



The new building viewed from the East

CHANCELLOR OPENS NEW SCIENCE WINGS

YESTERDAY the new Chemistry/Geology/Maths building was officially opened by the Chancellor of the University, the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Scarborough. The building which cost £586,000, provides extensions to the existing Chemistry and Geology departments and new premises for the Maths department. This completes the expansion of the latter two departments but only represents the second phase of the Chemistry development which will double its size if plans are approved.

The new building will mean that the departments concerned will be able to grow at a rate fitting for an expanding University. The Maths department will be able to double its numbers and the Geology department, which for many years has been one of the biggest in the country, can now undertake the teaching of 200 first year students.

It is hoped to develop Engineering Geology as soon as staff can be appointed, but at present its space is occupied by the nascent Department of Engineering, whose buildings are just being started.

Surge Forward

The largest part of the extension houses the Chemistry department, which now has space for some 500 students at all levels. It is excellently equipped, almost reaching American standards. The new lecture rooms form the remainder of the building and set new standards of design and comfort in Durham.

Whatever one may think of its architecture, the sheer size of this block symbolises the rapid surge forward of Science in the University. It is to be hoped that it will continue to maintain our position in the forefront of research.