

fisherman described are now disused, or obsolescent, so that parts of the account are chiefly of historic interest. It is interesting to see how similar types of net have been evolved by fishermen on different parts of the coast, and how one type of net grades into another. The author points out that the Saltash tuck-seine is practically a trawl, and the Beer 'fly-backed otter trawl' a seine. The braiding and setting of nets and their preservation is dealt with. Indeed, the use of Mr. Davis's paper would make clear any reference to the methods of fishing around the British coasts, or the description of the shape and construction of any net.

St. Kilda Papers 1931

A PUBLICATION entitled "St. Kilda Papers 1931" has just been issued, and contains, in addition to a foreword, bibliography and large-scale map, reprints of eleven papers previously published in various scientific journals. These papers, which deal with the mice, the breeding birds, the early autumn migration in 1931, the St. Kilda wren, the Coleoptera, the flora and the vegetation of St. Kilda, comprise the chief scientific results of an expedition to the island in the summer of 1931, the year following the evacuation of the islanders. As "St. Kilda Papers 1931" is limited to an edition of only fifty copies, none is available for sale; but as the publication is intended as a basis for any future scientific work on the island, twenty-five copies have been presented to leading public libraries and to the libraries of learned scientific societies for reference purposes. Any further information relative to this publication or to the deposition of the library copies can be obtained from Mr. Malcolm Stewart, Hawridge Court, Nr. Chesham, Bucks.

The World Power Conference

WE have received a summary of the annual report for 1936 of the World Power Conference, prepared by the Central Office, 36 Kingsway, London, W.C.2. The chairman is Sir Harold Hartley (Britain) and the vice-chairmen are O. C. Merrill (United States), G. T. T. Bakker (Netherlands) and M. Kamo (Japan). The plenary conference was held in Washington on September 7-12, 1936, and was attended by about 3,000 members from fifty-four countries. Year book No. 1 was published in October 1936, and it is hoped that No. 2 will be published in September next. Statistics on manufactured gas and coke will be added in this and subsequent year books. The work of the international sub-commission on special cements is going steadily forward, and work on an international technical dictionary in connexion with dams will soon be begun. The International Executive Council has unanimously accepted the invitation of the German National Committee for the second chemical engineering congress to be held in Berlin in 1940. There is little doubt that the fourth World Power Conference will take place in 1942, thus preserving the interval of six years between successive plenary meetings.

University of Lausanne

THE fourth centenary of the University of Lausanne was celebrated on June 4-5, when honorary degrees were conferred on the following, among others: Sir Maurice Amos, Quain professor of comparative law in University College, London (Doctor of Laws); Sir Frederick Gowland Hopkins, Sir William Dunn professor of biochemistry, in the University of Cambridge (Doctor of Medicine, *in absentia*); Prof. G. Barger, professor of chemistry in relation to medicine in the University of Edinburgh (Doctor of Pharmacy); and Prof. G. Rudler, Foch professor of French in the University of Oxford (Doctor of Letters). The University of Lausanne began in 1537 as the first college for the training of Protestant ministers, and other faculties were added during the nineteenth century.

National Baby Week

THE National Baby Week Council announces that National Baby Week will be held on July 1-7. The theme selected for discussion and publicity this year is "Housing and Home in Relation to Maternity and Child Welfare", and a housing manifesto has been issued embodying certain ideals and ideas that may serve as a basis for discussion. This and other particulars may be obtained on application to the Secretary at 117 Piccadilly, London, W.1.

Announcements

THE University of Athens, on the occasion of its centenary celebrations, has conferred on Prof. F. G. Donnan, University professor of chemistry in University College, London, the honorary degree of D.Sc.

MR. EDGAR P. CHANCE, of Bulwell, Burchetts Green, near Maidenhead, has arranged a second exhibition of his collection of British birds' eggs to be held at the above address on June 25-26. The exhibition comprises about 150 drawers or trays selected from Mr. Chance's collection. Admission, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m., is free.

A CONFERENCE on Magnetism will be held in the Physics Department of the University of Manchester on July 1-2, under the auspices of the Manchester and District Branch of the Institute of Physics. Prof. W. L. Bragg, the chairman of the Branch, will preside over the Conference and the following will give lectures: G. Richer, D. A. Oliver, Prof. N. F. Mott, Dr. C. Dannatt, Dr. E. C. Stoner, and Dr. A. J. Bradley. Visitors will be welcome, and further particulars may be obtained from Dr. C. Sykes, Research Department, Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd., Trafford Park, Manchester, 17.

THE fifty-sixth annual meeting of the Society of Chemical Industry will be held at Harrogate on July 5-9 under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Leverhulme. Prof. G. G. Henderson, recipient of the Society's Medal, will give an address entitled, "A Retrospect; Notes on some Development in the

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Theory and Practice of Chemistry in the last Half Century"; Prof. R. V. Wheeler will read a paper on "The Problem of Dust in Coal Mines"; and the Food Group will hold a symposium on "Fruit Juices", when papers will be read by A. Charley, Long Ashton Research Station, T. N. Morris, Low Temperature Research Station, Cambridge, and J. A. Reavell.

