

per volume. This, however, may possibly be reduced if sufficient applications follow the prospectus now issued. A specimen sheet indicates that each colour would be named, and referred also to the British Colour Council's classification, to the "Repertoire des Couleurs", and to the standards of Ridgway and Ostwald. A brief history of the name appears, horticultural examples are cited, and French, German, Italian and Spanish synonyms are given. The chart should have great utility, not only in the garden, but also wherever colours have to be compared with accuracy. A preliminary application form is now available, and those interested should communicate with the Royal Horticultural Society, Vincent Square, S.W.1. It is expected that the first volume will appear towards the end of 1936 or early in 1937.

#### Medal Awards for Inventions

THE Council of the Institute of Patentees has decided to suspend the award of the Institute Bronze Medal and in place thereof to substitute the Institute's Silver Medal to rank equally with the Founder's Silver Medal. These medals will be awarded in each section of the Exhibition of Inventions to be opened in the Central Hall, Westminster, S.W.1 on September 30 and in Newcastle on November 25; therefore ten silver medals will be awarded throughout the five sub-sections of the New Inventions Section of the Exhibition. The Gold, Silver and Bronze Certificates will be awarded as in previous years. As the Institute proposes to organize a series of exhibitions throughout the country, it has been decided that the Grey-Wilson Memorial Gold Medal, supported by cash prize, together with the Yorkshire Medal, will be competed for during January of each year, the successful exhibitors at any Exhibition organized by the Institute being eligible to compete. The Yorkshire Medal is a new medal which was provided for under the will of the late Mr. Hoffman-Wood, an architect of Addingham, Yorkshire, who died three years ago, and the Institute will make recommendations annually to the trustees regarding its award. The medal is valued at twenty-five guineas, and sufficient funds are available for an award in perpetuity. The award of the Yorkshire Medal must be for an invention not relating to warfare.

#### International Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering

THE first international meeting of naval architects and marine engineers to be held in the United States takes place in New York on September 14-19, at which papers will be read dealing chiefly with safety of life at sea and large Atlantic liners. The Dominion of Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Spain and Sweden are sending delegations at the invitation of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers of New York. The British delegation, under the leadership of Lord Stonehaven, president of the Institution of Naval Architects, and Dr. J. T. Batey, president of the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, will number about a hundred, including ladies, and will represent the Institution of Naval Architects, the

Institute of Marine Engineers, the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Scotland, and the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders.

#### International Congress of the History of Science

THE fourth International Congress of the History of Science will meet in Prague, in 1937, during the last week of September. The principal theme of the Congress will be "Science in the Eighteenth Century". The chairman of the Congress and of the Organizing Committee is Prof. Quido Vetter, the actual president of the International Academy of the History of Science. The announcement was made and discussed at the meeting of the Academy of the History of Science at Cluj (Rumania) in conjunction with the International Committee of Historians, in April last. During the meeting, several papers of great interest were read: (1) A. Mieli, "Our Present Knowledge of Arabian Science"; (2) Prof. A. Reymond (Lausanne), "Occult Sciences and Exact Science in Ancient Times"; (3) Prof. A. Singh (Lucknow), "History of Trigonometry in India"; and (4) Prof. V. Bologna (Cluj), "Foreign Influences on Rumanian Medicine". In a business session of the meeting, Drs. Reymond, Ulrich, Sergescu, Singh and Greenwood read reports on the organization of the teaching of the history of science in their various countries. The "Chronological Repertory of the Exact Sciences during the Sixteenth Century" was adopted for publication as a special number of the *Bulletin du Comité des Sciences Historiques*.

#### British School of Archæology at Athens

IN October next the British School of Archæology at Athens will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation. As part of the celebration an exhibition will be held at the Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, London, to illustrate the discoveries in Greece and Crete, which have resulted from the work of the School. A special section of the exhibition will be devoted to the Minoan civilizations of Greece and the excavations at Knossos, which were conducted by Sir Arthur Evans, honorary student of the School, and in which the architects of the School took part. This section of the exhibition is being prepared by Sir Arthur Evans himself, with the facilities given him by the authorities of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, to which the antiquities brought from Knossos by Sir Arthur were entrusted. It is understood that the exhibition will be inaugurated by H.R.H. the Duke of Kent on October 13, at 3 p.m., and will be open to the public from October 14 until November 14. The occasion of the jubilee of the School will also be marked by a special fund which it is proposed to raise to enable the School to increase its staff, improve its library and accommodation, and provide for the needs of the graduates who are sent to Greece in increasing numbers for advanced study by the universities.

#### Congrès Préhistorique de France

It is announced that the twelfth session of the Congrès Préhistorique de France will be held at