

expeditions. The second British expedition will be led by Prof. J. A. Carroll of the University of Aberdeen, and will proceed to a site in the U.S.S.R. where the eclipse will take place near midday. It is to be hoped that good weather will reward the efforts expended in organising both these expeditions.

#### Announcements

THE Bessemer Gold Medal for 1936 of the Iron and Steel Institute has been awarded to Mr. Fred Clements, director of the Park Gate Iron and Steel Co., Rotherham, in recognition of his distinguished services in improving the technology of the iron and steel industries and, in particular, blast-furnace practice. The presentation of the medal will be made by the president of the Iron and Steel Institute, Sir Harold Carpenter, at the opening session of the annual general meeting of the Institute on May 7.

THE following appointments have recently been made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies: R. E. Dean, to be curator, Royal Botanic Gardens, Trinidad; W. Richards, to be probationer, Meteorological Branch, Survey Department, Malaya; A. B. Killick (senior agricultural officer, Uganda), to be assistant director of agriculture, Trinidad; G. B. Gregory (agricultural assistant, St. Kitts-Nevis), to be agricultural assistant, St. Lucia; D. P. McGregor (geologist, Gold Coast), to be geologist, Nyasaland.

At the annual general meeting of the Geological Society of London, the following officers were elected for 1936-37: *President*, Prof. O. T. Jones; *Vice-Presidents*, J. F. N. Green, Prof. H. L. Hawkins, Prof. W. J. Pugh, Prof. H. H. Swinnerton; *Secretaries*, Prof. W. T. Gordon, Dr. L. Hawkes; *Foreign Secretary*, Sir Arthur Smith Woodward; *Treasurer*, F. N. Ashcroft.

At the recent annual general meeting of the Institute of Metals, the following officers were elected: *President*, W. R. Barclay; *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. H. W. Brownsdon, Prof. D. Hanson and E. L. Morcom; *Members of Council*, Dr. S. F. Dorey, Kenneth Gray, Lieut.-Colonel J. H. M. Greenly, D. J. MacNaughtan, Dr. C. J. Smithells and F. Tomlinson.

A MEETING is being held on Saturday, March 14, at 11.0 a.m., in the rooms of the Royal Entomological Society of London, at 41 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, S.W.7, to discuss the formation of a society for the study of the bibliography of natural history. Communications on the subject should be addressed to Mr. Francis J. Griffin, at 41 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

THE Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux (ASLIB) is to hold its thirteenth annual conference at Balliol College, Oxford, during the week-end beginning Friday, September 18. Particulars may be obtained from the Secretary of the Association, 16 Russell Square, London, W.C.1. Dr. Cyril Norwood has agreed to accept nomination as president of the Association for 1936-37.

By the courtesy of the Science Museum, South Kensington, several sets of photographs which the Museum exhibited recently, as illustrating developments in science and industry during the past quarter of a century, have been lent to the North East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, and are being exhibited in the Library of the Institution. The sets selected for exhibition are on the following subjects:—(1) Aeronautics and Structure of Matter; (2) Ships and Marine Engineering; (3) Land Transport and Power Production and Transmission; (4) Pumps and Fire Protection and Machine Tools; and (5) Electric Power and Communication.

THE fifteenth International Congress of Medical Hydrology, Climatology and Geology will be held at Belgrade in October. Further information can be obtained from Prof. Milontine Neskovitch, 3 rue Takowska, Belgrade.

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

A technical assistant (male) in a War Department Establishment at Biggin Hill, Kent—The Superintendent, Air Defence Experimental Establishment, Biggin Hill, Kent (March 18).

Technical assistants (male) for a War Department Establishment at Woolwich (physics or engineering)—The Superintendent, Signals Experimental Establishment, Woolwich Common, S.E.18 (March 18).

A Director of Experiments, Chemical Defence Experimental Station, Porton, Wiltshire—The Under-Secretary of State (C. 5), The War Office, S.W.1 (March 20).

Two inspectors in connexion with agricultural and horticultural research—The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 10 Whitehall Place, London, S.W.1 (March 23).

A biochemist to the Animal Diseases Research Association—The Secretary, Moredun Institute, Gilmerton, Midlothian (March 27).

A professor of engineering in the University of Sheffield—The Registrar (March 28).

A civilian technical officer in the Admiralty Technical Pool—The Secretary of the Admiralty (C.E. Branch), Whitehall, London, S.W.1 (March 28).

An assistant lecturer in statistics in the London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, Aldwych, W.C.2—The Secretary (April 11).

Assistant keepers of zoology, entomology, mineralogy and botany in the British Museum (Natural History)—The Secretary, British Museum (Natural History), London, S.W.7 (May 31).

Civil engineering assistants in the drawing offices of the Admiralty and H.M. Dockyards—The Civil Engineer-in-Chief, Admiralty, S.W.1.

A professor of physics in Raffles College, Singapore—The Secretary, Universities Bureau, 88A, Gower Street, W.C.1.

An electrical engineer to the Government of Palestine for the Public Works Department—The Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4 Millbank, S.W.1.