

### British Waterworks Association

THE twenty-sixth annual general meeting of the British Waterworks Association will be held in London on June 22-26 under the presidency of Sir William Prescott. The following papers will be read and discussed: "The Inland Water Survey", by R. G. Hetherington; "Present-day Aspects of the Purification of the London Water Supply", by Lieut.-Colonel C. H. H. Harold; "The Work of the Fresh-water Biological Association of the British Empire", by Prof. P. A. Buxton, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; "The Present Aspects of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Problem", by H. F. Atter. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, British Waterworks Association Office, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.

### Agricultural Abstracts

UNDER a recent agreement between the Central Agricultural and Scientific Bibliography and the Bureau of Chemical Abstracts (Chemical Society and Society of Chemical Industry) it has been arranged that the staff of abstractors engaged on abstracting work for that Bureau will be invited to act as abstractors in the interests of the C.A.S.B., to the extent that while engaged on their ordinary work they will also prepare a comprehensive list of those articles and papers published in the same journals, which should in their opinion be specially useful to subscribers to Section I (Agriculture and Allied Industries) of the C.A.S.B. The scheme has been in operation since January 1, 1937, and it is proposed to issue shortly the first bibliography in this series to all subscribers to the C.A.S.B. Further information can be obtained from W. P. Dreaper, Hon. Secretary, C.A.S.B., Science Museum Library, South Kensington, London, S.W.7.

### Announcements

THE Albert Medal for 1937 of the Royal Society of Arts has been awarded to Lord Nuffield, "for services to Industry, Transport and Medical Science". The Medal was instituted in 1862 as a memorial of H.R.H. the Prince Consort, for eighteen years president of the Society, and is awarded annually for "distinguished merit in promoting Arts, Manufactures, or Commerce".

DR. MARCUS FRANCIS has been appointed director of research to the British Pottery Manufacturers' Federation. The Federation, in conjunction with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, is to establish a new research station in the extension of the North Staffordshire Technical College, Stoke-on-Trent. Dr. Francis is at present on the technical staff of the Munitions Technical Planning Establishment.

THE annual general meeting of the Research Defence Society will be held at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street,

W.C.1, on June 15 at 3 p.m., when the eleventh Stephen Paget Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Prof. G. Grey Turner. The subject of Prof. Turner's lecture will be "What Research Owes to the Paget Tradition".

THE Emil Chr. Hansen Gold Medal and a prize of 3,000 Danish crowns has been awarded to Prof. Aurelio Quintanilha, professor of botany in the University of Coimbra, for his valuable investigations on sex in the Hymenomycetes.

THE forty-eighth annual conference of the Museums Association will be held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on July 5-9, under the presidency of C. Squire. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, E. W. Wignall, Chaucer House, Malet Place, London, W.C.1.

THE annual summer meeting of the Association of Technical Institutions will be held at Blackpool on June 25-26 under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Kennet. Further information can be obtained from Dr. H. Schofield, Loughborough College, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

THE German Röntgen Society has recently founded a Röntgen Institute at Munich containing a museum and library. Publications should be sent to Ottostrasse 5, München.

THE second World Congress on Mental Hygiene will be held in Paris on July 19-23 under the auspices of the French League for Mental Hygiene. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary of the National Council for Mental Hygiene, 76 Chandos House, Palmer Street, London, S.W.1.

THE third Annual Conference of the National Federation of Personal Health Associations will be held at the British Medical Association's House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, on June 24 at 2.45 p.m. The chief subjects for discussion will be the Government campaign to promote the physical fitness of the people and the part to be played by local authorities and individuals in co-operating with the National Advisory Council to ensure the success of the campaign.

WITH reference to the paragraph in NATURE of May 29 (p. 915) including the names of new officers of the Linnean Society, the Assistant Secretary informs us that, "owing to an error on our part, the name of Mr. Fred Howarth as a new member of council was omitted from the notice sent". Five new members of Council are elected annually.

ERRATUM. The X-ray photographs of nitrated steel reproduced as Fig. 6 in Sir William Bragg's article "Recent Crystallography" printed in NATURE of May 29 were incorrectly ascribed to Dr. G. Shearer. The photographs are due to Mr. W. A. Wood, of the National Physical Laboratory.