

the matter sympathetically. The Ministry is communicating with the local councils concerned with a view to the provision of classes at times more convenient for those who cannot be released for day-time attendance except on Saturday mornings. However, the final responsibility for the organisation of courses rests with the individual teaching establishments. It is hoped that suitable arrangements can be made in time for the forthcoming winter sessions; but it is regretted that it is only in certain parts of the country that the numbers of applications are sufficient to permit of any action being taken.

#### Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, Tasmania

THE 1945-46 annual report of this Museum contains a reference to the proposed extension of the Museum's educational service. This service, under the new scheme, will embrace a greater and more comprehensive range of subjects than has been the case hitherto. It will, also, be extended to all schools, whether public or private, and in this connexion the note states, "Liaison with the schools is a fundamental activity of the Museum and Tasmania is considered to be in the forefront of such work in Australia". The City Council has also approved plans for certain works of renovation which will result in more gallery and working space, and in the better presentation of the collections.

#### Vocational Education in the United States

THE Federal Security Agency of the U.S. Office of Education has issued a book of 329 pages on "Vocational Education in the Years Ahead" (Washington: Gov. Printing Office, 50 cents), which is the report of a committee appointed to study post-war problems in vocational education, the committee being large and representative. The vocations selected for examination and report were agriculture, business, home-making, industry and guidance, that is, guidance in the matter of occupational information. The whole publication is replete with authoritative counsel.

#### International Congress of Zoology, 1948

THE executive committee of the Thirteenth International Congress of Zoology has announced that the Congress will be held in Paris during July 21-27, 1948. An attempt was made to arrange that the two Congresses, of Genetics and of Entomology, to be held in Stockholm in July and August 1948 respectively, should be brought closer together so that the Congress of Zoology could either precede or follow them, but this proved impossible. The Congress of Zoology will meet in the following sections, the sectional presidents' names being given in brackets: general zoology (Prof. A. Vandel); evolution and genetics (G. Teissier); cytology and protistology (Prof. E. Fauré-Frémiet); comparative and experimental embryology (E. Wolff); vertebrates (a) comparative anatomy (Prof. M. Prenant) and (b) systematics and ecology (Prof. E. Bourdelle); invertebrates except insects (Prof. L. Fage); entomology (Prof. R. Jeannel); applied zoology and parasitology (Prof. A. Vayssière); zoogeography and palaeontology (Prof. C. Arambourg); nomenclature (M. Fischer-Piette). The president of the Congress will be Prof. M. Caullery, professor of zoology at the Sorbonne, president of the permanent committee of the Congress of Zoology; and the secretary-general is Prof. Fischer-Piette, 55 rue de Buffon, Paris V<sup>e</sup>., from whom particulars can be obtained.

#### University of London: Appointments

THE following appointments in the University of London have been announced: Dr. William Burns, officer-in-charge of the Royal Naval Physiological Laboratory, to the University chair of physiology tenable at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School; Mr. W. G. East, to the University chair of geography tenable at Birkbeck College; Prof. L. A. Reid, professor of mental and moral philosophy at King's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to the University chair of philosophy of education tenable at the Institute of Education; Dr. H. N. Rydon, attached to the Medical Research Council's Unit for Bacterial Chemistry at the Lister Institute, to the University readership in organic chemistry tenable at Birkbeck College; Dr. David Slome, senior lecturer in physiology at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, to the University readership in physiology tenable at the School; Dr. E. W. Walls, senior lecturer in anatomy in the University College of South Wales, to the University readership in anatomy tenable at Middlesex Hospital Medical School.

The title of professor of bacteriology as applied to hygiene has been conferred on Dr. J. C. Cruickshank in respect of the post held by him at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The title of reader in medical mycology in the University has been conferred on Dr. J. T. Duncan in respect of the post held by him at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The title of reader in social economics in the University has been conferred on Mrs. Gertrude Williams in respect of the post held by her at Bedford College.

#### Announcements

PROF. HERMANN WEYL, recently of the School of Mathematics, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University, and Prof. George Polya, professor of advanced mathematics in the Technical Highschool, Zurich, have been elected *correspondants* for the Section of Geometry of the Paris Academy of Sciences.

MR. GEORGE S. CARSDALE, of the Forestry Department, Gold Coast, and well known as a collector of animals, particularly reptiles, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, London.

THIS year, the Royal Photographic Society's annual exhibition of photography will be divided into two parts: Part 1, pictorial and colour, September 13-October 5; Part 2, scientific, Nature, record and technical, October 11-November 1. The exhibition will be held at the Society's house, 16 Princes Gate, London, S.W.7.

THE Faraday Society has arranged a General Discussion on "The Labile Molecule", which will be held in the Physical Chemistry Laboratory, Oxford, during September 23-25. As usual in such discussions, many foreign visitors have promised contributions. Particulars of the meeting can be obtained from the Secretary, Faraday Society, 6 Gray's Inn Square, London, W.C.1.

ERRATUM.—The author of the communication "Effect of Bending on Selenium Rectifier Disks" (*Nature*, Aug. 9, p. 197) was P. Selényi alone; his address should have appeared as Eng. Nicholas Székely's Electrical Undertaking, Rectifier Laboratory, Ürómi-u. 24/28, Budapest III.