

years. There will be a simultaneous exhibition of books and manuscripts illustrating medicine, surgery and physiology in the New Bodleian Library.

### Lady Tata Memorial Trust Awards

THE Trustees of the Lady Tata Memorial Fund announce that, on the recommendation of the Scientific Advisory Committee in London, they have made awards as follow for research in blood diseases, with special reference to leukaemia, in the academic year beginning on October 1, 1947; the place at which the awards will be used is given in brackets: *Grants for research expenses and assistance*: Dr. Jørgen Bichel (Aarhus); Dr. Pierre Cazal (Montpellier); Dr. Pierre Dustin (Brussels); Dr. Peter A. Gorer (London); Dr. Maurice Guérin (Paris); Dr. Jozef Japa (Cracow); Dr. Edith Paterson (Manchester); Prof. Edoardo Storti (Pavia); Dr. Johannes Clemmesen (Copenhagen); and Dr. Tage Kemp (Copenhagen). *Scholarships (for whole-time or part-time research)*: Dr. Simon Iversen (Copenhagen); Dr. C. F. M. Plum (Copenhagen); Dr. G. H. R. Tötterman (mainly in Helsinki).

### The Night Sky in July

FULL moon occurs on July 3d. 10h. 38m. U.T., and new moon on July 18d. 04h. 15m. The following conjunctions with the moon take place: July 15d. 05h., Mars  $0.9^{\circ}$  S.; July 26d. 07h., Jupiter  $0.2^{\circ}$  S. In addition to these conjunctions with the moon, Mercury is in conjunction with Venus on July 22d. 09h., Mercury being  $4.9^{\circ}$  S. Mercury sets at 21h. at the beginning of July and is too close to the sun for favourable observation. The planet is in conjunction with the sun on July 14, and at the end of the month rises 1h. 20m. before sunrise. Venus is too close to the sun to be observed with advantage, rising about an hour before sunrise during the month. Mars, in the constellation of Taurus, rises at 1h. 30m., 1h. and 0h. 38m. at the beginning, middle and end of the month, respectively, and is a little fainter than a first magnitude star. Jupiter, in the constellation of Libra, can be seen in the earlier portion of the night, stellar magnitude about  $-2$ , setting at 1h. on July 1 and at 23h. on July 31. Saturn, in the constellation of Cancer, is too close to the sun for favourable observation, but can be seen for a short time at the beginning of July, when it sets one and a half hours after the sun. Occultations of stars brighter than magnitude 6 are as follows: July 13d. 01h. 44.9m., 31 Aries (*R*); July 27d. 22h. 12.1m.,  $\rho$  Ophi. *m* (*D*). The latitude of Greenwich is assumed and *R* and *D* refer to reappearance and disappearance respectively. An occultation of Mars occurs on July 15d. 03h. 20.5m., reappearance taking place at 4h. 13.6m. The earth is in aphelion on July 5, its distance from the sun then being slightly more than  $94\frac{1}{2}$  million miles.

### Announcements

DR. F. H. S. CURD, Dr. D. G. Davey and Dr. F. L. Rose, of Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., have been awarded the Gold Medal in Therapeutics of the Society of Apothecaries in recognition of their work in the preparation of the anti-malarial drug 'Paludrine'.

MR. D. J. B. COPP, University College, Southampton, has been appointed assistant secretary of the British Association as from July 1.

THE following appointments in the University of Leeds have been announced: Mr. G. P. Meredith, lecturer in educational psychology; Mr. H. Stansfield, lecturer in mechanical engineering; Mr. S. Mackey, lecturer in civil engineering; and Dr. E. Mundel, lecturer in electrical engineering.

THE following appointments have been made in the University of Sheffield: A. J. Hunt and R. A. G. Savigear, to be assistant lecturers in geography; A. E. Bender and Monica Lindsay, to be assistant lecturers in biochemistry.

THE following appointments, promotions and transfers in the Colonial Services have recently been made: H. W. Dougall, agricultural chemist, Sierra Leone/Gambia; N. Lawrence, professional assistant, Royal Observatory, Hong Kong; G. H. Payne, assistant government chemist, Tanganyika; W. J. Blackie (senior chemist, Fiji), deputy director of agriculture, Fiji; H. C. Thorpe (plant breeder, Kenya), senior plant breeder, Kenya; C. E. Duff (senior assistant conservator of forests, Northern Rhodesia), conservator of forests, Northern Rhodesia; R. G. Miller (assistant conservator of forests, Northern Rhodesia), senior assistant conservator of forests, Northern Rhodesia.

DR. L. S. B. LEAKEY states that a limited number of excellent casts of the mandible of the Lower Miocene ape *Proconsul* (see *Nature*, 152, 319; 1942) are now available for distribution, as well as a good cast of the large facial fragment. Those interested should write to the Curator, Coryndon Museum, P.O. Box 658, Nairobi.

THE response to the proposal to form a British Herpetological Society has been sufficient to enable further steps to be taken to inaugurate the society. An inaugural meeting will be held at the rooms of the Linnean Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1, on Friday, July 11, at 5 p.m. A report on the proceedings of the meeting will later be published for the benefit of members. All secretarial work in connexion with the formation of the Society is now being undertaken by Mr. Alfred Leutscher, of 5 St. Margaret's Court, London, E.12, as Capt. J. D. Romer is shortly to take up an appointment abroad.

THE second annual electronics exhibition, arranged by the Institution of Electronics (North Western Branch), will be held at the Manchester College of Technology on July 22 (2.30-9.0 p.m.) and July 23 (10 a.m.-9 p.m.). Two shows of scientific films will be given each evening. Admission is by ticket obtainable from A. Coates, 16 Didsbury Park, Manchester 20.

WE have received from the Murphy Chemical Co., Ltd., of Wheathampstead, Herts, a useful pamphlet of 32 pages on "Insecticides and Fungicides" supplied by them. It includes hints as to the proportions of the spray-mixtures to be used in various cases and a spraying programme for fruit and market garden crops.

ERRATUM. Dr. C. W. Shoppee has directed attention to the fact that Prof. T. Reichstein and Dr. L. H. Sarett have so far prepared only five of the adrenocortical hormones by partial synthesis, and not six as was stated in the article entitled "The Adrenal Cortex" (*Nature*, June 7, p. 765). The missing one is Reichstein's substance *M*, 17 ( $\alpha$ )-hydroxycorticosterone.