

115 km./sec. By 13^h 14^m these latter velocities had increased to +190 km./sec., and at 13^h 22^m, when the phenomenon was abruptly ceasing, a faint patch gave a measured velocity of +220 km./sec. At the time of writing (February 15), further observations of the group were impossible owing to fog and cloud. These observations, which illustrate a typical bright *H α* eruption (probably also visible in the H and K lines of ionised calcium), are strongly suggestive of the conditions, worked out in 1926 by Prof. E. A. Milne in his theory of the solar chromosphere, for the ejection of high-speed particles from the sun. Since the active area on February 14 was favourably, though not ideally, placed on the disk for corpuscular streams to reach the earth, reports on disturbances of the earth's magnetic field and on radio reception will be of special interest.

Announcements

SIR WILLIAM BRAGG, president of the Royal Society, will open the Very Low Temperatures Exhibition in the Lecture Theatre of the Science Museum, South Kensington, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4. The chair will be taken by Sir Henry Lyons.

THE Faraday Society will hold a general discussion on "Disperse Systems in Gases; Dust, Smoke and Fog" at the University of Leeds on April 20-22. The discussion will be divided in two parts: Part I, General, to be introduced by Prof. R. Whytlaw-Gray, and Part II, Special, to be opened by Dr. R. Lessing. A number of distinguished foreign visitors will be present. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Faraday Society, 13 South Square, Gray's Inn, London, W.C.1.

Current Science, published in Bangalore, announces the appointment of the quinquennial reviewing committee of the Indian Institute of Science. The personnel of the committee is as follows: Sir James Irvine (*Chairman*), Dr. A. H. Mackenzie, Dr. S. S. Bhatnagar and Mr. F. F. C. Edmunds (*Secretary*). Sir James Irvine is Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of St. Andrews. Dr. Mackenzie is Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Osmania University, Hyderabad, Deccan. Dr. Bhatnagar is university professor of physical chemistry and director of chemical laboratories, University of the Punjab. Mr. Edmunds Inspector of Schools, Coorg and Bangalore, was the secretary of the last reviewing committee, constituted in 1930.

At the annual general meeting of the Quekett Microscopical Club held on February 11 the following officers were elected: *President*, C. D. Soar; *Vice-Presidents*, J. Ramsbottom, E. A. Robins, J. T. Holder, Dr. C. Tierney; *Hon. Treasurer*, C. H. Bestow; *Hon. Secretary*, W. S. Warton; *Hon. Reporter*, A. Morley Jones; *Hon. Librarian*, W. E. Stone; *Hon. Curator*, C. J. Sidwell; *Hon. Editor*, W. P. Sollis; *New Members of the Committee*, H. G. Brown, C. H. Caffyn, H. C. Payne and P. K. Sartory.

At the annual general meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society held on February 14, the following officers were elected: *President*, J. H. Reynolds; *Vice-Presidents*, Prof. S. Chapman, Dr. H. Knox-Shaw, Prof. E. A. Milne and Prof. H. C. Plummer; *Treasurer*, Sir Frank Dyson; *Secretaries*, W. M. H. Greaves and Dr. W. M. Smart; *Foreign Secretary*, Sir Arthur Eddington; *Members of Council*, C. R. Davidson, Dr. H. Dingle, Prof. R. H. Fowler, Dr. H. Spencer Jones, Dr. W. J. S. Lockyer, Prof. W. H. McCrea, P. J. Melotte, Rev. T. E. R. Phillips, Prof. H. H. Plaskett, Dr. R. O. Redman, Dr. W. H. Steavenson and Dr. R. H. Stoneley.

THE centenary of the foundation of the National University of Athens by King Otho will be celebrated on May 15, 1937. An International Congress of Archaeology will be held at the same time, on the occasion of the centenary of the foundation of the Greek Society of Archaeology.

PROF. LEO FROBENIUS, director of the Research Institute for Cultural Morphology at Frankfurt-on-Main, has been awarded the Bernhard-Hagen Medal by the Frankfurt Society for Anthropology, Ethnology and Primeval History.

THE first international meeting on fever therapy will be held in New York City in September 1936. The use of fever induced by physical and other agencies as a therapeutic procedure has received universal attention in the past few years. The conference will aim at collecting and crystallising available data in this field. Therapeutic, physiological and pathological phases of fever will be discussed. It is planned to translate abstracts of all the papers into French, English and German. Further information concerning the conference may be obtained from the Secretary, Dr. William Bierman, 471 Park Avenue, New York City, U.S.A.

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

A junior investigator to the British Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association, Regnart Buildings, Euston Street, N.W.1—The Secretary (Feb. 21).

Assistants (Grade II) at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, South Farnborough, Hants—The Chief Superintendent (Ref. A. 922), Royal Aircraft Establishment, South Farnborough, Hants (Feb. 28).

A head of the Department of Pure and Applied Physics in the College of Technology, Manchester—The Registrar (March 2).

A professor of pure mathematics in the Egyptian University—The Dean of the Faculty of Science, Egyptian University, Abbassia, Cairo (March 15).

A member of staff of the Radio Research Board of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Australia—F. L. McDougall, Australia House, Strand, London, W.C.2 (March 23).

A professor of engineering in the University of Melbourne—The Secretary, Universities Bureau, 88a, Gower Street, London, W.C.1 (June 15).