

organizer or instructor or lecturer in agriculture (including horticulture, dairying and poultry-husbandry). The object of the scholarships, of which not more than four will be awarded annually, is to broaden the agricultural knowledge and experience of students and so to qualify them for the position of agricultural organizer, instructor or lecturer. The value of the scholarships will not exceed £200 together with an allowance for approved fees and travelling expenses. The period of the scholarships is normally one year and commences on October 1. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 10 Whitehall Place, London, S.W.1.

Announcements

THE U.S. National Academy of Sciences, Washington, has awarded the Agassiz Medal for Oceanography to Dr. E. J. Allen, who was for forty-two years director of the Plymouth Laboratory of the Marine Biological Association. The Murray Fund, which was established for the award of the medal, was founded by Sir John Murray in 1911 to commemorate the oceanographical work of Alexander Agassiz. The medal was received on behalf of Dr. Allen by Mr. L. McCormick-Goodheart of the British Embassy at Washington, at a dinner held by the Academy on April 26.

THE Earl of Radnor has been appointed chairman of the Committee of Management of the Rothamsted Experimental Station. This appointment is in accordance with the long-established usage at Rothamsted of choosing a chairman from among those who are intimately associated with the land; previous chairmen have included such well-known agriculturists as Lord Clinton, Sir Merrik Burrell, Lord Bledisloe and others. Lord Radnor's active interest in rural development and his wide knowledge of the many intricate problems of modern agriculture will undoubtedly prove of great value to the Station.

THE Medical Research Council has appointed Dr. Karl Stern to the Kathleen Schlesinger research fellowship for the year 1938-39. This fellowship is provided from a fund established by the late Mr. Eugen M. Schlesinger and Mrs. Schlesinger in memory of their daughter: it is given for investigations of cysts of the brain or allied conditions, and is ordinarily tenable at the National Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, Queen Square, London.

THE annual visitation of the Fuel Research Station, East Greenwich, will be held on Tuesday, May 31 at 2-6 p.m.

A COURSE of thirty lectures on genetics and cytology and on related studies in pomology and plant biochemistry, for research and post-graduate students and university teachers, will be given at the John Innes Horticultural Institution, Mostyn

Road, Merton, London, S.W.19, on July 11-23. Inquiries should be addressed to the Registrar at the Institution.

THE next award of the Swiney Prize, which is decided by a joint committee of the Society of Arts and the Royal College of Physicians, will be made in January 1939. The prize, consisting of a cup and the sum of £100, is offered alternately for the best published work on medical and general jurisprudence, and this time is offered for medical jurisprudence. Applications should be made to the Secretary, Royal Society of Arts, John Street, W.C.2, before November 30.

PROF. HERMANN STIEVE has been nominated president of the International Committee for the Improvement and Unification of Anatomical Terms.

PROF. MARTIN KIRSCHNER, director of the surgical clinic at Heidelberg, has been nominated a member of the Kaiser Leopold Caroline German Academy of Natural Sciences at Halle.

DR. ALEXANDER KOENIG, professor of ornithology at Bonn, has been awarded the shield of nobility of the German Reich, and Dr. Gottlieb Linck, professor of mineralogy and geology at Jena, has received the Goethe Medal for art and science.

THE foundation of a Ministry of Health in Japan has been indefinitely postponed owing to the war with China.

THE third Frankfort Conference for Collaboration between Medicine and Natural Science, organized by Profs. R. Otis, K. Felix and F. Laibach, will be held at Frankfort on June 2-3, when the subject for discussion will be the chemistry and physiology of albumin. Further information can be obtained from Universitäts-Institut, Weyerstrasse 3, Frankfurt-a.-M.

THE first Pan-American Congress of Endocrinology, which is also the first congress on this subject to be held, will take place at Rio de Janeiro on July 17-23 under the presidency of Prof. Aloysio de Castro. There will be four sections devoted respectively to the experimental, clinical, surgical and medico-social aspects of endocrinology. Further information can be obtained from Academia Nacional de Medicina, Avenida Augusto Severo 4, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

THE seventh International Congress of Genetics will be held in Edinburgh in 1939 under the presidency of Prof. N. I. Vavilov, vice-president of the Lenin Academy of Agricultural Science and director of the Institute of Plant Industry, Leningrad, and of the Institute of Genetics of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences. The dates of the Congress will probably be August 23-30. Further information can be obtained from Prof. F. A. E. Crew, Institute of Animal Genetics, West Mains Road, Edinburgh, 9.