

laboratory, and one of the first tasks of the institute will be to investigate noise and the methods of dealing with it. Another subject for early inquiry will be the technique of musical instruments.

Announcements

THE Langley Medal for aerodromics of the Smithsonian Institution was presented on May 21 to Dr. Joseph S. Ames, of Johns Hopkins University, who is chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. The award was made "in recognition of the surpassing improvement of the performance, efficiency, and safety of American aircraft resulting from the fundamental scientific researches conducted by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics under the leadership of Dr. Ames".

THE Executive Council of the Universities Bureau of the British Empire has had before it nine nominations from Conferences of Universities overseas for the Carnegie Corporation Grants to the value of £400 each for the year 1935-36. A Selection Committee scrutinised these nominations and on May 25 the Executive Council approved the decision of this Committee to award these grants to Prof. T. J. Haarhoff, of the University of the Witwatersrand, Prof. T. H. Laby, of the University of Melbourne and Prof. Meghnad Saha, of the University of Allahabad.

THE curators of the Dr. Martini fund have awarded the 1935 prize of 1,000 gold marks to Dr. Carl, a former assistant at the Friedrichberg State Hospital, and at present senior physician in the serological and bacteriological department of the hospital, for a work on adenylic acid metabolism in normal persons and the insane and in the brain of animals.

THE annual visitation of the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex, will take place on Tuesday, June 25, at 3-6 p.m.

AT the annual general meeting of the British Science Guild, to be held on June 12 at 4.30 p.m., a lecture on "Gas Defence" will be given by Mr. J. Davidson Pratt, general manager and secretary of the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers. The meeting will take place in the lecture theatre of the Royal Society of Arts, John Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.2, and tickets (for which there is no charge) may be obtained on application to the Secretary of the British Science Guild, 6 John Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.2.

THE fourteenth annual congress known as the Journées médicales de Bruxelles will be held at Brussels from June 29-July 3, that is, while the International Exhibition is still open. The inaugural address will be delivered by Prof. Loeper, of Paris, on music and medicine. The subscription is 100 francs. Further information can be obtained from the general secretary, Dr. René Beckers, 141 rue Belliard, Brussels.

MESSRS. WHELDON AND WESLEY have recently issued Catalogue No. 40 of books, periodicals and

pamphlets on geology, palaeontology, mineralogy and mining. Upwards of 1,300 items are listed, including many older works of historical interest. Among the periodicals may be mentioned an exceptionally long run of the *Annales des Mines*, from its commencement in 1795 (as the *Journal des Mines*) down to 1918. There is also listed a large number of the *Memoirs of the Geological Survey of Great Britain*, and of the bulletins and monographs of the United States Geological Survey. The pamphlets include many extracted from early volumes of the *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments, on or before the dates mentioned:—An engineer at the Building Research Station, Garston, near Watford—The Establishment Officer, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, 16 Old Queen Street, Westminster, S.W.1 (June 4). A lecturer in mechanical engineering in the St. Helens Municipal Technical School—The Secretary for Education, Education Office, St. Helens (June 7). A temporary demonstrator in botany in the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth—The Secretary (June 8). A lecturer in mining in the Heanor Mining and Technical School—W. G. Briggs, Director of Education, Derby (June 8). A lecturer in mathematics in Merchant Venturers' Technical College, Bristol—The Registrar (June 11). A junior in the Records Section of the Fuel Research Station, East Greenwich—The Establishment Officer, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, 16 Old Queen Street, Westminster, S.W.1 (June 11). A lecturer in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, King's College, Strand, London, W.C.2—The Secretary (June 12). A woman lecturer in biology and the teaching of biology in the Department of Education, University of Birmingham—The Secretary (June 13). A lecturer in mathematics, a lecturer in science and a lecturer in general education at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich—The Under-Secretary of State (C.5), The War Office, London, S.W.1 (June 15). A lecturer in mathematics, a lecturer in botany and a lecturer in physiology in the Chelsea Polytechnic, London, S.W.3—The Principal (June 15). A Curator of the Public Museum and Art Gallery, Hastings—The Director of Education, 18 Wellington Square, Hastings (June 15). A lecturer in physics and mathematics in the Northampton Polytechnic, St. John Street, London, E.C.1—The Principal (June 21). A lecturer in botany at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, S.W.7—The Secretary (June 22). An assistant lecturer in chemistry in the University of Sheffield—The Registrar (June 22). A lecturer in electrical engineering at Loughborough College—The Registrar (June 30). Two University demonstrators in pathology in the University of Cambridge—Prof. H. R. Dean (July 10). A part-time demonstrator in chemistry in the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women—The Warden, 8 Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C.1. A lecturer in civil engineering and building in the Portsmouth Municipal College—The Registrar.