

30 in. in diameter. Professor Laithwaite was determined to accomplish this for the first time in the lecture theatre of the Royal Institution, to make up for a disappointment five years earlier. Then, he writes, he had been asked to give a Friday evening discourse and had decided to try a new experiment, levitating a flat rectangular plate. Difficulties with winding the coils had finally persuaded him not to proceed, but when he returned to the laboratory and carried out the experiment, he discovered that if he had gone on, the experiment would not only have succeeded but would have demonstrated a new phenomenon for the first time. This disappointment made him determined to succeed with the large sphere, and how it was finally done makes an interesting chapter on its own. He used two coils, one inside the other, with the outer coil raised slightly above the level of the inner one.

As befits lectures intended for schoolchildren, these contain little mathematics. Particularly valuable for teachers are short appendices describing how the models can be made, and the book is likely to find a place in many school laboratories.

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University News :

London

PROFESSOR P. J. B. CLARRICOATS, professor of electronic engineering in the University of Leeds, has been appointed to the second chair of electrical engineering tenable at Queen Mary College.

Appointments

PROFESSOR M. G. P. STOKER, at present professor of virology in the University of Glasgow and director of the Medical Research Council Experimental Virus Research Unit, has been appointed director of research of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, in succession to Dr G. F. Marrian.

DR E. M. THAIN has been appointed deputy director of the Tropical Products Institute.

Announcements

THE Steacie Prize for 1967 has been awarded to Professor Myer Bloom of the Department of Physics, University of British Columbia, for his work in molecular physics. The prize, which consists of a cash award of \$1,500, is named after the late Dr E. W. R. Steacie, who was president of the National Research Council of Canada between 1952 and 1962.

THE committee set up by the Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mr Patrick Gordon Walker, to look into the organization of British national libraries has now had its first meeting. The committee, under the chairmanship of Dr F. S. Dainton, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nottingham, is considering how best to develop a comprehensive library system for Britain. Its first request has been to ask interested individuals or groups to submit evidence, in the first place in writing. The committee is particularly interested in factual information about the adequacy and utilization of existing library facilities, and about the pattern of future demand for libraries. Evidence on these or related matters should be sent to Dr N. B. W. Thompson, Secretary, The National Libraries Committee, Curzon Street House, Curzon Street, London, W1, not later than April 30, 1968.

THE trustees of the Lady Tata Memorial Trust invite applications for fellowships and scholarships for research on leukaemia in the academic year beginning October 1, 1968. In view of the affinity between leukaemia and other forms of neoplastic disease, candidates with programmes of research on any aspect of malignant disease which may throw light on problems of leukaemia will be eligible for consideration. The awards are open to suitably qualified

investigators of any nationality, working either in their own institutions or in other centres abroad. Further details can be obtained from the Secretary of the (European) Scientific Advisory Committee, Lady Tata Memorial Trust, Chester Beatty Research Institute, Fulham Road, London, SW3).

Meetings

NEWER Methods and Concepts of Polymerization, February 23-24, University of Bradford (The Registrar, University of Bradford, Bradford 7).

ANALYTICAL Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy, March 3-8, Pittsburgh (Dr John O. Frohlinger, Department of Occupational Health, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213).

SEMIMETALS and Narrow Gap Semiconductors, April 2-4, University of Durham (The Meetings Officer, The Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London, SW1).

ISRAEL Physical Society special meeting, April 14-15, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Mrs R. Rahman, Faculty of Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel).

STEREOCHEMISTRY, April 28-May 4, Bürgenstock (Professor J. Sicher, Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry, Czechoslovak Academy of Science, Flemmingovo n. 2, Praha 6).

PROTIDES of Biological Fluids, May 4-5, Bruges (XVIIth Colloquium on Protides of Biological Fluids, PO Box 71, Brugge 1).

THYROID Cancer, May 8-10, Lausanne (Professor G. Candardjjs, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Institut Universitaire de Radiologie Médicale, Hôpital Cantonal, 1005 Lausanne).

CONTINUOUS Cultivation of Micro-organisms, June 17-23, Prague (Dr Zdeněk Fencl, Head of the Department of Technical Microbiology, Institute of Microbiology, Budějovická 1083, Prague 4).

MICROCIRCULATION, June 24-29, Gothenburg (Professor Lars-Erik Gelin, Surgical Department 1, Sahlgrenska Sjukhuset, Gothenburg SV).

ERRATUM. In the review of *Sex Chromosomes and Sex-linked Genes* by Dr Susumu Ohno (*Nature*, 216, 891; 1967) the price of the book was misquoted at \$95; it should be \$9.50.

ERRATUM. In the article "Regulation of Cytochrome Oxidase in Human Cells in Culture" by N. Hakami and D. A. Pious (*Nature*, 216, 1087; 1967) the position of the words "aerobic" and "anaerobic" in Fig. 1 should be reversed.

ERRATUM. In the communication "Cosmological Models containing both Radiation and Matter" by C. B. G. McIntosh (*Nature*, 216, 1297; 1967) equation (21) on page 1298 should read $t = \frac{2}{3} \frac{AB}{c} \{ \epsilon^{-3/2} (1 - 9\epsilon) + 6\sqrt{3} \}$ ($B = \text{constant}$). Equation (24) should read $\rho_{r,0} = 6.8 \times 10^{-34} \text{ gm/cm}^3$ and equation (25) should read $\kappa \rho c^4 = 9H_0^2$.

ERRATUM. In the communication "Radio Sources in Opposite Directions as a Cosmological Test" by Jan-Erik Solheim (*Nature*, 217, 41; 1968) the fourth sentence of the legend to Fig. 1 should read: "The two models shown are based on a Hubble parameter $H_0 = 100 \text{ km sec}^{-1} \text{ Mparsec}^{-1}$, q_0 is the deceleration parameter and σ_0 a density parameter, $\sigma_0 = 4\pi G \sigma_0 / 3H_0^2$ where σ_0 is the mean density of the universe."