

of the Union Observatory, Johannesburg, who less than a month ago discovered a faint comet (1936 c). Owing to its southern declination of -34° , it will not be possible to observe the nova from the latitude of Greenwich, and further news of its behaviour must be awaited from southern observatories.

Announcements

THE Royal Society of New Zealand has awarded the T. K. Sidey Summer-Time Memorial Medal and Prize for 1936 to Sir Leonard Hill. This award, which consists of a gold medal and £100 in New Zealand currency, is made to the person who in the opinion of the Council of the Society has made a valuable contribution to human knowledge by original research into the effect of light and solar radiations on human comfort.

THE Huxley Memorial Lecture of the Royal Anthropological Institute will be delivered in the rooms of the Royal Society on October 27 by Prof. E. Westermarck, who will take as his subject "Methods in Social Anthropology".

THE following appointments and promotions in the Colonial Service have been made: H. M. James, to be agricultural superintendent, Cyprus; C. H. F. Walker, to be agricultural officer, Nigeria; J. M. Waterson, to be plant pathologist, Agricultural Department, Bermuda; C. J. Taylor, to be assistant conservator of forests, Gold Coast; J. A. Allan, to be lecturer in botany, chemistry and physics, Department of Science and Agriculture, Barbados; L. P. Henderson (late agricultural officer), to be agricultural officer, Nigeria; Capt. J. R. Mackie (assistant director of agriculture), to be director of agriculture, Nigeria; F. B. Notley (entomologist, Kenya), to be entomologist, Agricultural Department, Tanganyika; D. F. Chesters (senior assistant conservator of forests), to be conservator of forests, Nigeria; Dr. J. C. Tull (Government pathologist and professor of pathology, Straits Settlements), to be pathologist, Cyprus; S. G. Willimott (Government analyst, Cyprus), to be assistant Government analyst, Straits Settlements.

THE Institute of Hygiene of Czechoslovakia is carrying out important studies in connexion with vitamins in the diet of the poor, especially in winter, when most of their food contains only a very small quantity of antiscorbutic principles.

THE central administration of the perfumery and cosmetics industry of the U.S.S.R. is to open an Institute of Cosmetics and Hygiene at Moscow in November. The Institute will consist of three departments devoted respectively to cosmetics, physiotherapy and plastic-therapeutic gymnastics, with a staff of specialists in dermatology and physical therapy.

WE are asked to state that the address of the publisher of "The Way to Happiness for Humanity" noticed in NATURE of October 10 (p. 636) is 93 Braybrook Street, London, W.12.

MESSRS. WILLIBALD KELLER, Hindenburgstr. 94, Leipzig, are issuing shortly a new edition of the classical work "Die Alpen im Eiszeitalter" by Albrecht Penck and Ed. Bruckner. The new edition will contain an additional chapter in which Albrecht Penck has given a survey of the present development of knowledge of the glacial period and the progress since the publication of the first edition. The subscription price of the work, consisting of three volumes, is 66 gold marks until November 30.

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

One resident engineer, two senior engineers and one junior engineer for airport construction—Secretary, Office of Public Works, Dublin (October 21).

An assistant engineer in the Ministry of Transport—Establishment Officer (October 21).

A records officer in the office of the Industrial Research Council of the Department of Industry and Commerce, I.F.S.—The Secretary, Civil Service Commission, 45 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, C.8 (October 22).

A junior assistant in the Department of Civil Engineering, Queen's University, Belfast—Prof. Hummel (October 23).

A teacher in engineering and an engineering workshop instructor at the Kenrick Technical College, West Bromwich—Director of Education (October 23).

A technical assistant (electrical, mechanical and civil engineering industries) for a War Department inspection establishment at Woolwich—Under-Secretary of State (C. 5), War Office, London, S.W.1 (October 24), quoting "Appts./1".

An assistant director of horticultural education and an agricultural advisory officer to the Norfolk County Council—The Clerk, The Shirehouse, Norwich (October 24).

Two assistant drainage engineers in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries—Secretary (October 26).

A public analyst to the Metropolitan Borough of Chelsea—Town Clerk (October 29).

A professor of philosophy and a lecturer in the Department of Education and Philosophy, Canterbury University College, Christchurch, New Zealand—Secretary, Universities' Bureau, 88A Gower Street, London, W.C.1 (October 31).

A lecturer in the Department of Pathology, University, Birmingham—Secretary (October 31).

A head of the Science Department, West Ham Municipal College—Town Clerk and Education Officer, West Ham (November 6).

An assistant curator (male) at Somerset County Museum, Taunton Castle—The Curator.

A civil engineer for the Public Works Department, Government of North Borneo—Secretary, British North Borneo (Chartered) Company, Staple Hall, Stone House Court, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.3.

Civil engineering and architectural assistants in the Drawing Office, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth—Civil Engineer-in-Chief, marked "D.O. Assts., Portsmouth"