

India, Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India. It is intended to publish papers on both pure and applied entomology, besides short notices about new books and reviews of recent research, etc. The chief editor is Dr. Hem Singh Pruthi who, with five other Indian entomologists, forms the editorial board. The present number is well produced; it contains eight scientific articles and runs to 137 pp. together with illustrations. We wish this new journal every success, and if it results in the 'localization' of much future Indian entomological work within its pages, instead of the present diversity of sources for its publication, it will prove a definite boon to workers all over the world.

Bibliography of *Drosophila*

STUDENTS of genetics have for a long time past needed a guide to the immense amount of genetical work done on *Drosophila*. This need has been supplied by the publication of a "Bibliography on the Genetics of *Drosophila*" by the Imperial Bureau of Animal Breeding and Genetics. Dr. H. J. Muller has compiled not only papers of special interest to workers on *Drosophila*, but also those more general papers which shed light on problems which affect both *Drosophila* and genetical thought. The bibliography is particularly valuable in that it provides cross references where several authors are involved in one paper, and in the adequate reference to Russian literature.

Chemical Club

THE Chemical Club is continuing to function at its house at 2 Whitehall Court, London, there being good air raid shelters in the premises. There is a feeling that the Club will be used more and more during time of war, since enlarged acquaintanceship and cheerful association are definite factors in the present national effort. The annual general meeting will be held at the Club on Tuesday, November 14, at 2 o'clock. The popularity of lunchtime meetings since the war started is expected to result in a good attendance. The report of the executive committee for the year 1938-39 speaks of a year of successful social and other activities. The Committee has nominated for the ensuing year Mr. F. Arnold Green as president, Dr. H. E. Cox as chairman of the executive committee, and the continuation in office of the honorary treasurer and honorary secretary, Dr. S. I. Levy and Mr. F. J. Bullen respectively. The Committee will recommend to the annual general meeting that in view of the number of clubs which are offering temporary membership to uniformed members of H.M. Forces, the Chemical Club should provide parallel concessions by offering facilities, at a nominal subscription, to those who, although not in uniform, are engaged in London on Government work. This temporary measure is one likely to be highly prized by chemists and others so situated.

World Power Conference

IR. G. J. T. BAKKER, chairman of the Netherlands National Committee of the World Power Conference, has agreed to become acting chairman of the Inter-

national Executive Council of the Conference during the War. Correspondence intended for the International Executive Council should be addressed to the Secretariat, International Executive Council, World Power Conference, Vereeniging voor Congresen op Electrotechnisch en Aanverwant Gebied, Utrechtscheweg 210, Arnhem, Holland. Correspondence for the British National Committee should, as at present, be addressed to 36 Kingsway, London, W.C.2. Orders for any World Power Conference *Transactions* should be sent to Messrs. Percy Lund, Humphries and Co., Ltd., Country Press, Bradford. Orders for the publications of the Central Office of the World Power Conference, including the Statistical Year-book of the World Power Conference, should be directed to the British National Committee. Special arrangements have, however, been made with respect to "Technical Data on Fuel", orders for which will be dealt with by the Secretary, Society of British Gas Industries, Uplands, Epsom Road, Guildford, Surrey.

Announcements

PROF. E. SCHRÖDINGER is now in Dublin, and is delivering a course of lectures which began on November 3 at University College, Dublin, under the title "An Elementary Introduction to Wave Mechanics".

DR. ICIE MACY-HOOBLER, director of the research laboratory of the Children's Fund of Michigan, Detroit, has been awarded the 1939 gold medal and the thousand dollars prize of the Borden Company for outstanding research achievement in applied nutrition.

IN view of the importance of chemical engineering at the present juncture, the Ramsay Laboratory of Chemical Engineering at University College, London, has reopened, and students will be accepted for training in chemical engineering and research forthwith.

MEETINGS of the Quokett Microscopical Club are taking place on the third Saturday afternoon of each month at 2.30 p.m. in the Club's rooms at 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1.

THE general discussion on "The Properties and Testing of Heat Insulating Materials" organized by the Joint Committee on Materials and their Testing in conjunction with the Institution of Gas Engineers arranged for November 23, has been postponed.

OF the two million babies born annually in the United States seventy-five thousand are stillborn, and thirty-nine thousand die during the first month of life. Approximately twelve thousand mothers die from causes directly related to child-bearing, many of which are preventable through combined individual and community action.