

## NEWS and VIEWS

## Industrial Chemistry at Liverpool:

Prof. C. H. Bamford

DR. C. H. BAMFORD, who has been appointed to the Campbell Brown chair of industrial chemistry in the University of Liverpool, is forty-nine years of age and was educated at St. Patrick's and King Edward VI Schools, and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated with first-class honours in 1934, and was awarded a Ph.D. in 1938 and an Sc.D. in 1954. He was elected a Fellow of Trinity College in 1937 and served as a director of studies in chemistry, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, during 1937-43. In 1941 he was awarded the Meldola Medal of the Royal Institute of Chemistry. During the War he was employed by Interservices Research Bureau with the Ministry of Economic Warfare. After the War he joined Courtaulds, Ltd., and was responsible for the fundamental research undertaken at the Maidenhead Laboratory, and in 1947 he was appointed head of the Laboratory. Dr. Bamford has served on committees of the Faraday Society and the Society of Chemical Industry. He has made visits abroad to Australia, the United States and the U.S.S.R. He has published three books and a large number of papers in chemical journals, mainly on photochemistry, polymerization and synthetic polypeptides and proteins.

## Organic Chemistry at Liverpool:

Prof. A. R. Battersby

DR. A. R. BATTERSBY, who has been appointed to the newly instituted second chair of organic chemistry in the University of Liverpool, is lecturer in organic chemistry in the University of Bristol. He is thirty-seven years of age and was educated at Leigh Grammar School and the University of Manchester, where he graduated B.Sc. with first-class honours in 1946 and M.Sc. in 1947. He was awarded a Ph.D. of the University of St. Andrews in 1949. In October 1948 he was appointed lecturer in chemistry at the University of St. Andrews. He was awarded a Commonwealth Fund Fellowship in 1950 and studied for one year at the Rockefeller Institute, New York. The Fellowship was extended for a second year, which he spent at the University of Illinois undertaking research in biochemistry. He returned to the University of St. Andrews as lecturer in chemistry in June 1952, and in January 1954 was appointed lecturer in chemistry in the University of Bristol. He was awarded the Corday-Morgan Medal and Prize for 1959 by the Chemical Society.

## Veterinary Research at the Wellcome Foundation, Ltd.:

Dr. R. F. Montgomery

DR. R. F. MONTGOMERIE, director of veterinary research in the Wellcome Foundation, Ltd., has retired. Born on the Island of Bute in 1898, Dr. Montgomery graduated from the University of Edinburgh and the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College in 1923. He was one of the first three veterinary surgeons appointed in the old Agricultural Advisory Service and was located at the School of Agriculture, University College of North Wales, Bangor, from 1924 until he joined the staff of the Wellcome Research Laboratories at Beckenham in 1937. In North Wales he quickly established a reputation by

his work on diseases of sheep, and his introduction of carbon tetrachloride for the treatment of liver fluke disease earned him a world-wide reputation. This was enhanced by his study of the cause of sudden deaths in thriving lambs which had hitherto been ascribed to 'wool ball', but which he showed was due to enterotoxaemia, the condition thereafter being called pulpy kidney disease.

At the Wellcome Research Laboratories he led the team which has done so much to provide important sera and vaccines for the control of the common diseases of sheep. In his direction of the Wellcome Veterinary Research Station, Frant, he built up a research centre now widely known for its work on infertility in farm animals, the discovery of anthelmintics for the treatment and prevention of nematodirus disease in young lambs and the treatment of lungworm in sheep and cattle. His work was recognized by the National Sheep Breeders Association when, six months ago, he was made the first recipient of the George Hedley Memorial Medal for outstanding service to the sheep industry.

Mr. S. L. Hignett

DR. MONTGOMERIE has been succeeded by Mr. S. L. Hignett, head of the Wellcome Veterinary Research Station at Frant since it was established in 1943. Mr. S. L. Hignett has, like Dr. Montgomery, been president of the British Veterinary Association (1959-60). He is probably best known for his work on bovine mastitis and infertility in farm animals.

## The Australian Association of Clinical Biochemists

THE following are the officers and State members of Council of the newly formed Australian Association of Clinical Biochemists: *President*, Dr. J. A. Owen; *Honorary Treasurer*, Dr. J. E. O'Hagan; *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. D. H. Curnow (Royal Perth Hospital, Perth, Western Australia); *Members*, Mr. M. J. Thomas (Queensland), Dr. F. C. Neale (New South Wales), Miss M. Bick (Victoria), Dr. R. S. Parsons (Tasmania), Dr. W. Roman (South Australia), Dr. G. A. Sarfaty (West Australia). The first annual general meeting and scientific meeting of the Association will be held in Sydney on August 21.

## Laboratory of the Government Chemist Steering Committee

THE Council for Scientific and Industrial Research has set up a Steering Committee for the Laboratory of the Government Chemist. The Committee will be under the chairmanship of Dr. B. K. Blount, deputy secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. The members of the Committee will be: Prof. R. Belcher, professor of analytical chemistry, University of Birmingham; Mr. R. C. Chirnside, chief chemist and head of the Chemistry and Technical Services Division of the General Electric Co., Ltd.; Dr. D. T. Lewis, the Government Chemist; Mr. H. Wooldridge, deputy director (Stations Division), Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Headquarters.

The Laboratory of the Government Chemist is the oldest Government chemical laboratory; its origin dates back to 1842. It provides a wide variety of analytical and advisory services for Government