

Veterinary Surgeons as veterinary surgeons. The Council of the College will also be reconstituted. The Loveday Committee also recommended greatly improved veterinary educational facilities, involving considerable capital expenditure and additional annual expenditure. The Government will be prepared to provide substantially increased financial assistance to veterinary education.

### Gift to University of Birmingham

Sir Fitzroy and Lady Anstruther Gough Calthorpe have again shown their practical interest in the University of Birmingham by presenting seven acres of land opposite the northern end of the University Avenue, a position which makes it particularly valuable as a site for the vice-chancellor's house and other amenities which have long been felt to be desirable. It may be recalled that the University stands on land given by the Calthorpe family in 1900, and since then the family has presented sixty-one acres. When the lay-out of the proposed new buildings was being considered recently, it became evident that the existing land, extensive though it be, is not altogether adequate to meet all demands likely to be made upon it. The new gift is therefore specially welcome.

### School on Education for Family Life

THE British Social Hygiene Council, in collaboration with the Association for Education in Citizenship, and the Marriage Guidance Council, is organising a week-end school, the first of its kind to be held in Britain, to take place in Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, London, S.E.1. It is designed primarily to meet the needs of teachers and youth leaders; parents, social workers and others interested will be welcome. The following have promised to speak: Mr. Cyril Bibby, Dr. McAlister Brew, Mrs. E. Hubback, Dr. Housden, Dr. David Mace, Mrs. Mace, Mr. R. Weatherall and Dr. Taylor (governor of Holloway Prison). The fee will be 10s. inclusive. Application for tickets should be made to the British Social Hygiene Council, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, from which further details can be obtained.

### Institution of Electrical Engineers: Scholarships for 1946

THE Council of the Institution of Electrical Engineers will this year consider the award of the following scholarships, subject to the regulations laid down by the Ministry of Labour and National Service regarding the candidates' ages at the commencement of their courses.

*Research Scholarships*: Ferranti Scholarship (£250 a year for two years), Oliver Lodge Scholarship (£250 for one year), Swan Memorial Scholarship (£120 for one year), C. P. Sparks War Thanksgiving Fund (not exceeding £100 a year).

*Student Scholarships*: Duddell Scholarship (£150 a year for three years), William Beedie Esson Scholarship (£120 a year for two years), Silvanus Thompson Scholarship (£100 a year, plus tuition fees, for two years), Salomons Scholarship (£100 for one year), David Hughes Scholarship (£100 for one year), Thorrowgood Scholarship (£25 a year for two years). The closing date for receiving applications is April 15 for student scholarships and June 1 for research scholarships.

### Announcements

PROF. H. MUNRO FOX, chairman of the British National Committee for Biology, is on a tour of Europe in order to discuss with colleagues on the Continent co-operation in biological science and particularly the future of the International Union for Biology. After five days in Holland he will proceed to Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, France and Belgium in that order, where he will visit the national academy of each country and exchange views with the members. It is hoped that he will also have an opportunity of discussing the needs for scientific instruments and equipment in the laboratories abroad which have suffered from Nazi occupation.

MR. C. M. WHITTAKER, a director of Courtaulds Ltd. and author of "Dyeing with Coal Tar Dyestuffs", has been elected president of the Society of Dyers and Colourists.

PROF. ALFRED PHILIPPSON, the doyen of German geographers, who returned to Bonn from internment in Theresin last August, has been given the honorary degree of D.Sc. by the University of Bonn.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Royal Anthropological Institute will be held on April 16 in honour of the visit to London of members of the permanent council of the International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences. The Huxley Memorial Lecture (postponed from 1941) will be delivered by Prof. Henri Breuil, who will speak on "La Découverte de l'Antiquité de l'Homme et quelques unes de ses evidences".

A JOINT meeting of the Royal Meteorological Society and the Physical Society will be held at the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, London, W.1, on April 8, beginning at 2.15, for a conference on "Meteorological Factors in Radio Wave Propagation". Nine papers on theoretical and practical aspects of the subject are to be read and discussed.

A GENERAL discussion on "Transformer Oil", arranged by the Institute of Petroleum, will be held at the Institution of Electrical Engineers on April 9, beginning at 3 p.m., under the chairmanship of Mr. E. A. Evans, of Messrs. C. C. Wakefield and Co., Ltd., vice-president of the Institute. Both the petroleum industry and the electrical industry will be represented, so that matters of common interest may be discussed.

A GENERAL discussion on "Dielectrics" has been arranged by the Faraday Society and will be held in the Department of Physics of the University of Bristol during April 24-26. Workers from the United States, France and Holland are to take part in the meeting.

PROF. F. J. COLE writes: "In my review published in *Nature* of March 2, p. 246, of Dr. G. Leboucq's handbook on Vesalius, I concluded from the wording of the imprint that it was a propaganda publication of the Belgian Government. The publishers now inform me that the series which includes the work in question is a private undertaking, and has no connexion whatever with the Government. If I may correct another error in this review, the date 1538 in the first paragraph should be 1533."