

0.4° north of the latter. The light variations of Algol (R.A. 3^h 4^m: Dec. 40° 43' N.) may be observed at about the following times, which represent approximately the mid-epoch of diminished light: Oct. 1^d 19^h, 16^d 3^h, 19^d 0^h, 21^d 21^h and 24^d 18^h. A nova of the 8th magnitude at discovery on September 18 has been reported from Copenhagen, the discoverer being Mr. N. Tamm of Kvistaberg, Sweden. Its position in Aquila is R.A. 19^h 13^m 59.5^s: Dec. 1° 36' 31" N., not far from the 4th magnitude star, δ Aquilæ. The nova is fading, and on Sept. 23.8^d was reported by Steavenson as being of magnitude 8.8. The comet discovered on September 20 by Mr. C. Jackson at the Union Observatory, Johannesburg, is in Aquarius, but it is very faint, and invisible except to large telescopes.

Announcements

It is announced in *The Times* that Convocation of the University of Cape Town has elected General Smuts as Chancellor of the University in succession to the King, who held that office while Prince of Wales but vacated it on his accession.

THE Ramsay Memorial Fellowship Trustees have made the following awards of new fellowships for the year 1936-37: Dr. E. D. Hughes, a British fellowship of £300, tenable for two years, Mr. R. R. Gordon, a Glasgow fellowship of £300, tenable for two years, and Dr. D. Porret, a Swiss fellowship of £300, all at University College, London. The Trustees have renewed the following fellowships for a second year: Dr. N. Ando (Japanese fellow), University College, London; Mr. C. S. Lees (British fellow), University of Cambridge; Dr. D. MacGillivray (Netherlands fellow), University of Cambridge.

At a recent meeting the Association of German Röntgenologists and Radiologists in Czechoslovakia decided to found a Jaksch Prize on the occasion of the eightieth birthday of its president, Prof. Rudolf Jaksch Wartenhorst, to be awarded annually to young röntgenologists who have distinguished themselves by good scientific work.

THE fourth European Congress of Mental Hygiene will be held at the Conference Hall, Ministry of Health, on October 5-8, when the following subjects will be discussed: mental hygiene and the cinema; mental hygiene and the nurse; and mental hygiene and the child from eleven to eighteen years. A reception will be given by the Government at Lancaster House on October 5 or 6, and visits will be paid on October 7 and 8 to various psychiatric hospitals, clinics and colonies. The official languages of the Congress will be English, French and German. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, National Council for Mental Hygiene, Chandos House, Palmer Street, London, S.W.1.

In view of the many requests that have been received from those who attended the conference on mechanization in agriculture held in Oxford last January, it has been decided to hold a second conference at Rhodes House, Oxford, on January

5-8, 1937. A detailed programme will be sent in due course on application to the Conference Secretary, Institute for Research in Agricultural Engineering, Parks Road, Oxford.

OWING to the present condition of affairs in Spain, the third International Congress of Malaria, which was to have been held at Madrid on October 12, has been postponed, but it is hoped that it will take place in the spring or summer of 1937.

THE sixth Italian Congress of Microbiology will be held at Milan in April 1937. Further information can be obtained from the secretariat, Via Darwin 20, Milan, 124.

MESSRS. FRANCIS EDWARDS, LTD., have issued a useful catalogue on *Africana* (No. 602), which contains a long classified list including several scarce volumes and also a number of autograph letters of David Livingstone referring to his African work.

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

A civil engineer and a mechanical engineer in the War Department—Under-Secretary of State (C. 5), War Office, S.W.1, quoting "O.P." (October 7).

A lecturer in metal mining in the University of Birmingham—The Secretary (October 9).

A lecturer in electrical engineering at the County Technical College, Worksop—The Principal (October 10).

A male assistant (Grade II) for radio work in a Government establishment in the south of England—Secretary, Royal Engineer and Signals Board, Regent's Park Barracks, Albany Street, London, N.W.1 (October 17).

Temporary assistants (Grade III) at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, South Farnborough, Hants, for ballistic calculations—Chief Superintendent, quoting "No. A.233" (October 12).

A professor in ship design and shipbuilding at the Royal Technical College, Copenhagen—The King, Ministry of Education, Copenhagen, K (October 22).

A regius professor of pathology in the University of Aberdeen—Private Secretary, Scottish Office, Whitehall, S.W.1 (October 31).

A skilled scientific instrument maker at University College, Exeter—The Registrar.

Temporary heating assistants in the drawing office of the Works and Buildings Directorate, Air Ministry—The Secretary (W.B. 9), Air Ministry, Adastral House, Kingsway, W.C.2, by postcard.

Temporary assistants in the drawing office, Civil Engineer-in-Chief's Department, Admiralty—Civil Engineer-in-Chief, Admiralty, S.W.1, marked "Temporary Eng. Assts."

Unestablished assistants in the drawing offices at the Admiralty and H.M. Dockyards—Civil Engineer-in-Chief, Admiralty, S.W.1, marked "Grade III".

An examiner in the Aeronautical Inspection Directorate (A.I.D.) Test House, Cardington, Beds. (metallic materials section, micrographic subsection)—Secretary (S.2.d.), Air Ministry, Adastral House, Kingsway, W.C.2.