

has been confined to his room for several months, though he maintains his interest in scientific and educational activities: "Illness has deprived the Committee of Education of the attendance of Prof. Armstrong, who, as a member of the committee for nearly forty years and latterly as chairman, may claim a large share in the formation and guidance of the Hospital's educational policy and ideals. It is a consolation to know that in his position as educational adviser to the council we shall still have the benefit of his wide knowledge and wise direction. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have as the new chairman of the Committee, the Rev. Prebendary A. Chilton, who brings to this work the special knowledge both of an old Blue and of a distinguished headmaster."

Announcements

At a recent meeting of the Lawes Agricultural Trust Committee, Lord Clinton tendered his resignation as chairman owing to ill-health, and Prof. H. E. Armstrong was appointed in his place. Sir Merrick Burrell, lately president of the Royal Agricultural Society of England and chairman of its Research Committee, was appointed vice-chairman.

WE regret that the name of Sir Cuthbert Wallace, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, who has been made a baronet, was omitted from the list of Coronation honours published in *NATURE* of May 15.

THE eighth annual Haldane Memorial Lecture at Birkbeck College, London, will be delivered by Sir Arthur Eddington, director of the Observatory and Plumian professor of astronomy in the University of Cambridge, on May 26 at 6 p.m. The subject of the lecture will be "The Reign of Relativity 1915-1937". Admission is free, without ticket.

THE silver jubilee of the Chadwick Lectures occurs this year and the Chadwick Trustees are holding a reception for their former and recent lecturers, scholarship holders and recipients of Chadwick Medals and Prizes, to precede the lecture on May 26 by Prof. J. G. Fitzgerald, to be given at Manson House, 26 Portland Place, at 5.30 p.m. Dr. Fitzgerald is director of the School of Hygiene and the Connaught Laboratories, and professor of hygiene and preventive medicine in the University of Toronto. He is now on a year's leave of absence for the study of the teaching of preventive medicine in medical schools in the United States, Canada, the British Isles and other countries of Europe, for the Rockefeller Foundation. The title for Dr. Fitzgerald's lecture is "Preventive Medicine—an Avenue of Good Will". This will be the initial lecture of a series on public health questions by representatives of Overseas Dominions.

THE following appointments and promotions have recently been made in the Colonial Service: J. Glover, second plant physiologist, East African Research Station, Amani, Tanganyika; K. Wilkinson, Euro-

pean assistant, Meteorological Service, East Africa; N. S. Haig (agricultural officer), senior agricultural officer, Uganda; M. C. Abraham (assistant irrigation engineer), irrigation engineer, Ceylon; F. H. Clarke (assistant game warden), senior assistant game warden, Kenya; W. G. G. Cooper (geologist), assistant director of Geological Survey, Gold Coast; S. G. Taylor (irrigation engineer), divisional irrigation engineer, Ceylon; A. P. Weir (irrigation engineer), divisional irrigation engineer, Ceylon.

At the forthcoming meeting of the National Peace Congress, which will be held at Friends' House, Euston Road, London, on May 28-31, a meeting of the Science Commission is to take place with Prof. S. Chapman in the chair. Prof. P. M. S. Blackett will open the discussion on "The Responsibility of the Scientist in Relation to Peace Problems". Further information concerning the National Peace Congress may be obtained from the Secretary, 39 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

AN informal conference on "The Conduction of Electricity in Solids" will be held at the H. H. Wills Physical Laboratory, University of Bristol, under the joint auspices of the Physical Society and the University of Bristol, on July 13-16. Several morning and afternoon discussions have been arranged. Among those who will take part in the discussions are: Prof. R. W. Pohl (Göttingen), Dr. J. H. de Boer (Eindhoven), Prof. Borelius (Stockholm), Prof. W. L. Bragg, Dr. C. H. Desch, Prof. G. I. Finch, Dr. E. T. S. Appleyard and Prof. J. E. Lennard-Jones. The conference will be open to members of the staffs of universities and research institutions. Further information can be obtained from Prof. A. M. Tyndall or Prof. N. F. Mott, H. H. Wills Physical Laboratory, The University, Royal Fort, Bristol, 8.

A CATALOGUE of rare and valuable books (No. 609) from Francis Edwards, 83 Marylebone High Street, W.1, contains some unusually interesting volumes of voyages, including Champlain's "Les Voyages de la Nouvelle France Occidentale" (1632), Hearne's "Journey from Hudson's Bay to the Northern Ocean" (1795), Linschoten's "Discours of Voyages into ye Easte and Weste Indies" (1598), Martyr's "History of Travayle" (1577) and a unique item in the form of a twelve-page print of a letter from Sir Joseph Banks describing his voyage with Captain Cook in 1768-71.

THE Oxford University Press announces that "The Science of Petroleum", edited by Dr. A. E. Dunstan, Prof. A. W. Nash, Sir Henry Tizard and Dr. A. B. T. Brooks, is approaching completion. The publishers expect to issue it in three volumes, each containing about one million words, during this summer. It contains about four hundred articles, written by three hundred contributors drawn from all parts of the world.