

University News:

Bristol
DR J. B. CHAPPELL, reader in biochemistry in the university, has been appointed to the second chair of biochemistry, and Professor D. L. Dinely, professor and chairman of the Department of Geology in the University of Ottawa, has been appointed to the Channing Wills chair of geology.

Liverpool

DR A. D. BRADSHAW, reader in agricultural botany in the University of North Wales, Bangor, has been appointed to the Holbrook Gaskell chair of botany, and Dr H. D. Parbrook, at present reader in charge of the Department of Building Science at Liverpool, has been appointed to the chair of building science.

Sussex

MR J. F. SCOTT, at present reader in mathematics and statistics at the university, has been appointed to a personal chair of applied statistics.

Weizmann Institute of Science

PROFESSOR M. FELDMAN, dean of the institute's Feinberg Graduate School, has been appointed the first holder of the Klutznick chair in developmental biology. This chair was established in honour of Mr P. M. Klutznick on his sixtieth birthday.

Appointments

DR S. C. DAUBIN, head of the Marine Sciences Section of General Motors Corporation at Santa Barbara, California, has been appointed senior scientist and chairman of the Department of Ocean Engineering in Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Announcements



PROFESSOR P. M. S. BLACKETT has been appointed a member of the Order of Merit, the tenth scientist of a possible membership of twenty-four.

SIR ERIC ASHBY, vice-chancellor of the University of Cambridge and Master of Clare College, has accepted an invitation to become president of the Society for Research into Higher Education, in succession to Lord Fulton. Sir Eric will take the chair at the society's third annual conference to be held in Senate House, University of London, on December 14.

THE inaugural meeting of the Fisheries Society of the British Isles was held on October 21 at the Zoological Society of London and the following officers were elected: *President*, Dr J. W. Jones; *Vice-president*, Mr P. H. Tumbleson; *Secretary*, Dr L. E. Mawdesley-Thomas; *Treasurer*, Mr A. Wheeler. The society's first meeting will be on April 26, 1968, at the Zoological Society and further details can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Department of Pathology, Huntingdon Research Centre, Huntingdon.

THE Royal Society has awarded the three Royal Medals for the current year to the following: Professor C. E. Tilley, emeritus professor of mineralogy and petrology in the University of Cambridge, for his contributions in all branches of petrology; Professor J. Z. Young, professor of anatomy in University College, London, for his researches correlating neural structure with function; Sir Joseph Hutchinson, Drapers professor of agriculture in the University of Cambridge, for his work on the genetics and evolution of crop plants with particular reference to cotton.

THE president and the council of the Royal Society have awarded the following medals: the *Copley Medal* to Professor B. Katz, professor of biophysics at University College, London, for his contributions to knowledge of the fundamental processes involved in transmission across the neuromuscular junction; the *Davy Medal* to Professor V. Prelog, head of the Laboratory of Organic Chemistry, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, Zurich, for his work in the development of stereochemical concepts and on the structure of alkaloids and antibiotics; the *Buchanan Medal* to Sir Graham Wilson, director of the Public Health Laboratory Service of England and Wales from 1941-63, for his work on the medical aspects of bacteriology and immunity; the *Sylvester Medal* to Professor H. Davenport, Rouse Ball professor of mathematics in the University of Cambridge, for his contributions to the theory of numbers; the *Hughes Medal* to Dr K. A. G. Mendelsohn, reader in physics in the University of Oxford, for his contributions to cryophysics, especially his discoveries in superconductivity and superfluidity.

THE Ramsay Memorial Fellowships Trustees will consider in March 1968 applications for one Ramsay travel grant not exceeding £350 for the year 1968-69. The grant will be limited to junior academic chemistry staff of universities and colleges of technology or advanced technology in Scotland. Further information can be obtained from the Joint Honorary Secretaries, Ramsay Memorial Fellowships Trust, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1.

CORRIGENDUM. In the communication "Tetragonal and Hexagonal Iron-Manganese Carbides" by M. J. Duggin (*Nature*, 216, 362; 1967), the heading of the eighth column of Table 4 should be *a*, of the fourth and ninth columns should be *c* and of the tenth column should be *a/c*. The penultimate sentence of the last paragraph should refer to an "increase of approximately 15.3 per cent in the cell volume of the hexagonal carbide".

ERRATUM. In the article "Amide Cotton Effects of Heparin" by Audrey L. Stone (*Nature*, 216, 551; 1967), refs. 1-5, not 2-5, should be mentioned at the end of the third paragraph. In the third line of the legend to Fig. 1, 30 sec/period should read 30 sec pen-period. In the fifth line of p. 553 absorption should read rotational, and the sentence beginning on the twenty-third line of the next paragraph should end "... however, at low ratios of histamine to heparin the ORD changes in the $\pi-\pi$ region are similar to those with decreasing *pH*".

ERRATUM. In the article "More About Chain Initiation", by our Cell Biology Correspondent (*Nature*, 216, 638; 1967), the seventh sentence of the second paragraph should have read "Once the initiation complex has formed, a 50S sub-unit couples with it to produce a 70S ribosome attached to mRNA and with the chain initiator in place."

ERRATUM. In the issue of November 4 (*Nature*, 216, 425; 1967) Professor R. J. Smeed was misquoted as saying that road accidents cause 8 per cent of all male deaths. Although the proportion varies widely—and is as high as 50 per cent in the 15 to 19 age group—only 2 per cent of all male deaths are caused by road accidents.