

monsoon the surgeon-naturalist used to come every year for the recess period to the Indian Museum, to work out his collections. During the four years of his appointment as the surgeon-naturalist, Alcock spent every recess season in the Indian Museum, and it was during this time and as a result of his association with J. Wood-Mason, then superintendent of the Indian Museum, that Alcock developed his interest in Crustacea. In April 1893, Alcock was appointed officiating superintendent of the Indian Museum, and was confirmed in this appointment in May on the death of Wood-Mason; he held the appointment as professor of zoology in the Medical College of Calcutta as a subsidiary charge. The dates given in the obituary in NATURE, which differ slightly from those quoted by Dr. Prashad, were taken from Col. Alcock's own diary.

#### Announcements

PROF. R. G. HARRISON, professor of comparative anatomy at Yale University, will deliver the Croonian lecture before the Royal Society on June 29, at 4.30. The title of Prof. Harrison's lecture will be: "The Origin and Development of the Nervous System studied by the Methods of Experimental Embryology".

MR. K. S. KRISHNAN, reader in physics in the University of Dacca, has been elected secretary of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, 210 Bow Bazar Street, Calcutta, in succession to Sir C. V. Raman. Mr. Krishnan has also been appointed the Mahendralal Sircar research professor in physics of the Association.

THE Medical Research Council, acting for the Rockefeller Foundation, has awarded travelling fellowships for the academic year 1933-34 to the following: Mr. H. W. Fullerton, Department of Medicine, University of Aberdeen; Miss M. H. Roscoe, Lister Institute, London; Dr. D. Sheehan, Department of Anatomy, University of Manchester; Dr. S. Zuckerman, Department of Anatomy, University College, London. Dr. Sheehan's fellowship is tenable at Montreal; the others at centres in the United States.

THE annual field meeting of the Association of Economic Biologists will be held on July 14 at the University of Reading. Visits will be made to the University Horticultural Station, the Agricultural Botanic Garden and the National Institute for Research in Dairying. Further information can be obtained from Prof. R. H. Stoughton, The University, Reading.

THE fifty-second annual meeting of the Society of Chemical Industry will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on July 10-14, under the presidency of Dr. R. H. Pickard, who has chosen for the title of his presidential address "The Industrial Use of Textiles". Several discussions have been arranged by the various groups of the Society. Further information can be obtained from Mr. J. W. Craggs, 4, St. Nicholas Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.

THE fourth International Congress for Applied Mechanics will be held at Cambridge on July 3-9, 1934. All persons interested in the subject are invited to attend and submit papers. It is suggested that the subjects be grouped as follows: rational mechanics, including vibrations of structures and machines; mechanics of fluids, including turbulence, the boundary layer, heat transfer and compressible fluids; materials, including elasticity, plasticity, fatigue and crystal structure; water waves, including resistance and stability of ships and seaplanes. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Fourth International Congress for Applied Mechanics, Engineering Laboratory, Cambridge.

THE prospectus of the German Chemical Plant Exhibition ('Achema VII') to be held in Cologne on May 18-27, 1934, has recently been issued. The annual general meeting of the German Chemical Society and other scientific and technical societies will be held in Cologne at the same time. The preparations which have been made from the point of view of technical organisation in the interests of all those taking part in this Exhibition are fully set forth in the prospectus, a copy of which may be obtained free of charge on application to the 'Dechema', Deutsche Gesellschaft für chemisches Apparatewesen E.V., Achema-Geschäftsstelle, Seelze bei Hannover.

WE have received the first number of a new *Journal of the Chinese Chemical Society*, which is to appear quarterly, the editor being Mr. C. L. Tseng, of the National University of Peking, Peiping, China. This contains several original communications, in English, including studies on Chinese natural products.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments, on or before the dates mentioned:—An inspector of wireless engineering to the Air Ministry—The Secretary, Air Ministry, Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.1 (June 26). Temporary civil engineering assistants for the Directorate of Works, War Office—The Under-Secretary of State (C.5), War Office, London, S.W.1 (June 28). A city engineer and surveyor of the City of Bradford—The Town Clerk, Town Clerk's Office, Bradford (July 1). A woman assistant chiefly in organic and inorganic work at the Air Ministry, Kidbrooke—The Secretary (I.E.2), Air Ministry, London, W.C.2 (June 30). A technical assistant on the scientific staff of the Fishery Board for Scotland—The Secretary, Fishery Board for Scotland, 101, George Street, Edinburgh, 2 (July 5). A University reader in zoology at Birkbeck College—The Academic Registrar, University of London, S.W.7 (July 10). An assistant curator of the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter—The Town Clerk (July 12). A teacher of machine drawing, electricity and mathematics at the Chatham Junior Technical School—The District Education Officer, 15, New Road Avenue, Chatham. A head of the Physics Department of the Swansea Municipal Technical College—The Director of Education, Education Offices, Dynevor Place, Swansea.