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### University of Birmingham

THE Huxley Lecture for 1956 of the University of Birmingham will be delivered by Dr. Harry Godwin (reader in Quaternary research, University of Cambridge) on February 23, at 5 p.m., his subject being "The Quaternary History of the British Flora". The Sir Josiah Mason Lectures of the University, which have already started, will be continued by Prof. Max Gluckman (professor of social anthropology in the University of Manchester) on successive Thursdays at 5.15 p.m. until March 8, his subject being "Conflict and Cohesion in Zululand". The following have been appointed Research Fellows in chemistry: J. A. Gascoigne and Miss M. Ramsay (British Rayon Research Association Fellows), Dr. H. Weiss, of the Technische Hochschule, Vienna (British Council Research Fellow), and Nadim A. Ghanem, of Alexandria.

### Admiralty Student-Apprenticeship Scheme

THE Admiralty has decided to supplement its craft-apprentice scheme by the recruitment of student apprentices who will be selected and trained specifically to meet the Admiralty's requirements of draughtsmen and subordinate technical officers. Student apprentices will be given five years of training in one of the four main dockyards (Chatham, Devonport, Portsmouth and Rosyth), at which basic knowledge of the building and repair of ships will be imparted, and this will be followed by detailed training in the work of one particular branch—naval construction, marine engineering or electrical engineering. Two days a week theoretical instruction will be given in the technical colleges in the Royal Dockyards. A few of the students will be selected for advanced training with the view of their entry into the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors or training as electrical engineers. The Admiralty will continue its long-established craft-apprentice scheme for boys of 15–17 years, and on the basis of their progress during the first year such craft apprentices will be eligible for transfer to the direct-entry student scheme. Student apprentices will be recruited by an open competition conducted annually by the Civil Service Commission; candidates must be 16–18 years of age and will take a written examination in mathematics, physics and chemistry, and English, followed by an interview. The first examination will be held in April, and further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Burlington Gardens, London, W.1.

### Announcements

Dr. John Lamb and Dr. J. H. Westcott, lecturers in the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, have been appointed to University readerships in electrical engineering tenable at that College. The title of reader in anatomy in the University of London has been conferred on D. H. L. Evans and D. A. Sholl in respect of their posts at University College, London.

THE following appointments have been made in the Development and Research Department of the Mond Nickel Co., Ltd.: G. L. Harrison, to succeed A. D. Busby as a development metallurgist in London, where he will work in the field of cast iron; P. D. Wilmot, to be a development chemist in London, where he will be concerned with the chemical and chemico-physical aspects; and J. H. Gittus, to be section leader of the Cast Iron Section at Birmingham.

THE Council of the Royal Society has awarded a Mackinnon Research Studentship to Dr. C. J. Waddington, of the H. H. Wills Physical Laboratory, University of Bristol, for his work on the nature and properties of the primary cosmic radiation.

THE British Museum (Natural History) has received from the Malacca Museums Board a skull of a beaked whale, *Mesoplodon stejnegeri*. This specimen is the first of its kind to be acquired by the Museum, and the species is represented in only one other museum in the world (the United States National Museum, Washington).

THE journal *Vox Sanguinis* is no longer being published by the Central Laboratory of the Netherlands Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service. Publication is now in the hands of the company S. Karger, at Arnold Bocklin-Strasse 25, Basle, to which all inquiries should be sent.

A SYMPOSIUM on vegetable tannins, organized by the Society of Leather Trades' Chemists, will be held in the Chemistry School, Cambridge, during April 12–13 under the chairmanship of Prof. R. D. Haworth and Dr. F. E. King, respectively. Thirteen papers have so far been arranged, including three from workers in Heidelberg; but other papers will be considered if sent in without delay. Registration forms for the symposium and further information can be obtained from the honorary secretary, G. H. W. Humphreys, c/o Forestal Central Laboratories, Harpenden, Herts.

THE third Easter symposium in agricultural science of the University of Nottingham will be held at the School of Agriculture, Sutton Bonington, during April 23–25. The main theme will be the growth of leaves, and the four sessions will deal, respectively, with general aspects of growth and development, initiation and growth of leaf primordia, the expansion of leaves, and the influence of external factors on leaf growth. Further information can be obtained from Prof. F. L. Milthorpe, School of Agriculture, University of Nottingham, Sutton Bonington, Loughborough.

THE Medical Research Council is offering a number of fellowships for the academic year 1956–57, as follows: Rockefeller, Eli Lilly and Lederle travelling fellowships in medicine (2,700 dollars a year or 3,900 dollars for married men), for graduates resident in Great Britain with previous research experience in clinical medicine or surgery, or in some other branch of medical science, to work at a centre in the United States or elsewhere abroad, before taking up positions for higher teaching or research in Britain; Dorothy Temple Cross research fellowships in tuberculosis (£650 a year or £900 for married men), for British subjects to devote themselves to the advancement of knowledge of tuberculosis at a centre outside Great Britain. Application forms (to be returned by March 15) and further particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, Medical Research Council, 38 Old Queen Street, London, S.W.1.