

Quennell (deputy director of Geological Survey, Tanganyika), director of Geological Survey, Tanganyika; D. H. Romney (scientific officer, British Honduras), senior scientific officer, British Honduras; R. H. Regnault (surveyor, Fiji), deputy director, Lands, Mines and Surveys, Fiji; A. L. C. Thorne (senior veterinary research officer, Federation of Nigeria), deputy director of veterinary research, Federation of Nigeria; J. Armstrong, agricultural officer, Northern Rhodesia; T. R. Barnes, agricultural officer, Western Region, Nigeria; W. J. R. Boyd, agricultural officer, Northern Rhodesia; A. J. M. Gunn, agricultural officer, Tanganyika; D. J. H. Jones, agricultural chemist, Northern Rhodesia; W. Keir, agricultural officer, Kenya; J. H. Simons, plant protection officer (plant pathologist), Western Region, Nigeria; C. R. Cratchley, geologist (geophysicist), Federation of Nigeria; J. B. Wright, geologist, Kenya; J. Ashton, senior surveyor, Northern Region, Nigeria; A. G. Bailey, scientific officer, Northern Region, Nigeria; C. M. Leslie, scientific officer, East African Industrial Research Organization, East Africa High Commission.

#### University News:

#### London

THE title of professor emeritus in the University of London has been conferred on the following: Prof. C. W. Dannatt, on his retirement from the chair of metallurgy at the Imperial College of Science and Technology; Prof. J. B. S. Haldane, on his resignation from the Weldon chair of biometry at University College; Prof. B. J. Lloyd-Evans, on his retirement from the Kennedy chair of mechanical engineering at University College; Prof. W. H. Pearsall, on his retirement from the Quain chair of botany at University College; Prof. William Wardlaw, on his retirement from the chair of physical chemistry at Birkbeck College.

The following appointments are announced: Dr. Douglas McKie, reader in the history and philosophy of science at University College, to the University chair of the history and philosophy of science tenable at that College; Dr. M. Freedman, lecturer in anthropology at the London School of Economics and Political Science, to the University readership in anthropology tenable at that School; Mr. S. J. Gould, lecturer in sociology at the London School of Economics and Political Science, to the University readership in social institutions tenable at that School; Dr. P. L. le Roux, senior lecturer at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, to the University readership in medical parasitology tenable at that School; Dr. J. F. Sutcliffe, lecturer at King's College, to the University readership in botany tenable at that College.

#### Announcements

MR. E. S. HISCOCKS, secretary of the National Physical Laboratory, has been appointed director of the United Kingdom Scientific Mission in the British Commonwealth Scientific Office in Washington; he will also be attaché for scientific questions to the British Embassy. He will succeed Mr. H. J. Hadow, who has completed his term of office in Washington and will return to duty with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in England.

MR. B. W. COLLINS, of the New Zealand Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Geological Survey Office, Christchurch, has been appointed

scientific liaison officer in Great Britain, under Dr. V. Armstrong, at the New Zealand Scientific Liaison Office, which is a unit of the British Commonwealth of Nations Scientific Liaison Office, Africa House, Kingsway, London.

THE British Scientific Instrument Research Association's laboratories at South Hill, Chislehurst, Kent, are to hold five open days during October 7-11. Inquiries should be sent to the Director at that address.

THE Society for Water Treatment and Examination is to hold its autumn meeting at the Palace Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, during October 2-4. Further details can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, 41 Carshalton Road, Sutton, Surrey.

THE Institute of Personnel Management, jointly with the National Institute of Industrial Psychology, has arranged a five-day course in "The Use of Statistics in Personnel Management", to be held at the National Institute of Industrial Psychology, 14 Welbeck Street, London, W.1, during October 28-November 1. Further information can be obtained from the Training Officer, Institute of Personnel Management, Management House, London, E.C.4.

THE Chemical Engineering Group and London Section of the Society of Chemical Industry are to hold a joint symposium on "Safety in Chemical Industry" on October 14 and 15 at the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, London. Full details and application forms can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary, Society of Chemical Industry, 14 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1; registration should be completed before October 5.

AN informal symposium on "Column Packings for Gas Chromatography" will take place at the University of Cambridge on October 4. The meeting is being organized by the Gas Chromatography Discussion Group under the auspices of the Hydrocarbon Research Group of the Institute of Petroleum and will commence at 11 a.m. The proceedings will not be published in full. Application for tickets should be made before August 26 to Dr. H. Purnell, Department of Physical Chemistry, Free School Lane, Cambridge.

THE first International Symposium on Gas Chromatography, sponsored by the Analysis Instrumentation Division of the Instrument Society of America, is to be held in the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education, Michigan State University, during August 28-30. The Symposium, under the general chairmanship of H. J. Noebels, is to be held in six sessions devoted to the theory of gas chromatography, the application of gas chromatography instrumentation in the laboratory, analysis of high-boiling materials by gas chromatography, the application of gas chromatographic techniques to the purification of chemicals, and gas chromatography instrumentation for continuous automatic analysis. All inquiries should be addressed to the Conference Registrar, Instrument Society of America, 313 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania. Registration must be complete by August 15.

ERRATUM. MESSRS. A. T. Willis and G. Hobbs state that in the communication entitled "A Modified Nagler Medium" in *Nature* of July 13, p. 92, the following correction should be made: par. 3, line 4, for "0.03 per cent neutral red", read ". . . 0.003 per cent neutral red".