evidence that this substance produces ataxia in hens was observed by Bondy, Field, Worden and Hughes at the Nutritional Research Station in Huntingdon, and it was first synthesized in the laboratories of Coalite and Chemical Products, Ltd., and the sample tested by me was provided by Dr. H. F. Bondy".

### University News:

Belfast

THE following appointments to lectureships are announced: Dr. S. M. Nelson (organic chemistry); Dr. A. R. Johnston (physics); Dr. L. T. Threadgold (zoology); Mr. T. J. Black and Mr. D. McCloy (mechanical engineering).

### Birmingham

The title of reader in reactor physics has been conferred on Dr. J. Walker, senior lecturer in physics. Appointments to lectureships are as follows: Gillian Vaisey (civil engineering); G. Lees (road materials); Dr. G. H. Burkhardt (mathematical physics); Dr. M. J. Lawrence (genetics); G. H. Trengrouse and E. Amini (mechanical engineering); Dr. D. C. Champeney and D. A. O'Connor (physics). D. R. Milner has been appointed Lucas Fellow in metaljoining in the Department of Industrial Metallurgy for seven years.

## Edinburgh

THE following have been appointed Imperial Chemical Research Industries Fellows: Dr. J. L. Holmes, Dr. K. R. Jennings, Dr. G. R. H. Jones, Dr. A. J. Charlson, and Dr. J. W. Sutherland. Mr. M. J. O'Hara has been appointed lecturer in geology and Mr. E. R. S. Fifoot, University librarian (as from October 1).

# Leeds

APPOINTMENTS to lectureships are as follows: W. G. Collins and J. A. Fox (civil engineering); Dr. C. M. Reeves (electronic computing); C. G. Woods (pathology); Dr. P. J. Wyllie (experimental petrology). Dr. D. M. Robertson has been awarded the Portsmouth fellowship for research in multiple sclerosis for three years. The Department of Zoology has received a grant of £2,055 from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research for research projects under the direction of Dr. Broadhead. The Department of Biomolecular Structure received grants of 152,517 dollars from the United States Public Health Authority and £1,100 from the Medical Research Council; the latter is to be used in establishing a research fellowship. The Houldsworth School of Applied Science has received among other grants £3,500 from the British Coke Research Association and £1,200 a year to establish a research fellowship in ceramics from the Thermal Syndicate, Ltd.

# Nottingham

Dr. Cyrll Clifford Addison, at present reader in the Department of Chemistry, has been appointed professor of inorganic chemistry as from October I. Dr. Addison graduated at Durham in 1934 and obtained the research degrees of that University of Ph.D. in 1937 and of D.Sc. in 1947. During the War he worked for the Ministry of Supply at Runcorn and Preston, and was later head of the Analytical Research Laboratories at Sutton Oak. He was appointed lecturer in inorganic chemistry at Nottingham in 1946, and in 1952 the title of reader was conferred upon him.

Dr. Maurice William Partridge, at present Lord Trent reader in pharmaceutical chemistry, has been appointed to the Lord Trent chair in the same subject as from October 1. Dr. Partridge graduated with honours at University College, Nottingham, and in 1941 was awarded the research degree of Ph.D. of the University of London. During the War he was research assistant to the British Pharmacopoeia Commission and later was senior scientist in the chemical research laboratories of Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd. He was appointed lecturer in pharmaceutical chemistry in 1947, and in 1955 was appointed to his present readership.

### Oxford

The following appointments to readerships have been announced: Dr. E. P. Abraham (chemical pathology); Dr. E. Bülbring (pharmacology); Dr. W. A. Waters (physical organic chemistry); and Dr. N. Kurti (physics).

#### St. Andrews

The following appointments to senior lectureships are announced: Dr. Ann R. Sanderson, Department of Zoology, Queen's College; and Dr. D. V. Osborne, Department of Natural Philosophy, St. Salvator's College.

### Announcements

LORD HIVES, who was the first chairman of the National Council for Technological Awards, has been given an honorary diploma in technology (engineering); this is the first honorary award to be made by the Council.

The Chemical Research Committee of the Indian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is organizing a two-day symposium on "Proteins" at Mysore during the first week of August. Further information can be obtained from Dr. A. Sreenivasan, Central Food Technological Research Institute, V. V. Mohalla, P.O., Mysore 2.

The tenth International Congress of the History of Science will be held in the United States during August 26-September 2, 1962. Opening sessions of the Congress will be held at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and the concluding sessions will be held at the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The president of the Congress is Prof. Henry Guerlac, of Cornell University. Further information can be obtained from the secretary, Prof. C. Doris Hellman, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

The fourteenth congress of the International Scientific Film Association will be held in Prague during September 16–24, and will include, as in previous years, a festival of films on "Presenting Science". Responsibility for selecting the British film entry for the Congress rests with the Scientific Film Association of Great Britain. Further information can be obtained from the Scientific Film Association, 3 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

An international conference on "Natural Rubber Research", sponsored by the Rubber Research Institute of Malaya with the support of the Government of the Federation of Malaya and the Rubber Producers' Council, will take place in Kuala Lumpur during September 26-October 1. Further information can be obtained from the Rubber Research Institute of Malaya, P.O. Box 150, Kuala Lumpur.