

## Sydney

PROF. J. H. GADDUM, professor of pharmacology at the University of Edinburgh, has been appointed third visiting professor of pharmacology in the University of Sydney. Prof. Gaddum will leave for Australia about the middle of April and will spend approximately two months in Sydney. During his stay in Australia he will lecture in Sydney and other capital cities and will visit the Australian National University in Canberra. A fund has been established by the pharmaceutical manufacturers of Australia to enable the University of Sydney to invite a guest professor in this subject each year.

## Vancouver

DR. R. D. RUSSELL, of the University of Toronto, has been appointed associate professor of geophysics in the University of British Columbia. A chair of geophysics, within the Department of Physics, was established last year by the appointment of Prof. J. A. Jacobs. Research at first will be mainly in the fields of isotope geology and geomagnetism.

## The Night Sky in March

FULL moon occurs on Mar. 5d. 18h. 28m. U.T., and new moon on Mar. 20d. 09h. 50m. The following conjunctions with the Moon take place: Mar. 8d. 21h., Jupiter 2° N.; Mar. 12d. 18h., Saturn 3° S.; Mar. 15d. 11h., Mars 6° S.; Mar. 16d. 11h., Venus 1° S. Mercury is favourably placed for observation at the end of the month, setting at 19h. 0m. on Mar. 15 and 20h. 20m. on Mar. 31. Its stellar magnitude is -1.3 on Mar. 15 and +0.4 on Mar. 31. Venus is a morning star, visible low in the south-east before sunrise. It rises at 4h. 50m., 4h. 30m. and 4h. 10m. on March 1, 15 and 31, respectively; its stellar magnitude is -4.2. During the month its distance from the Earth increases from 37 to 58 million miles and the visible portion of the apparent disk from 0.227 to 0.450. Mars rises at 4h. 55m., 4h. 30m. and 4h. 00m. at the beginning, middle and end of the month, respectively; it will be difficult to observe. Jupiter rises at 22h. 20m., 21h. 20m. and 20h. 10m. on March 1, 15 and 31, respectively; it is east of Spica. The stellar magnitude of Jupiter is -1.9, its distance from the Earth on March 15 being 430 million miles. Saturn rises at 3h. 05m., 2h. 15m. and 1h. 10m. at the beginning, middle and end of the month, respectively; it is east of  $\theta$  Ophiuchi. It has a stellar magnitude of +0.7 and a distance of 930 million miles from the Earth on March 15. Occultations of stars brighter than magnitude 6 are as follows, observations being made at Greenwich: Mar. 1d. 22h. 16.7m.,  $\lambda$  Gem. (*D*); Mar. 3d. 18h. 31.5m.,  $\times$  Cnc. (*D*); Mar. 11d. 03h. 02.0m.,  $\nu$  Sco. *m.* (*D*); Mar. 11d. 03h. 31.9 m.,  $\nu$  Sco. *m.* (*R*); Mar. 26d. 22h. 01.4m., 104 Tau. *m.* (*D*); Mar. 30d. 20h. 58.0m., A<sup>2</sup> Cnc. (*D*). *D* and *R* refer to disappearance and reappearance, respectively. The vernal equinox occurs on Mar. 21d. 03h.

## Announcements

ABOUT £50 is available from the Clough Memorial Research Fund of the Edinburgh Geological Society for geological research in Scotland and the north of England (Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmorland and Yorkshire) during the period April 1, 1958–March 31, 1959. Applications, stating the nature of the proposed research, should be sent before March 31 to the Secretary, Clough Memorial

Research Fund Committee, Edinburgh Geological Society, Synod Hall, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 1.

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Department of Agriculture for Scotland propose to award, for the academic year beginning October 1, 1958, a number of postgraduate scholarships in the various branches of husbandry, farm management, agricultural economics, statistics, agricultural and dairy engineering, rural estate management and land economics. Awards will also be offered in agricultural science for students intending to pursue a course of postgraduate instruction. The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is March 31. Further particulars and forms of application can be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Room 284, Great Westminster House, Horseferry Road, London, S.W.1, or the Department of Agriculture for Scotland, St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh 1.

A SYMPOSIUM on "Science and Society" will be held in the William Beveridge Hall, Senate House, University of London, on March 19, under the auspices of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, the Institute of Biology and the Institute of Physics. Prof. P. M. S. Blackett will take the chair. The main speakers will be: Prof. L. T. Hogben ("Science and its Social Functions"); Prof. A. Haddow ("The Social Dangers of Science"); Dame Kathleen Lonsdale ("The Social Place of Science"); Mr. Anthony Smith, *Daily Telegraph* (in place of Mr. L. J. F. Brimble, *Nature*) ("The Deployment of Scientific Effort"). Further information can be obtained from the Secretaries of any of the above Institutes.

THE British Social Biology Council is holding a one-day conference on "The Making of a Scientist" in the North Hall Suite, Victoria House, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, on March 22. The conference will bring together men and women from the schools, universities, industries and public services who are concerned with the training of scientists and their employment. It will be open to anyone who is interested in education and science. Tickets for admission are obtainable from the Secretary, British Social Biology Council, 69 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1. The programme for the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. O. Blair-Cunynghame (National Coal Board), will consist of lectures on: "The Position of the Science Graduate in Industry" by Mr. E. A. Cooke (Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd.); "Scientists in the Engineering Industry" by Mr. G. S. Bosworth (English Electric); "Fostering the Scientific Attitude" by Prof. J. Z. Young (University College, London). In the afternoon the chairman will be Mr. A. Rodger (Birkbeck College) and the lectures will be on: "Human Relations and Scientific Method" by Miss M. L. Johnson (University College, London); "Industry and the Artist" by Mr. B. Archer (Central School of Arts and Crafts); "Teaching Science: the Need for Research" by Mr. R. Weatherall (Eton College). There will be opportunities for questions and discussion.

ERRATA. In the communication entitled "Isotopic Tracer Method for measurement of Iron lost into and re-absorbed from Gastro-intestinal Bleeding Lesions" by M. Roche *et al.* (*Nature*, 180, 1278; 1957), par. 3, equation 2 gives the haemoglobin in gm./100 c.c. and not mgm./100 c.c. as printed; par. 7, line 4, the footnote reference should be 4.