

NEWS AND VIEWS

The British Association

A MEETING of the Division for the Social and International Relations of Science of the British Association will be held, circumstances permitting, during September 26–28, beginning on Friday morning, September 26, at the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, London, W.1. The general subject of discussion will be "Science and World Order". At successive sessions, speakers representing science in Britain, the Empire and other countries will deal with the following topics (The international aspects will be stressed throughout): September 26, "Science in Government" (morning), "Science and Human Needs" (afternoon); September 27, "Science and World Planning" (morning), "Science and Technological Advance" (afternoon); September 28, "Science and Post-War Relief" (morning), "Science and the World Mind" (afternoon).

At the conclusion of the meeting, the President, Sir Richard Gregory, will announce a charter of scientific fellowship, which has been drawn up by a Committee of the Division and adopted by the Council of the Association. Tickets of admission (without charge), accompanied by full particulars, will be forwarded up to the limit of accommodation available, to those who intimate their wish to attend, to the Secretary, British Association, Burlington House, London, W.1. Intimation should not be given by telephone. Applicants should state whether tickets are desired for all three days, or for any particular day or days. Applications should be made as early as possible, and in no event later than September 22.

German Crimes at Lwow

News has just been received in London of the death, in deplorable circumstances, of Prof. Casimir Bartel, formerly rector and professor of geometry in Lwow Technical College and prime minister of Poland in 1926, 1929 and 1930. He was fifty-nine years of age. According to *The Times* of August 27, Prof. Bartel was shot by the Germans for conspiring with the Soviet authorities during the Russian occupation of Lwow. It is, however, known that Prof. Bartel refused to collaborate politically with the Russians, but did agree to co-operate solely in scientific and humanitarian matters. It was hoped that Prof. Bartel would leave Lwow after the outbreak of war between Russia and Germany, and become chairman of a committee in Russia to deal with Polish welfare problems, but he wished to remain at his college, where he was arrested a month ago. About sixty professors of the University and the Technical College at Lwow were arrested. They included Prof. S. Pilat, professor of petroleum technology, Prof. R. Rencki, pro-

fessor of internal diseases, Prof. W. Sieradzki, professor of forensic medicine, and Prof. T. Ostrowski, professor of surgery. Their fate is unknown. Thus have the Germans repeated the same persecution of men of science and learning at Lwow which they carried out at Cracow, when a hundred and fifty university professors were sent to the concentration camp at Oranienberg.

State Bursaries in Science

IN order to meet the demands of the Services and of industry for technical officers, the Board of Education has established a scheme of State bursaries tenable at universities and at certain technical colleges. The demand is particularly pressing for men and women for radio work for which physics is essential; others will be required for posts needing qualifications in engineering and in chemistry. The bursaries will cover fees and maintenance allowances to meet the full cost of residence at the university or college at which the awards are held. The qualifying standard will be a pass in physics, chemistry, or mathematics in certain combinations in the higher certificate examinations. Applications are being accepted also from boys and girls who have passed the London Intermediate Science examination in the appropriate subjects.

Applications cannot as a rule be entertained from pupils who left school before the end of last term and are now in employment, nor will students at present attending universities and university colleges be considered eligible. The minimum age is eighteen years, unless the applicant possesses exceptional qualifications. It is expected that some of the holders of State bursaries may be able to qualify for a university degree before they are required for national service; others will have to relinquish their university course at the end of a year's training. The Board has promised that in suitable cases these will be considered after the War for such assistance as may be necessary to enable them to complete a degree course. Further information can be obtained from the Board of Education, Branksome Dene Hotel, Bournemouth.

University of London

On August 25 the headquarters of the University of London administrative staff will remove from Royal Holloway College, Englefield Green, Surrey, to Richmond College, Richmond, Surrey (telephone, Richmond 2301). The Matriculation and School Examinations Department of the University will remain at Highfield, Englefield Green, until the middle of September, when it also will remove to Richmond College.