

## Announcements

THE Council of the Linnean Society has awarded the Linnean Gold Medal for 1936, the highest award in the gift of the Society, to Prof. J. Stanley Gardiner, professor of zoology and comparative anatomy in the University of Cambridge.

THE Lord President of the Council has decided that, pending the appointment of a successor to the late Sir Joseph Petavel, the office of director of the National Physical Laboratory shall be held by Sir Frank Smith, the secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. Correspondence should be addressed as hitherto to the Director, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex.

THE following appointments have recently been made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies: H. E. Harbour, to be veterinary officer, Tanganyika Territory; C. L. Smith, to be chemical assistant, Sponge Fishery Investigations, Bahamas; J. R. P. Soper (agricultural officer, Zanzibar), to be agricultural officer, Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States; A. Foggie (assistant conservator of forests, Cyprus), to be assistant conservator of forests, Gold Coast.

THE University of Jena will celebrate the seventh centenary of its foundation on May 20-24.

THE eighth International Congress of Theoretical and Applied Limnology, which was to have been held in Paris this year, has been postponed until 1937, when the world exhibition will take place.

THE First National Prize for Science, which is the highest distinction conferred by the Argentine Republic, has been awarded to Dr. Julio Diez for his work on the surgery of the lumbar sympathetic.

THE fifth International Congress against Rheumatism will be held at Lund on September 3-8, under the presidency of Prof. Sven Ingvar. Further information can be obtained from the secretary, Prof. G. Kahlmeter, Birgerjarisgatan 36, Stockholm.

THE third International Conference on Social Work will be held at Bedford College, London, on July 12-18, when the subject for discussion will be social work and the community. Further information can be obtained from the general secretary, Mr. Alexander Farquharson, Le Play House, 35 Gordon Square, W.C.1.

THE eleventh International Congress of Psychology will be held in Madrid on September 6-12, under the presidency of Prof. E. Mira. Further information can be obtained from the Bureau of the Congress at the Instituto Nacional de Psicotecnia, Alberto Aguilera 25, Madrid.

THE British Health Resorts Association has recently issued the 1936 edition of its official handbook, edited as previously by Dr. R. Fortescue Fox,

and with a foreword by Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister of Health ("British Health Resorts Spa, Seaside, Inland. Including those of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the British West Indies". London: J. and A. Churchill. 1s. net). Year by year the details included become amplified, and we now have a very full and complete guide to all the spas and health resorts in the British Isles, together with those of the overseas Dominions. Medical indications of the spas and the 'qualities' of the sea-coast health resorts are summarised. This, together with a guide to hotels and accommodation for visitors, complete a useful and inexpensive handbook.

WE are asked by Messrs. H. K. Lewis and Co., Ltd., to state that they are the London agents for the *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society*, referred to in NATURE of April 11, p. 629.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments, on or before the dates mentioned:

An assistant naturalist in the Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries—The Secretary, 10 Whitehall Place, London, S.W.1 (April 27).

An assistant (Grade III) in the Geological Survey and Museum, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, S.W.7—The Director (April 30).

A civilian technical officer (engineering or physics) in an Admiralty establishment in Scotland—The Secretary of the Admiralty (C.E. Branch), Whitehall, London, S.W.1 (May 1).

A mechanical draughtsman (temporary) at the War Office in connexion with research work in air survey—Under-Secretary of State (C.5), War Office, London, S.W.1 (May 4).

A junior scientific officer (physicist) at the Fuel Research Station, Greenwich—The Establishment Officer, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, 16 Old Queen Street, Westminster, S.W.1 (May 8).

A chemist for the Admiralty Chemical Pool—Secretary of the Admiralty (C.E. Branch), Whitehall, London, S.W.1 (May 8).

Assistants (Grades II and III) for the Admiralty Scientific and Technical Pools—Secretary of the Admiralty (C.E. Branch), Whitehall, London, S.W.1 (May 8) (quote C.E. 2329/36).

An assistant in cereal breeding at the Scottish Plant Breeding Station, Edinburgh—Mr. John Stirton, 8 Eglinton Crescent, Edinburgh (May 9).

An assistant superintendent of the Archaeological Survey of India—High Commissioner for India, General Department, India House, Aldwych, London, W.C.2 (May 15).

An assistant engineer for the Posts and Telegraphs Department of the Government of Nigeria—The Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4 Millbank, London, S.W.1 (quote M/3967).

Executive engineers (Grade IV) for Public Works Department, Government of Nigeria—Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4 Millbank, London, S.W.1 (quote M/4228).