

Summer School in Social Biology

THE Educational Advisory Board of the British Social Hygiene Council is arranging a summer school for teachers to be held at Westminster College, Cambridge, during August 1-8. The school is to focus on "Social Biology in the School: War-time Problems". The services of distinguished speakers are being secured. A series of symposia is also being arranged, at which teachers will be invited to express their views. Further particulars can be obtained from the Education Officer, Educational Advisory Board, Tavistock House South, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

International Congress of the History of Sciences

THE fifth International Congress of the History of Sciences will be held at Lausanne next September if the political and social conditions of Europe permit. M. Aldo Mielli, the perpetual secretary of the International Academy of the History of Sciences, having now settled at Santa Fé in the Argentine Republic, as director of the history of sciences at Santa Fé University, M. J. A. Vollgraf of Leyden has been appointed assistant secretary for Europe and the Mediterranean countries. The review *Archeion*, the official organ of the Academy, will henceforth be published at Santa Fé instead of at Rome as hitherto.

National Research Council of Canada: Awards

SIXTY-SIX Canadian university students will take training in research in Canadian institutions under National Research Council Scholarships during 1940-41. While the majority of these students will be engaged in chemical and physical investigations, such biological studies as genetics, plant pathology, physiology and zoology will each have a quota of students. Two Special Scholarships of 1,000 dollars each will be held in the Division of Chemistry at the National Research Council laboratories, by R. L. Cunningham and R. B. Harvey of McGill University. Four Fellowships of the value of 750 dollars each, and thirty-seven Studentships of the value of 650 dollars each, will be held at Canadian universities directly under the auspices of the National Research Council. With the co-operation of Canadian universities, the National Research Council is also awarding twenty-three bursaries of 250 dollars each. These bursaries are available to students of high attainments who have just graduated and are ready to take their preliminary training in research.

Announcements

ON May 19, 1939, the seventieth anniversary of his birth (see *NATURE*, 143, 813, May 13, 1939), a number of Prof. Henry H. Dixon's friends, colleagues and students presented him with an address expressing their regard for him and appreciation of his work. This address, with more than seven hundred signatures, beautifully bound, has now been handed to Prof. Dixon, and he asks us to convey his sincere thanks to all who shared in doing him this honour.

PROF. J. C. DRUMMOND, scientific adviser to the Ministry of Food, will give an informal luncheon talk at the Chemical Club, 2 Whitehall Court, London, S.W.1, on May 20. He will take as his subject "Essentials of Wartime Diet".

FIVE members of the Ling Physical Education Association have received decorations awarded by the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique Ling in recognition of their services on behalf of physical education: they are Miss M. Stansfeld, principal of the Bedford Physical Training College; Miss M. Fountain, principal of the Chelsea College of Physical Education; Miss P. Spafford, secretary of the Ling Physical Education Association; Mr. F. Punchard, Scottish secretary of physical education, Jordan Hill; and Mr. K. Rofer, author of several books on physical education.

DR. J. W. LLOYD has been appointed acting head of the Department of Horticulture in the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, to succeed J. C. Blair, who founded the department thirty-nine years ago. Dr. Lloyd, who has worked on the staff for many years, has directed research on fruit and vegetable crops.

DR. DETLEY W. BRONK, director of the Eldridge R. Johnson Foundation for Medical Physics and of the Institute of Neurology, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, has been appointed managing editor of the *Journal of Cellular and Comparative Physiology* of the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology in succession to Edmund Newton Harvey, of Princeton University.

THE Pan-American Congress of Tuberculosis will be held at Buenos Aires and Córdoba during October 13-17 under the presidency of Prof. Gumersindo Sayago. Further information can be obtained from the general secretary, Dr. Raúl Denis, Calle Pasteur 346, Buenos Aires.

THE lowest maternal mortality ever recorded in the United States—43.5 per 10,000 live births—has recently been recorded by the United States Bureau of the Census for the year 1938. For the first time on record less than 10,000 (9,953) deaths were assigned to puerperal causes.

ACCORDING to an official report there are at present 1,941 foreign students in German universities representing the following countries: Bulgaria, 532; Norway, 142; Greece, 101; with Yugoslavia, Italy, China, the Baltic States, the Scandinavian countries and the United States showing small numbers.

WITH its February issue the *Journal of Contraception* was renamed *Human Fertility*; it will continue to be issued under the auspices of the Birth Control Federation of America.