

The need for such an observatory is further intensified by the recent ceding to Hungary of the Astrophysical Observatory of Stara Dala. Astronomers and other men and women of science will unite in wishing a happy outcome to this gallant determination to start anew.

Publications of the Carnegie Institution of Washington

A CATALOGUE of its publications has been issued by the Carnegie Institution of Washington giving a classified list of publications in various branches of science, international law and literature. Most of the books marked in the classified section as out of print are to be found in the libraries throughout the world which have been selected as depositories of the publications of the Institution. A list of these depositories will be sent on application, and a few copies of each publication are reserved for sale at prices which are less than the cost of printing. Price lists or classified lists may be obtained on request and special lists of reprints relating to the work of the Geophysical Laboratory, the Nutrition Laboratory, the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism and the Mount Wilson Observatory can also be obtained. The catalogue also includes an index of authors.

Bibliography of Seismology

WE have just received vol. 12, No. 18 of this valuable work, and hope that collaborators in many other countries where seismological work is being done will soon come forward. The U.S.S.R., the Balkan States, and South America, to mention only three, and this time even Germany have no representative. It is pleasing to note that Italian papers are represented, and there is a very full list of American publications. It might be suggested that periodical publications of observatories throughout the world be noticed as, in addition to routine readings of seismograms, the more fortunate observatories find time to investigate shocks local to the station. There is a full list of seismological notes from NATURE.

Mineralogical Society of America: Roebling Medal

DR. WALDEMAR THEODORE SCHALLER, chief mineralogist of the United States Geological Survey, an authority on rare and unusual minerals, has been awarded the Roebling Medal by the Mineralogical Society of America "for meritorious achievement in mineralogy and allied sciences". This Medal, awarded for the first time in 1937, was established in honour of the late Colonel Washington A. Roebling of Trenton, N.J., whose private collection in the field of mineralogy, now forming part of the display at the United States National Museum, contained some 16,000 specimens, many of them very rare, and was one of the most complete in the country. Colonel Roebling's interest in the growth of the Mineralogical Society led him to create an endowment fund to provide a wider scope in mineralogical publication. The medal commemorates his lifelong concern with mineralogy.

Announcements

THE following elections to the Paris Academy of Sciences have been announced: Prof. W. J. de Haas, professor of physics in the University of Leyden, to be *correspondant* for the Section of Physics in succession to the late Dr. C.-E. Guillaume; I. Holmgren to be *correspondant* for the Section of Medicine and Surgery in succession to the late Prof. I. Pavlov; M. Paul Wintrebert, professor of comparative anatomy and histology in the Sorbonne, to be a member of the Section of Anatomy and Zoology in succession to the late F. Mesnil.

DR. HEINRICH RITTER VON SRBIK, professor of history in the University of Vienna, has been nominated president of the Academy of Sciences of Vienna.

THE German Society for the Study of Colloidal Chemistry has awarded its grand annual Laura Leonard prize to Prof. M. Samec of Ljubljana for his work on the colloidal chemistry of starch.

DR. DESIDOR MISKOLEZY, professor of psychiatry at Szeged, Dr. Roman Adelheim, professor of pathological anatomy in the University of Latvia, Riga, and Prof. Charles Spearman, emeritus professor of psychology in the University of London, have been elected members of the German Academy of Natural Science at Halle.

DR. H. MORLEY FLETCHER is representing the Royal College of Physicians of London at the opening of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians at Sydney. He presented on its behalf to the new College an illuminated address and a replica of its silver wand or caduceus given by Caius in 1556.

AT a meeting on October 28 of the international committee for instruction and action for the protection of a civilian community in war, which was set up at Luxembourg on July 4, sub-committees were formed to deal with propaganda, diplomacy, military matters, medical treatment, legal questions, civilian defence and protection of women. The next meeting of the international committee will be held at Luxembourg next January.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Association of Women Science Teachers will be held in Bedford College for Women, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1, on January 4-5. On January 4, Prof. Alan Ferguson will deliver a lecture entitled "Some Notes on Eighteenth Century Physics". On January 5, a discussion on "New Methods of Biology Teaching emphasizing Practical Problems with Living Organisms" will be opened by Mrs. Hatfield. Further information can be obtained from M. W. Sutton, 18c Christchurch Road, London, S.W.2.

ERRATUM.—In the article on "National Parks" in NATURE of December 17, p. 1087, second paragraph, line 18, for "16,000 ft." read "1,600 ft."