

University News:

Alberta

PROFESSOR J. A. JACOBS, at present head of the Department of Geophysics and director of the Institute of Earth Sciences in the University of British Columbia, has been appointed Killam Memorial professor of Science.

Hull

DR S. A. RAMSDEN has been appointed to the chair of applied physics.

Southampton

THE Department of Education and Science and the Ministry of Health have agreed to set up a new medical school to start work early in 1971. To begin with, Southampton will take 130 medical students a year. The University Grants Committee is to be given an additional allocation of capital funds to finance the rebuilding of the Southampton General Hospital and the construction of the medical school buildings. The Government is proud to boast that annual intake to the medical schools has increased from 2,020 in 1960 to more than 2,500 last year and also that proposals for other developments in medical education will be considered after the Todd Commission on Medical Education reports early in 1968. The University of Keele has taken the unusual step of making a general statement of its willingness to set up a medical school which can begin to take students two years earlier than Southampton.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

MR J. F. COLLINS, at present mayor of Boston, has been appointed visiting professor of urban affairs.

Appointments

COMMANDER JOHN O. BOYER has been appointed chief of the US Coast and Geodetic Survey's Marine Chart Division.

CAPTAIN NORMAN E. TAYLOR has been appointed director of the Pacific Marine Center of the US Coast and Geodetic Survey in Seattle, Washington, in succession to Rear-Admiral Harold J. Seaborg.

MR ROBERT W. RAMSEY, jun., has been appointed the US Atomic Energy Commission's scientific representative in Chalk River, Canada. Mr Ramsey is at present chief of the Technical Policy Branch of the Division of Operations Analysis and Forecasting at the commission's headquarters in Germantown, Maryland.

PROFESSOR A. G. WARD has been re-appointed chairman of the Food Standards Committee for a further period of three years. Mr C. S. Dence and Dr R. Passmore have been re-appointed members of the committee and Mr C. C. E. Sopp has been appointed a member, all for a period of three years.

THE following appointments have been made to the American Society of Plant Physiologists: *President*, Professor A. T. Jagendorf of Cornell University; *President-Elect*, Professor L. Bogorad of Harvard University; *Secretary*, Dr H. W. Siegelman of the Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Announcements

PROFESSOR EUGENE I. RABINOWITZ of the University of Illinois has been awarded the 1967 Kettering Award by the American Society of Plant Physiologists in recognition of his scientific contributions on photosynthesis, and Professor Paul Kramer of Duke University is the 1967 recipient of the Barnes Life Membership Award of the society, conferred in recognition of his contributions to science through research and teaching.

THE Seismological Society of the South West Pacific is being formed in order to devote attention to the earthquakes of South East Asia, Australasia and Oceania. Further information can be obtained from the Convener, Seismological Society of the S-W Pacific, Box 8005, Wellington, New Zealand.

THE John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc., of New York City, has awarded \$268,000 to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a three-year programme to continue development and evaluation, prepare manufacturer's drawings and specifications and build twenty production models of a high-speed English to Braille embossing system, being studied at MIT. This machine would enable an ordinary typist with no knowledge of the raised dot Braille code to produce immediate Grade 2 Braille, the most widely used form of the touch system of reading for the blind.

Meetings

LECTURES on Radioisotope Work in School, September 4-15, Harwell (Post-Graduate Education Centre, Building 445, AERE, Harwell, Didcot, Berks.).

LECTURES in Engineering, September 11-15, Harwell (Post-Graduate Education Centre, Building 455, AERE, Harwell, Didcot, Berks.).

COLLAGEN Discussion Group, September 25, University of Manchester (Professor D. S. Jackson, Department of Medical Biochemistry, Burlington Street, Manchester 13).

EXPERIMENTAL Medicine and Surgery in Primates, September 27-30, New York City (Executive Director, The New York Academy of Sciences, 2 East 63 Street, New York, NY).

GONDWANA Stratigraphy, September 26-October 15, Buenos Aires (Dr E. P. Plumstead, Honorary Secretary, Subcommission on Gondwana Stratigraphy, Bernard Price Institute for Paleontological Research, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg).

CREATING Scientists and Technologists for Industry, September 28, Imperial College (The Secretary, The Research and Development Society, 51 The Mall, Ealing, London, W5).

BUSINESS Decision 67, September 28-29, University of Southampton (Conference Information, The British Computer Society, 23 Dorset Square, London, NW1).

METAL Ions in Biological Systems, September 28-29, Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory, Oxford (Dr H. A. O. Hill, Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory, South Parks Road, Oxford).

INFRA-RED Spectra of Gas Chromatographic Fractions, September 29, University of Technology, Loughborough (Miss J. Healey, Institute of Petroleum, 61 New Cavendish Street, London, W1).

ERRATUM. In Table 1 of the article "Free Amino-acids of Blood Plasma and Erythrocytes of Normal Ducks and Ducks infected with Malarial Parasite, *Plasmodium lophurae*" by Wasim Ahmad Siddiqui and William Trager (*Nature*, 214, 1046; 1967) the value for cystine for erythrocytes (parasitized, 80 per cent) should have been 2.0, not 50.0.

ERRATUM. In the leading article "Molecular Models" (*Nature*, 215, 802; 1967) the name Hodgkin was, of course, misspelt and should have been Hodgson.

CORRIGENDUM. In the communication "Concentration of Immunoglobulins in Lethally X-irradiated Mice" (*Nature*, 215, 742; 1967) the names H. Bazin and H. S. Micklem were unfortunately printed in the wrong order.