

Tyne, during December 28-31, the annual business meeting of the Association being on December 30 at 5.15 p.m. Dr. C. I. C. Bosanquet, rector of King's College, will deliver the presidential address to the Association on the evening of December 28, his subject being "In Praise of Natural Philosophy", and the Science and Citizenship Lecture will be given on the evening of the next day by Dr. Eric James, High Master of Manchester Grammar School. Besides the usual lectures in the morning on various scientific topics and informal visits to laboratories, there will be a discussion on the teaching of electricity, with special reference to M.K.S. units, on the morning of December 30, and another the next day on the teaching of science in secondary modern schools. As in the past, manufacturers and publishers who advertise in the *School Science Review* will be showing exhibits, and the usual members' exhibition of apparatus and teaching aids which members of the Association have found useful will also be held. The Northern Area Lighting Service Bureau of the Electric Lamp Manufacturers' Association has arranged to prepare an exhibition entitled "The Practical Aspects of Light and its Production", and the British Iron and Steel Federation will be showing some of its educational material. In the afternoons a number of excursions will be made to various works. Tickets are necessary for these visits and can be obtained from A. Hill, Hookergate Grammar School, Rowlands Gill, Co. Durham; they must be claimed by December 11. All other correspondence should be sent to the Annual Meeting Secretary, W. H. Dowland, 93 Westbourne Road, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham.

Physical Society: Annual Exhibition

THE Physical Society's annual exhibition of scientific instruments and apparatus will be held in the New Hall of the Royal Horticultural Society, Westminster, during April 25-28, 1955. About a hundred and forty exhibitors are expected to take part, including the usual number of university departments and government establishments, and the exhibition will also include scientific books and journals. The handbook of the exhibition will be on the same lines as those of previous years, with a large advertisement section which is open to all firms with scientific interests, whether taking part in the exhibition or not. The change of venue from the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, to the Royal Horticultural Society's New Hall will in no way change the character and purpose of the exhibition; the space in the New Hall is by its nature more compact than that which has hitherto been available, and it is hoped that this will help visitors to see the exhibits more advantageously in a shorter time. Further information can be obtained from the Honorary Exhibition Secretary, Physical Society, 1 Lowther Gardens, Prince Consort Road, London, S.W.7.

Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences: Awards

THE Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences has awarded four Gold Medals and its Brinell Medal for contributions in various scientific and technical fields. The Gold Medals have been awarded to the following: Mr. Erik Stemme, the principal scientific worker in a team that in three years has built the binary electronic computing machine BESK, the dielectric punched ribbon reader and certain details in its magnetic memory being the results of personal inventions by Mr. Stemme; Mr. Gunnar

Jancke, for his role as a leading engineer in the designing and carrying out of a new network of high-tension electric cables which transmit current at 380,000 V. from the Lapland waterfalls to the central and southern parts of Sweden; Dr. Erik Bergstrand, for designing the geodimeter, an instrument for measuring geographical distances in terms of the time taken by light to traverse the distance, and which, incidentally, has been used in reverse to obtain an accurate measure of the velocity of light; and Mr. Olle Wernholm, for his work in perfecting electron accelerators. The Brinell Medal of the Academy goes, for the first time to a non-Swede, to Prof. John Chipman, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for his achievements in the fields of metallurgy and metallography.

Announcements

DR. H. J. EYSENCK, reader in psychology with special reference to psychiatry in the Institute of Psychiatry, University of London, has been appointed to the University chair of psychology tenable at the Institute.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the Drummond fellowship for research in nutrition, which will be awarded about March next year. The fellowship is worth £900 a year, normally tenable for two years, with up to £50 a year research expenses and £90 superannuation. Application forms, to be returned by January 15, and further information can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Drummond Trust, University College, Gower Street, London, W.C.1.

THE Royal Society of New Zealand is offering a T. K. Sidey Summer-time Award, consisting of a bronze medal and prize of £100 (New Zealand currency), for scientific research on any kind of electromagnetic radiation (visible or invisible), including its relation to human welfare. Applications must be submitted by February 28, 1955. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Royal Society of New Zealand, Victoria University College, Wellington, W.1.

THE Sabena International Prize, which was established in 1953 to mark the thirtieth anniversary of Sabena Belgian Airlines, is awarded in alternate years to an artist or research worker, less than thirty years of age and of either sex, who wishes to extend his or her general knowledge by travel-study in the Belgian Congo or the United States. The subject of this year's competition is "Aviation and Social Geography", and entries must be submitted by March 31. The prize is worth 75,000 Belgian francs (just over £500). The conditions of the competition and further information can be obtained from Sabena Belgian Airlines, Air Terminus, Brussels.

In an article discussing agricultural research in *Nature* of October 9, on p. 664 it is stated that "the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research . . . draws its revenue largely from industrial concerns". This is, of course, incorrect; the Department supports the research associations, and it is these associations which receive a major proportion of their revenues from industry.

In the advertisement supplement in *Nature* of November 13, p. ix, the telephone number of Teleonics (Communications), Ltd., is incorrect; we are asked to state that the correct number is Fulham 1534.