

apparatus and a section on textiles. In addition, there are the usual notes, abstracts of technical papers, reviews of books, notes on patents, etc., and the first page of a technical dictionary (English-Turkish-French-German). In each issue of the journal the contents page is to appear in the same four languages, and translations of any particular article will be prepared on request. The address of the new journal is: *Teknik Dergi*, Divanyolu Caddesi No. 16/3, Sultanahmet, Istanbul.

British Museum (Natural History)

THE galleries of fossil reptiles, fishes and plants in the Geological Department of the British Museum (Natural History) will be re-opened to the public on October 11. Most of the skeletons of the larger fossil animals had been dismantled and packed away in 1939, while others which could not be moved suffered damage during the War. The re-assembling and repair of all these specimens is still in progress; but the work is now sufficiently advanced to permit visitors to see once more the dinosaurs, the plesiosaurs and the ichthyosaurs. In the fossil fish gallery there is a series of dioramas of the fish-life of various geological periods from the Devonian onwards, and in Gallery VII there is a special exhibit illustrating the early history of palaeontology. The rearrangement of the fossil plant gallery is not yet complete, but the student will find an adequate series of specimens exemplifying the plant life of the past.

Lighting Exhibition at the Science Museum

MANY of the exhibits in the "Darkness into Day-light" Exhibition at the Science Museum, London, which closed on October 6, were contributed by the Electric Lamp Manufacturers' Association; these have now been handed over to the Museum for incorporation in the permanent collection on illumination which is being re-modelled. The objects range from six dioramas illustrating the development of domestic lighting from medieval to modern times to a complete historical survey of the development of the fluorescent lamp. In addition, there is a working model illustrating stage lighting, many experimental and newly introduced types of lamp and several interesting demonstrations. The new illumination section of the Science Museum is being built in three sections. In the first, historical portion, the aim is to give a picture of the sequence in which lighting developed from prehistoric to modern times by a series of well-lit exhibits interspersed with a series of dioramas. The second section, most of which is in existence, illustrates by means of push-button demonstrations the principles upon which good illumination depends. The final section will be devoted to modern developments in discharge tubes and fluorescence. It is hoped to open the new section to the public early next year.

Navigation through the Ages

THE Institute of Navigation (c/o Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London, S.W.7) is organising, with the Royal Geographical Society, an exhibition of "Navigation through the Ages", to be held during December 17-January 20. The exhibition will be opened by the Duke of Edinburgh, and in connexion with it there will be three meetings of the Institute: "Radio and Position", by Sir Robert Watson-Watt (December 17); "The Navigator's Story", by Prof. E. G. R. Taylor and Prof.

W. M. Smart (December 20); three films on radio systems, with a commentary by R. F. Hansford (January 10).

University of London: Appointments

THE following appointments in the University of London have been announced: Prof. L. Dudley Stamp, professor of geography at the London School of Economics and Political Science since 1945, to the University chair of social geography tenable at the School; Mr. J. V. Dacie, to the University readership in hæmatology tenable at the Postgraduate Medical School of London; Dr. C. L. Foster, to the University readership in biology tenable at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School.

Irish Chemical Association

AT the annual general meeting of the Irish Chemical Association, held in Dublin on September 22, the following officers and Council for the 1948-49 session were elected: *President*, Prof. T. S. Wheeler; *Vice-President*, D. Crowley; *Hon. Secretary*, G. F. O'Sullivan; *Hon. Treasurer*, J. G. Belton; *Council*, Dr. V. C. Barry, Dr. T. G. Brady, Prof. W. Cocker, Prof. T. Dillon, W. V. Griffiths, Miss M. MacNeill, N. V. Nowlan and F. T. Riley. Prof. Wheeler will deliver his presidential address, "The Training of a Chemist", in the Department of Chemistry, Trinity College, Dublin, at 7.45 p.m. on October 20.

Announcements

DR. RICHARD E. SHOPE, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, has been appointed associate director of the Merck Institute for Therapeutic Research. Dr. Shope is an authority in the field of experimental medicine and is known for his work on the virus of swine influenza. To provide Dr. Shope with special facilities for the study of animal pathology, a new building is being constructed in Rahway, N.J., by the Merck Institute.

DR. W. C. PRICE has been appointed to the University readership in experimental physics tenable at King's College, London, as from January 1, 1949. In 1937 Dr. Price became demonstrator in physical chemistry at the University of Cambridge, and during the War he worked at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, and for the Ministry of Supply and Ministry of Aircraft Production. Since 1943 he has been senior spectroscopist at the I.C.I. Physical Chemistry Research Laboratory, during which time he spent a session at the University of Chicago as research associate.

THE third commemoration day lecture at the Imperial College of Science and Technology will be delivered by Prof. Herbert Dingle on October 25. The title of Prof. Dingle's lecture will be "Some Reflexions on the History of Science".

MR. LEONARD CUNDALL, senior geography master at the Henry Thornton School, London, has been appointed a lecturer in the Department of Education of the International Wool Secretariat. He will lecture on wool to schools and adult educational bodies in the north of England and Scotland. Mr. Cundall, who graduated at the University of Leeds, has been chairman of the Secondary Schools' Standing Committee of the Geographical Association and of the Committee of the Assistant Masters' Association, which produced the "Memorandum on the Teaching of Geography" including the development of the wool industry in the West Riding.