

## Announcements

PROF. DAVIDSON BLACK, professor of anatomy in the Union Medical College, Peking, will deliver the Croonian lecture of the Royal Society on December 8. The title of Prof. Black's lecture will be "The Discovery of *Sinanthropus*".

UNDER the Order in Council dated February 6, 1928, the Lord President of the Council has appointed Dr. T. Franklin Sibly, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Reading, to be a member of the Advisory Council to the Committee of the Privy Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

THE following officers and new members of council of the London Mathematical Society have been elected for the session 1932-33: *President*: Prof. A. C. Dixon; *Vice-Presidents*: Prof. S. Chapman, Prof. H. Levy, Mr. T. L. Wren; *Treasurer*: Dr. A. E. Western; *Librarian*: Prof. H. Hilton; *Secretaries*: Prof. G. N. Watson, Mr. F. P. White; *New Members of the Council*: Prof. J. C. Burkill, Mr. W. L. Ferrar, Prof. E. A. Milne, Prof. G. F. J. Temple, Prof. E. C. Titchmarsh.

A CONFERENCE is being called by the Building Research Station of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research to consider proposals for the establishment of a fire testing station for the building industry. The conference will be held at the Institution of Civil Engineers on Wednesday, December 7, at 11 A.M., under the chairmanship of Sir Clement Hindley. Firms and bodies which have not received invitations to the conference direct, but wish to send representatives, should communicate with the Director, Building Research Station, Garston, Watford, Herts.

THE annual Congress of the British Institute of Radiology will be held at the Central Hall, Westminster, on December 7-9, under the presidency of Prof. F. L. Hopwood. The Congress will be officially opened by Sir George Newman on December 7. In connexion with the Congress an exhibition of X-ray apparatus will be organised by the British X-ray industry. The thirteenth Mackenzie Davidson memorial lecture will be delivered by Dr. J. Chadwick on "The Neutron" and the fifteenth Sylvanus Thompson memorial lecture by the Right Hon. Viscount Lee of Fareham on "Radium as a Therapeutic Agent—The Case for National Control". The papers will be divided into medical, and physical and technical sessions.

THE attention of biologists may be directed to the Peking Natural History Society's *Bulletin* now in its seventh volume. This journal is doing good work in publishing illustrated papers on the fauna, flora, general biology, etc., of China. Its trend is largely zoological and through the medium of its pages additions to the fauna of China are frequently made known. The majority of the contributions are written in English by Chinese investigators, while there are occasional papers by European and other specialists. The editor of the *Bulletin*, to whom

contributions and requests for exchange should be addressed, is Dr. Chenfu F. Wu, Department of Biology, Yenching University, Peiping, China.

THE Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has issued new editions of three advisory leaflets, dealing respectively with "Cleanliness in Dairying" (No. 140), detailing the causes and prevention of contamination of milk, "Caerphilly Cheese" (No. 141) and "Cheshire Cheese" (No. 142), the last two describing the manufacture of these cheeses. The leaflets cost 1d. each, and are published by H.M. Stationery Office.

WE have received from Messrs. Watson and Sons (Electro-Medical) Ltd., 43 Parker Street, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, a copy of a booklet and folder describing a new X-ray outfit for dental work, the "Sunic" Mark III shockproof unit, which, as its name implies, is claimed to afford complete protection from electrical as well as X-ray dangers. The booklet also gives a simple account of X-rays and their production.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments, on or before the dates mentioned:—A temporary mistress to teach principally arithmetic and geography at the Aston Junior Commercial School—The Chief Education Officer, Higher Education Department, Education Office, Margaret Street, Birmingham (Dec. 5). A civilian photographic officer at the Royal Air Force School of Photography, Farnborough—The Air Ministry, Adastral House, Kingsway, W.C.2 (Dec. 10). A temporary demonstrator in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Liverpool—The Johnston Professor of Biochemistry, The University, Liverpool (Dec. 12). An assistant director of examinations in the Civil Service Commission—The Secretary to the Civil Service Commissioners, 6, Burlington Gardens, London, W.1 (Dec. 31). Examiners for scholarship and staff examinations of the London County Council, in scientific and other subjects—The Education Officer (G.P.1), County Hall, Westminster Bridge, London, S.E.1 (Jan. 2). A cartographer in the Hydrographic Department of the Admiralty—The Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Burlington Gardens, London, W.1 (Jan. 12). A Hope professor of zoology (with special reference to entomology) at the University of Oxford—The Registrar, University Registry, Oxford (Jan. 21). A technical assistant for the Public Health Laboratory at Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia—The Official Secretary to the High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia, Crown House, Aldwych, London, W.C.2. A professor of horticulture at the University of Reading—The Registrar. An assistant lecturer in the Department of Physics at the Battersea Polytechnic, London, S.W.11—The Principal.

ERRATA.—In NATURE for October 29, p. 646, column 2, line 10, for "Sir Robert Boyce" read "Sir Rubert Boyce". In NATURE for November 19, p. 780, Research Item entitled "New Thermophilic Organisms", for "Bax" read "Dax" throughout.