

D'Extrême Orient, Hanoi, French Indo-China, in recognition of his eminent services to the history, epigraphy and geography of the Malay Peninsula and the Far East; and upon Prof. H. E. Winlock, director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, for his distinguished services in the cause of Egyptology.

THE following appointments have recently been made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies: J. H. Gisborne, to be superintendent of agriculture, Nigeria; Miss A. N. Smith, to be curator, Peace Memorial Museum, Zanzibar; L. Starbuck, to be professional assistant, Royal Observatory, Hong-Kong; D. S. Davies (agricultural officer), to be senior agricultural officer, Uganda; Major C. D. V. Georgi (assistant agricultural chemist), to be chemist, Research Branch, Agricultural Department, Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States; G. J. Williams (field geologist, British Guiana), to be assistant geologist, Tanganyika.

A GERMAN Society for Researches in Nutrition was inaugurated on December 16 at the Public Health Office of the Reich in Berlin.

THE work entitled "The Geology of the Argentine" by the recently deceased German geologist Anselm Windhausen, professor of geology at Cordoba, has been awarded the second prize for the best scientific and literary work in the Argentine Republic for the years 1931-32.

THE German Society for Balneology and Climatology will hold its annual meeting at Munich on March 16-17, when the three principal subjects for discussion will be: (1) the south wind in its meteorological and bioclimatic aspects; (2) recent investigations on water and their physiological importance; (3) spa treatment of catarrh and asthma.

THE German Röntgen Congress will be held at Wiesbaden on March 26-28. The meetings on the first day will be held in conjunction with the German Society for Internal Medicine. Further information can be obtained from Prof. Dr. Dietlen, Landeskrankenhaus, Saarfalz, Hamburg.

THE Soviet Government has decided to organise a special Institute for Experimental Physiology and Therapeutics at Pirogoff municipal hospital, and has set aside 500,000 roubles for its equipment. Physiologists, biochemists and other scientific workers will take part in the work at the new institute.

WE are asked by the Trustees of the Percy Sladen Memorial Fund to announce that almost the whole of the income of the Fund for this year and next is already pledged. A small sum has been reserved to meet urgent cases, but no application for any large sum can be considered for at least another eighteen months.

THE position of virus physiologist at the Rothamsted Experimental Station rendered vacant by the appointment of Dr. John Caldwell as lecturer in botany at the University College, Exeter, is to be

filled by Mr. F. C. Bawden, research assistant at the Potato Virus Research Station, School of Agriculture, Cambridge. Mr. Bawden graduated at Cambridge, where he was elected a college scholar at Emmanuel College. He was trained in plant pathology under Mr. F. T. Brooks, and since June 1930 has worked at virus disease in plants under Dr. R. N. Salaman at the Potato Virus Research Station, Cambridge.

THE Institute of Metals is arranging a special meeting on March 10, in connexion with the Institute's annual general meeting, to discuss the subject of "Metallic Wear". The discussion will be opened by Dr. H. W. Brownsdon. Members of other institutions, including the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the Institution of Naval Architects, the Institution of Automobile Engineers, the Iron and Steel Institute and the Royal Aeronautical Society, have been invited to take part in the discussion. Cards of invitation may be obtained from Mr. G. Shaw Scott, Secretary, The Institute of Metals, 36 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

ERRATUM.—The eleventh Annual Conference of the Electrical Association for Women will be held on May 13-15, not March 13-15 as announced in NATURE of February 1, p. 184.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments, on or before the dates mentioned:

A metallurgist to the British Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association—The Secretary, Regnart Buildings, Euston Street, N.W.1 (Feb. 17).

A teacher of engineering in Norwich Technical College—The Director of Education, 41 St. Giles Street, Norwich (Feb. 17).

A civilian technical officer (thermodynamics) in the Department of Scientific Research and Experiment, Admiralty—The Secretary of the Admiralty (C.E. Branch), Whitehall, London, S.W.1 (Feb. 21).

Assistants (Grades I, II and III) in chemistry at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, South Farnborough, Hants—The Chief Superintendent (Feb. 22).

A tutor and lecturer (woman) in hygiene and methods of teaching biology, and a tutor and lecturer (man or woman) in methods of teaching mathematics in the Institute of Education, Southampton Row, W.C.1—The Secretary (Feb. 26).

A lecturer in the Engineering Department, Leicester College of Technology—The Registrar (Feb. 29).

A Grade II (c) lecturer in mechanical engineering in the University of Birmingham—The Secretary (March 2).

A woman lecturer in geography and nature study in the Glamorgan Training College, Barry—The Director of Education, County Hall, Cardiff (March 2).

A vice-principal of the Blackpool Technical College—The Director of Education, Education Office, 51 Cookson Street, Blackpool.

Chemists for the R.N. Cordite Factory—The Secretary of the Admiralty (C.E. Branch), London, S.W.1.