obtained from The Registrar, University of Bradford, Bradford 7.

A SYMPOSIUM on "Modern Developments in Food Preservation" will be held at the Grimsby College of Technology during March 20-21. Further information can be obtained from Dr. B. J. Boffey, Grimsby College of Technology, Nuns Corner, Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

A SYMPOSIUM on "Nuclear Magnetic Resonance—A Design for the Future" will be held at the Hatfield College of Technology during March 1-2. Further information can be obtained from Dr. F. J. Swinbourne, Department of Chemistry and Biology, Hatfield College of Technology, Hatfield, Herts.

ERRATUM. In line 17 of the article "Variation in a Strain of Classical *Vibrio cholerae*", by K. N. Neogy and A. C. Mukherjee, in *Nature*, 212, 303 (1966), the words polymyxin (50 µg/disk) should read Polymyxin (50 u/disk).

## CORRESPONDENCE

## Stonehenge

SIR,—I have read with much interest a number of articles on Stonehenge as a possible computer. It occurs to me that it might be just possible that the circle of Aubrey Holes is a notation indicating a FORTRAN IV "DO-LOOP", the number of holes being the terminal value of the index.

Yours, etc.,

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(For Night Sky in February see page 229)