

Hotel (Firvale Road), the registration and inquiry office will be in the Town Hall lounge, and sessions will be held as follows: general sessions, Winter Gardens (Exeter Road); annual lecture, Pavilion (Westover Road); and section meetings, Alexandra Hall (St. Peter's Road) and St. Peter's Hall (Hinton Road). In connexion with the conference there will be an exhibition of books, bindings and library equipment, to be held in the Grand Hall and Lounge of the Town Hall. Further information can be obtained from the secretary of the Association, Chaucer House, Malet Place, London, W.C.2.

#### Commonwealth Fund Fellowships for Study in the United States

THE Commonwealth Fund of New York has awarded fellowships, tenable in American universities for one year beginning next September, to the following British graduates, among others: I. E. Bush, Pembroke College, Cambridge (biochemistry); L. J. Cohen, St. Andrews (mathematical logic); D. F. Gibbs, Edinburgh (medicine); R. H. Glauert, Trinity College, Cambridge (organic chemistry); V. K. A. M. Gugenheim, Magdalen College, Oxford (mathematics); H. E. Huxley, Christ's College, Cambridge (biophysics); W. B. Mims, Wadham College, Oxford (nuclear physics); N. A. Mitchison, Magdalen College, Oxford (genetics); C. R. Reifenberg, Trinity College, Cambridge (mathematics); R. B. Thompson, King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne (medicine); A. J. Weir, Jesus College, Cambridge (mathematics). In addition a Dominion Civil Service Fellowship has been awarded, among others, to H. D. Waring, Australia (forestry).

#### The Night Sky in May

FULL moon occurs on May 9d. 20h. 16m. U.T., and new moon on May 23d. 19h. 28m. The following conjunctions with the moon take place: May 7d. 02h., Saturn  $7^{\circ}$  N.; May 9d. 03h., Mars  $6^{\circ}$  N.; May 21d. 21h., Jupiter  $6^{\circ}$  S.; May 22d. 10h., Mercury  $7^{\circ}$  S. In addition to these conjunctions with the moon, Venus is in conjunction with Jupiter on May 5d. 14h., Venus  $0.3^{\circ}$  S., and Mercury is in conjunction with Jupiter on May 17d. 02h., Mercury  $1.8^{\circ}$  S. Mercury, a morning star, is too close to the sun for observation, and Venus also is too close to the sun to be observed. Mars, in opposition on May 1, is visible throughout the night and does not set until the early morning hours. Jupiter, a morning star, rises at 4h. 25m., 3h. 30m. and 2h. 40m. on May 1, 15 and 31, respectively, but is too close to the sun for favourable observation until late in the month. Saturn is visible throughout the night and sets at 3h. 55m., 3h. and 1h. 55m. at the beginning, middle and end of the month, respectively. About the middle of the month it can be seen very close to  $\gamma$  Virginis. No occultations of stars brighter than magnitude 6 occur in May.

#### Announcements

A PLAQUE in memory of Marconi has been placed by the London County Council outside 71 Hereford Road, Paddington, London. The inscription reads: "London County Council Guglielmo Marconi 1874-1937 The Pioneer of wireless communication lived here in 1896-1897".

THE following appointments in the University of London have been announced: Dr. F. Bergel, to the University chair of chemistry tenable at the

Institute of Cancer Research; Mr. Henry Terrey, reader in chemistry at University College, to a University chair of chemistry tenable at that College.

A SCHOLARSHIP, to be known as the *Farm Mechanization* Scholarship, has been given by the publishers of *Farm Mechanization* to the Institution of British Agricultural Engineers and will be applied for the benefit of students who have financial difficulty in completing the final year of their study for the National Diploma in Agricultural Engineering. Forms of application (to be completed by May 15) and further details can be obtained from the secretary of the Institution, 24 Portland Place, London, W.1.

THE Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Department of Agriculture for Scotland are offering, for the academic year beginning October 1 or earlier, a limited number of postgraduate scholarships in agricultural economics, husbandry, statistics, and agricultural and dairy engineering. Further particulars and application forms (to be completed by May 15) can be obtained from the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Research Branch II), 1-4 Cambridge Terrace, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1, or the Secretary, Department of Agriculture for Scotland, St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh 1.

UNDER the will of the late Arthur William Baxter, the sum of £2,000 has been left to the Institution of Naval Architects, the income of which, about £60 a year, is to be used for an annual Samuel Baxter Prize, or Prizes, to be awarded for the contribution towards safety and/or efficiency in sea-going vessels which, in the Institution's opinion, is the best during the year. The award will be open to all: papers read at the Institution will be automatically eligible and also any other work which may be submitted to the Institution. Further details can be obtained from the Secretary of the Institution of Naval Architects, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London, S.W.1.

THE Ninth International Congress of Agricultural Industries will be held in Rome during May 23-31. Details of the programme can be obtained from Dr. D. Dickinson, Research Department, Saml. Hanson and Son, Ltd., Toddington, Cheltenham, Glos, or from the headquarters of the Congress, Via XX Settembre 98G, Rome.

THE Associazione Italiana di Tecnica Navale is organizing a joint meeting in Italy with the Institution of Naval Architects to be held as follows: Genoa, September 25-27; Rome, September 28-30; and Naples, October 1-2. Six papers will be read, and a number of visits to shipyards and excursions have been arranged. Further details and application forms (to be completed by May 5) can be obtained from the Secretary of the Institution at 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London, S.W.1.

THE seventeenth Cold Spring Harbor Symposium on Quantitative Biology will be held during June 6-13, the subject being "The Neuron". The following aspects of the problem will be discussed: optical, ionic, and metabolic phenomena of active nerves; electrotonus and excitation; the peripheral origins of nervous activity; activity of the neuron soma; the properties of dendrites; transmission at the neuromuscular junction, and at synapses of the invertebrate nervous system; sympathetic ganglia; and the central nervous system of vertebrates. Further details can be obtained from the Biological Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, New York.