

the Royal Institute of Chemistry, the Society of Chemical Industry and the Institute of Metals. Sir George Beilby was president of each of these three bodies, and they jointly sponsored the appeal for subscriptions whereby the Fund was raised as a memorial to him after his death in 1925. The Beilby Medal and Prize, which consists of a gold medal and a substantial sum of money, is specified as being "For Advancement in Science and Practice". Such an award is now being offered annually. The awards are made to British scientists in recognition of independent original work of exceptional merit, carried out continuously over a period of years and involving the development and application of scientific principles in any field related to the special interests of Sir George Beilby, namely chemical engineering, fuel technology or metallurgy, in their modern interpretations. The awards are intended as an encouragement to younger men and women (preferably under the age of 40) who have done distinguished work of practical significance in any of these fields. The award for 1966 is shortly to come up for consideration. Outstanding work of the nature indicated may be brought to the notice of the Administrators, either by persons who desire to recommend the candidate or by the candidate himself, not later than December 31, 1965, by letter addressed to the Convener of the Administrators, Sir George Beilby Memorial Fund, the Royal Institute of Chemistry, 30 Russell Square, London, W.C.1.

Meldola Medal, 1965

THE next award of the Meldola Medal, the gift of the Society of Maccabaeans, will be made early in 1966 to the chemist who, being a British subject and less than 30 years of age on December 31, 1965, shows the most promise as indicated by his or her published chemical work brought to the notice of the Council of the Royal Institute of Chemistry before December 31, 1965. Further information can be obtained from the President, the Royal Institute of Chemistry, 30 Russell Square, London, W.C.1, the envelope being marked "Meldola Medal".

Announcements

DR. M. C. WILLIAMS has been appointed to the directorship of the Virus Research Institute at Entebbe, and has already taken over his duties.

THE 1965 congress of the International Federation for Documentation will be held in Washington during October 10-16. Further information can be obtained from the

Secretariat of the Congress, 9650 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, D.C.

A SYMPOSIUM on "Computers in Medicine" will be held in Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, during October 7-8. Further information can be obtained from the Director of Continuing Education, Faculty of Medicine, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

THE national conference of the Institute of Personnel Management on "Making the Most of Manpower" will be held at Harrogate during October 7-9. Further information can be obtained from the Institute of Personnel Management, 80 Fetter Lane, London, E.C.4.

A MEETING on "Oxidation of Metals", organized by the Société d'Etudes, de Recherches et d'Applications pour l'Industrie, will be held in Brussels during October 6-8. Further information can be obtained from Mr. C. Sonnen, c/o S.E.R.A.I., 1091 Chaussée d'Alseberg, Brussels 18.

A SYMPOSIUM on "Industrial Organic Analysis", sponsored by the Analytical Chemistry Division of the Chemical Institute of Canada, will be held at Sarnia during October 4-6. Further information can be obtained from R. M. Small, Research Department, Polymer Corporation, Ltd., Sarnia, Ontario.

AN informal meeting of the Physical Biochemistry Group of the British Biophysical Society on "Light Scattering" will be held at the School of Pharmacy, University of London, on October 4. Further information can be obtained from Prof. L. Saunders, School of Pharmacy, Brunswick Square, London, W.C.1.

A CONFERENCE on "Mathematics for Engineers", sponsored jointly by the Engineering Institutions Joint Council, the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications and the Joint Mathematical Council of the United Kingdom, will be held at Queen Mary College, London, during September 30-October 1. Further information can be obtained from the Registrar, Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, c/o Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, S.W.7.

CORRIGENDUM. Prof. A. H. Glässer has written to the Editor stating that the chemical compound described in his joint communication with Dr. C. Beretta and Dr. R. Ferrini, which appeared on p. 421 of the July 24, 1965, issue of *Nature*, was in fact "1,6-Dimethyl-8β-carbobenzyloxyaminomethyl-10α-ergoline" and not "1-Methyl-8β-carbobenzyloxyaminomethyl-10α-ergoline".

THE NIGHT SKY IN OCTOBER

All times are in Universal Time

MOON		CONJUNCTIONS WITH THE MOON	
New Moon	24d 14h	Venus	28d 09h, 2° S.
Full Moon	10d 14h	Mars	28d 02h, 0.01° N.
		Jupiter	16d 04h, 3° S.
		Saturn	7d 16h, 3° N.

PLANETS

Times of Rising (R) and Setting (S) during the month

Name	R/S	Beginning	Middle	End	Mag.	Dg (10 ⁶ miles)	Zodiacal position
Mercury	—	Unfavourably placed for observation			—	129	—
Venus	S	18h 45m	18h 25m	18h 25m	-3.8	84	—
Mars	S	19h 10m	18h 45m	18h 20m	+1.4	180	Scorpius
Jupiter	R	21h 00m	20h 05m	19h 05m	-2.1	434	Gemini
Saturn	S	3h 30m	2h 25m	1h 20m	+0.9	826	Aquarius

Dg is the distance of planet from the Earth on the 15th of the month

OCCULTATIONS OF STARS BRIGHTER THAN MAGNITUDE +6 AT GREENWICH

Star	R/D	Time	Mag.
37 Cap	D	5d 21h 58.4m	+5.8

(D, disappearance; R, reappearance)

METEORS

Name	Active period	Date of maximum	Radiant	Remarks
Giacobinids	9d-10d	9d 18h	262° R.A. + 54° Dec.	Unfavourable as minor activity expected
Orionids	15d-25d	21d	96° R.A. + 15° Dec.	Fairly favourable

OTHER PHENOMENA

- 16d 12h, Mars 4° N. of Antares.
- 17d 15h, Venus 2° N. of Antares.
- 19d 15h, Venus 1.6° S. of Mars.
- 28d 02h, Mars occulted by Moon (visible Australasia and Pacific only).
- Taurid meteors became active after 26d.