

September 1-8. It will consist of the following sections: morphological and functional anthropology, blood groups, human palaeontology, heredity and selection, psycho-sociology, criminal anthropology, ethnography, folk-lore and history of religions. Further information can be obtained from the general secretary, Dr. Dekeyser, 9 rue des Sablons, Brussels.

The Sky in May

VENUS continues to be a brilliant evening object. Both its brilliance and its eastern elongation are still increasing. Mars passed through opposition on April 6, and is now an evening object. It will be stationary on May 19. The planet is very conspicuous in the southern sky just before midnight. Mars has been very close to γ Virginis during the last week in April. This star is worth examining with a small telescope as it is a double star which is easily resolved, the two components, whose magnitudes are 3^m65 and 3^m68 , being six seconds of arc apart. Jupiter is in opposition on May 10. The planet is rather far south of the equator. Saturn is still a morning object. The moon will occult the bright star δ Geminorum on May 7. Both disappearance and reappearance will be visible at Greenwich, taking place at 21^h59^m and 22^h56^m G.M.T. respectively.

Announcements

PROF. A. C. SEWARD, professor of botany in the University of Cambridge, has been elected a member of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, and also an honorary fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore.

As a token of their admiration, the friends of Sir Arthur Evans in the Mediterranean have subscribed towards the cost of a portrait-bust of himself to be presented to him in recognition of his pioneer work in the exploration of the Mediterranean bronze age civilisation at Knossos. The presentation took place on April 14 in the Museum at Candia in the presence of a numerous body of friends and admirers.

THE thirteenth award of the Faraday Medal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers will be presented to Dr. F. B. Jewett, of New York, at the ordinary meeting of the Institution to be held on May 2. The presentation will precede the twenty-sixth Kelvin Lecture, which will be delivered by Sir William Bragg, on "The Molecular Structure of Dielectrics".

THE forty-first James Forrest Lecture of the Institution of Civil Engineers will be delivered on May 14 by Prof. O. T. Jones, Woodwardian professor of geology in the University of Cambridge, who will speak on "Geophysics".

THE Royal Geographical Society has made the following awards for 1935: Murchison Grant, to Mr. R. P. Bishop, for his surveys in British Columbia and other services to geography; Back Grant to

Mr. Wilfred Thesiger, for his journey through the Danakil country, 1933-34; Cuthbert Peek Grant to Mr. A. R. Glen, for his work in Spitsbergen, particularly his leadership of the Oxford University Expedition, 1933; Gill Memorial to Mr. E. E. Shipton, for his plane-table surveys of the inner Nanda Devi basin and the neighbouring watersheds.

PROF. W. L. BRAGG will deliver the twenty-fifth annual May Lecture to the Institute of Metals on May 8 in the hall of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Storey's Gate, Westminster, S.W.1, at 8 p.m. The subject of Prof. Bragg's lecture will be "Atomic Arrangements in Metals and Alloys". Tickets of admission can be obtained from the Secretary of the Institute of Metals, 36 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

DRS. ACHARD, Lapticque and Mayer of Paris, Policard of Lyons and Bouin and Viès of Strasbourg have been elected members of the section of biological sciences in the French Superior Council of scientific research, and Drs. Martin, director of Institut Pasteur, and Roussy, of the faculty of medicine of Paris, extraordinary members.

THE August Forel foundation of the German Academy of Natural Sciences at Halle, which is to award a prize every two years for researches in the subjects in which Forel was specially interested (eugenics, the alcohol problem, study of ants and the central nervous system), has recently made its first award to Dr. Graf, who is head of the department of industrial physiology at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute of Dortmund.

AN index to the *Astrophysical Journal* covering the issues of January 1920-June 1932 (vols. 51-75) will be published in May. It can be obtained, price 2.60 dollars, including postage, from the University of Chicago Press, 5750 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments, on or before the dates mentioned:—A lecturer in zoology in the University of Capetown—The Secretary to the High Commissioner of the Union of South Africa, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2 (April 30). A lecturer in the Engineering Department, College of Technology, Leicester—The Registrar (May 4). A junior scientific officer in the Scientific Research Pool, Air Ministry—Chief Superintendent, Royal Aircraft Establishment, South Farnborough, Hants (May 4). A temporary engineering assistant in the Directorate of Works, War Office—The Under-Secretary of State (C.5), The War Office, S.W.1 (May 6). Inspectors in connexion with Agricultural and Horticultural Education and Research under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries—The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 10 Whitehall Place, London, S.W.1 (May 13). A physicist in the Radium and X-Ray Therapeutic Departments of the General Infirmary, Leeds—The Secretary (May 18). A lecturer in mathematics at the Royal Technical College, Glasgow—The Secretary.