

succession of brief essays on most of the terms used in descriptions of the external anatomy of insects. Snodgrass wrote always a fine style of lucid English. He had a feeling for words, an interest in their etymology, and a gift for clear definitions. All these characteristics are evident in this contribution.

Prof. Eugène Pittard

THE *Bulletin de la Société Suisse d'Anthropologie et d'Ethnologie* for 1962-63 contains an excellent appreciation of the late Prof. Eugène Pittard of Geneva, who died a little while ago, aged ninety-five. Pittard was a delightful individual full of enthusiasm. One always looked forward to meeting him at archaeological and anthropological congresses and similar functions. He started out as a zoologist, but soon found that anthropology was his real interest and vocation. He was no narrow specialist; everything concerning man, whether physical or cultural, interested him. Thus when prehistoric archaeology blossomed towards the start of the present century Pittard was one of its foremost exponents. The University of Geneva eventually, in 1916, provided him with a professorial chair, and three years later with a suitable laboratory. In these days of narrow specialization it is pleasant to recall one who had wide interests and yet was always in the forefront of knowledge. He wrote many works and the 'appreciation' concludes with a list of his more important publications.

The Bowles Memorial Travel Scholarship

THE Bowles Memorial Travel Scholarship was established by the Royal Horticultural Society as a memorial to the late E. A. Bowles (1865-1954). The object of the Scholarship is to enable the holder to travel abroad for either or both of the following purposes: (a) the collection of plants for introduction to British gardens; (b) the study of practical horticulture in other countries. For the years 1964 and 1965 a sum of £500 will be made available for award. Applicants for the Scholarship must be of the male sex, not more than twenty-eight years of age on January 1, 1964, and be a holder of the National Diploma in Horticulture, or a student of, or graduate in, horticulture or botany at a British university, or a past or present student-gardener at the University Botanic Garden, Cambridge, the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens, Wisley, or other horticultural educational establishment. Applications should be sent, by November 30, to the Secretary of the Royal Horticultural Society, Vincent Square, London, S.W.1, from whom further information can be obtained.

The Night Sky in November

FULL moon occurs on Nov. 1d 13h 56m U.T., new moon on Nov. 16d 06h 51m and full moon on Nov. 30d 23h 55m. The following conjunctions with the Moon occur: Nov. 18d 04h, Venus 3° S.; Nov. 18d 07h, Mars 3° S.; Nov. 23d 05h, Saturn 2° N.; Nov. 27d 00h, Jupiter 4° N. In addition to these conjunctions with the Moon, Mars is in conjunction with Antares on Nov. 6d 16h, Mars being 4° N., Venus with Antares on Nov. 12d 11h, Venus being 4° N., and Venus with Mars on Nov. 20d 22h, Venus being 0.05° S. Mercury, Venus and Mars are too close to the Sun for easy observation. Jupiter sets at 4h 30m, 3h 25m and 2h 25m on November 1, 15 and 30, respectively. It is in Pisces, its stellar magnitude is -2.4 and its distance from the Earth on November 15 is 385 million miles. Saturn sets at 23h 10m, 22h 15m and 21h 25m at the beginning, middle and end of the month, respectively. It is in Capricornus, its stellar magnitude is +0.9, and its distance from the Earth on November 15 is 920 million miles. Occultations of stars brighter than magnitude 6 are as follows, observations being made at Greenwich: Nov. 3d 20h 09.5m, 97 Tau. (*R*); Nov. 4d 4h 11.1m, 106 Tau.

(*R*). *R* refers to reappearance. The Taurid meteors are active during the first fortnight of the month, but conditions for observation are unfavourable. The Biolid meteors are expected about November 15, the radiant being near R.A. 1h 32m, Dec. +43°; conditions for observation are favourable. The Leonid meteors are active during November 14-17 with a maximum on November 16-17; the radiant is near R.A. 10h 8m, Dec. +22°, and conditions for observation are very favourable.

Announcements

DR. J. H. HODGSON, chief of the Seismology Division of the Dominion Observatory, Canada, has been elected president of the International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior. Dr. Hodgson is a director of the Seismology Society of America as well as being a member of various international committees. He was assistant professor of geophysics in the University of Toronto from 1945 until 1949.

THE British Institute of Radiology is holding a meeting on October 17, at which the presidential address "Nothing New?" will be given by Prof. C. B. Allsopp. Further information can be obtained from the General Secretary, British Institute of Radiology, 32 Welbeck Street, London, W.1.

A MEETING to celebrate the centenary of Dr. L. H. Baekeland (1863-1944), the inventor of 'Bakelite', arranged by the Royal Flemish Society of Engineers and the Flemish Chemical Society, will be held in the State University of Ghent during November 22-23. Further information can be obtained from Dr. R. Thiers, Ingenieurshuis, Jan van Rijswijklaan 58, Antwerpen I.

TWELVE public lectures on "The History of Medicine" will be delivered by Dr. Edwin Clarke in the Wellcome Historical Medical Library, London, on Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing October 15. Further information can be obtained from the Wellcome Historical Medical Library, the Wellcome Building, Euston Road, London, N.W.1.

A MEETING of the Biochemical Society will be held in the Department of Physiology and Biochemistry, the University of Southampton, on October 18. Included in the programme will be a colloquium on "Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology" (chairman, K. A. Munday). Further information can be obtained from H. R. V. Arnstein, National Institute for Medical Research, the Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7.

A SYMPOSIUM on "The Natural History of Aggression", arranged by the Institute of Biology, will be held at the British Museum (Natural History) during October 21-22. Topics under discussion will include: ritualized fighting in animals; aggression in societies of apes; the physiological background to aggression; aggression and mental illness; the origins of war; possible substitutes for war; the nature of aggression as revealed by the atomic age. Further information can be obtained from the Institute of Biology, 41 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

A PRACTICAL four-week residential course in "Administration and Management of Research and Development", arranged by the Comparative Administration Trust, will be held at the Sundridge Park Management Centre, Bromley, during November 10-December 7. The aim of the course is to improve the practical effectiveness of those engaged in administration and management of technical work in industry, in industrial research associations or publicly sponsored research establishments. Topics to be considered will include: the nature of the individual and of the team; the teams in their wider context; special problems of science and technology. Further information and forms of application can be obtained from the Comparative Administration Trust, 30 St. George Street, Hanover Square, London, W.1.