

sity of Bristol has provided, in recent years, for the study of experimental zoology. The appointment of a man of Prof. Harris's wide interests and experience may be regarded not only as a source of satisfaction to the University of Bristol, but also as a good augury for the post-war development of zoology in Great Britain.

### Chinese Professors Visiting Britain

FIVE Chinese professors have just arrived in Britain, and will be guests of certain colleges at Oxford and Cambridge and of the British Council. They will continue their studies with the view of making British achievements in these fields better known in China. The visitors are: Prof. Chang Tsu-Kung, of the Central China University, an authority on the history of science, who is going to Christ's College, Cambridge; Prof. Yin Hung-Chang, of the Associated South-Western Universities (Tsing Hua), Kuming, who will do research in plant biochemistry, and will reside at St. John's College, Cambridge; Prof. Chang Hui-Wen, of the Central University of China, where he taught public administration and political science, who is to study public administration in Britain in connexion with the development of the Civil Service examination system in China, and will be attached to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; Prof. Fan Tsen-Chung, head of the Foreign Languages Department, National Central University, Shapingpa, who will undertake research in English literature (with special reference to English knowledge of China), and will reside in Balliol College, Oxford; Prof. R. C. Fang, head of the Foreign Languages Department, Wuhan University, Kiating, who will undertake research in English literature, and will reside in Trinity College, Cambridge.

### French Scientific Mission in Great Britain

THE executive committee of the Society for Visiting Scientists received the members of the French Scientific Mission on September 16 at the Society's house at 5 Old Burlington Street, London, W.1. Prof. F. G. Donnan expressed a warm welcome to the Mission, which is led by M. L. Rapkine, and includes Prof. J. Hadamard, Prof. Pierre Auger, Prof. Francis Perrin and Dr. R. Wurmser. He said that French civilization and science are an essential part of those of Europe, and, as Voltaire might have said, if they did not exist, it would be necessary to invent them. He hoped that Anglo-French scientific relations will grow at a great pace and become one of the foundations of development in the post-war period. Sir Henry Dale supported Prof. Donnan, and looked forward with particular pleasure to the prospect in the near future of Prof. Hadamard being officially admitted as a foreign member of the Royal Society.

### Research in Cotton Growing

At a meeting of the Administrative Council of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation on June 6 several new appointments were made. Mr. Arthur Foster was elected chairman of the Council in succession to the late Sir Richard Jackson and Mr. James Littlewood vice-chairman. The post of director of the Corporation was filled by Mr. L. G. Killby, and Mr. J. C. May was elected secretary. Mr. Killby has also been appointed chairman of the Scientific Committee. The activities of this body have largely been concerned with the arrangements

for establishing the new Central Cotton Research Station in Uganda. Though actual building operations cannot begin until after the War, a satisfactory site has been selected, and it is hoped that some preliminary work on it will soon be started. Mr. Parnell and Mr. Hutchinson have been designated for the posts of director and deputy director of the new Station respectively.

The Corporation's report for 1942-43, together with the programmes of work for 1943-44 of each of its seventeen experiment stations, has been submitted in the same form as in previous war years, and can be obtained, price 3s., from 37 Inner Park Road, Wimbledon Common, London, S.W.19. The research station in Trinidad is being closed in order that work may be concentrated in the larger cotton-growing countries with the new Station at Uganda as a central feature. This attention to development in research was commended by the President of the Board of Trade in his message to the Corporation at its annual general meeting for, as he said, efforts to improve the quality of cotton grown in the Empire and to increase its yield per acre is a valuable contribution to the prosperity of the Empire as a whole.

### Town and Country Planning

IN view of the important part which engineers are playing and must play in all future planning, the Council of the Institution of Civil Engineers has appointed an Institution Committee to be known as "The Town and Country Planning Committee" to advise the Council on matters relating to the engineer's part in town and country planning. This takes the place of a sub-committee of the Public Relations Committee, which had been dealing with this matter previously. The new Committee will include members who are city engineers and borough surveyors and others who have specialized on roads, railways, docks, water supply, drainage including sewage disposal, and electricity and gas services.

In order to enable engineers and others to keep in touch with present-day principles and ideas in planning, the Council has also arranged a series of four lectures on "The Position of the Engineer in Relation to Town and Regional Planning" on Thursdays at 5 p.m., beginning on October 26. Particulars of the lectures are as follows: October 26, "The Basis of Town and Country Planning", by Mr. H. J. B. Manzoni, city engineer and surveyor, Birmingham; November 2, "Traffic Problems", by Mr. W. S. Cameron, city engineer and surveyor, Leeds; November 9, "Drainage, including River Works", by Mr. D. G. Bevan, deputy city engineer and surveyor, Birmingham; November 16, "Services (Electricity, Water, Gas and Post Office)", by Mr. J. Paton Watson, city engineer and surveyor, Plymouth. These lectures will be open to non-members of the Institution on payment of 2s. 6d. for each lecture. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittances, should be made to the Secretary of the Institution.

### Rickettsia Diseases

THE March issue of the *Boletín de la Oficina Sanitaria Panamericana* contains reports concerning Rocky Mountain spotted fever and the typhus group from five members of the Panamerican Sanitary Bureau Committee on Typhus, namely, Dr. Otávio de Magalhães of Brazil, Dr. L. Pátino-Camago of Colombia, Dr. A. Recco of Cuba, Dr. C. G. Hidalgo of Ecuador and Dr. G. Varela of Mexico. There