THE Eugenics Society has set up a Population Investigation Committee with Prof. A. M. Carr-Saunders as chairman and representatives from various societies, including one from the British Population Society, Mr. D. V. Glass acting as research secretary. He and Dr. C. P. Blacker have produced a pamphlet of thirty pages which discusses "The Future of our Population", issued by the Eugenics Society, 69 Eccleston Square, S.W.1, at the price of 6d. This introduces the subject on the basis of material supplied in the books of Carr-Saunders and Kuczynski, pointing out how present trends will affect future population decline. This is followed by a discussion of the reasons why families are being curtailed in the present generation, and ends with an appeal for financial support.

THE following appointments have recently been made in the Colonial Service: N. E. Davis, and W. G. Harper, forecasters, Meteorological Services, Bermuda; P. L. Mellier-Smith, inspector of mines, Malaya; H. O. Walker, European assistant, Meteorological Service, East Africa; A. G. G. Hill (senior geneticist, Department of Agriculture, Mauritius), director, East African Agricultural Research Station, Amani, Tanganyika; J. A. Cowan (pathologist, Penang), pathologist, Straits Settlements and professor of pathology, King Edward VII College of Medicine, Singapore; S. Bray (assistant inspector of mines), inspector of mines, Northern Rhodesia; A. D. Combe (field geologist), mining geologist, Uganda; K. A. Davies (field geologist), senior assistant geologist, Uganda; L. L. De Verteuil (late assistant agricultural officer, Leeward Islands), inspector of plants and produce, Gold Coast; A. E. C. de S. Gunasekera (assistant irrigation engineer), irrigation engineer, Ceylon; H. P. Rowe (district surveyor), chief surveyor, Survey Division, Lands and Mines Department, Tanganyika; F. G. Taylor (telegraph engineer, Railway Department), wireless engineer and broadcast officer, Sierra Leone.

PROF. OTTO HAHN, director of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Chemistry in Berlin, has been made a corresponding member of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences.

PROF. A. CHEVALIER, professor of colonial agronomy in the National Museum of Natural History, Paris, has been elected a member of the Section of Botany of the Paris Academy of Sciences in succession to the late Prof. J. Constantin.

THE annual congress of the German Society of the History of Medicine, Natural Science and Technique will be held at Coblenz on September 3-6. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Artelt, Universitätsstrasse 3 b, Berlin, N.W.7.

A TRAFFIC clinic has recently been set up at Detroit for the elimination or improvement of dangerous drivers. Among the first hundred accidents studied, fourteen chauffeurs were too disabled to drive properly, seven were suffering from various psychoses and ten were mentally deficient.

THE twenty-fourth centenary of the birth of Hippocrates will be celebrated in the course of the summer by a cruise to Cos, Athens and Epidaurus organized by the Latin Medical Union, commonly known as Umfia. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Dartigues, Bureau de l'Umfia, 81 rue de la Pompe, Paris 16^e.

A CONGRESS of Medical Meteorology and Biometeorology will be held in Paris on July 4 under the presidency of Prof. Maurain, president of the Society of Medical Meteorology. Further information can be obtained from the General Secretary of the Society, Dr. Dujarric de la Rivière, 28 rue du Dr. Roux, Paris XV^e.

ACCORDING to the Central Statistical Department of the State Planning Commission of the U.S.S.R., the number of women employed in 1936 in the factories, in agriculture, transport, trade, public catering, health protection, education, etc., was 8,492,000, forming thirty-four per cent of the total number of employed workers. There were 15,338 women scientific workers, or little less than half the total medical practitioners in the country.

THE anti-noise campaign in New York, in which the Mayor, Mr. La Guardia, has taken an active part, began more than a year ago. In April 1936, the police issued 9,288 warnings, while summonses and arrests totalled 547. In May, legal enactments were adopted providing fees for offending. In November the police issued 15,661 warnings, and the number of arrests and summonses rose to 1,012. Motors continue to be the worst offenders, and radios come next.

THE Argentine Society for the Progress of Science awarded travelling fellowships during the year 1935 to Dr. Juan Carlos Speroni, to study the technology of wool in England, Dr. Santiago A. Celsi, for electrochemical investigations in the Institute of Physics and Chemistry at Madrid, and Dr. Jorge Thenon, to study psychiatry in Paris. In 1936 four more travelling fellowships were awarded respectively to Prof. Marcos A. Morin'go for studying American linguistics in Paris, Dr. Rodolfo Schwartz of Cordoba for the study of the bacteriology of tuberculosis and Dr. Ignacio Pirotsky for the study of immunology at the Institut Pasteur in Paris, and Dr. Alberto Manso Soto for the study of bacteriology in England.

IN NATURE of May 29 a request was made for copies of NATURE for a boys' secondary school in London. Several offers have been received and the headmaster of the school informs us that his needs are now met.