

lighting and heating adjustments, painting and additional fittings, which was incomplete at the opening of the Library in October 1936, was completed by the end of the Easter vacation. Good progress was made with the catalogue and cross-reference index. The income of the Library is limited to about £1,250 per annum and the accounts show a balance in hand of £96 8s. Particulars of gifts and additions during the year and of the regulations governing access to the Collection are included.

#### British Scientific and Technical Books

THE second edition of the "Select List of Standard British Scientific and Technical Books" has been prepared by the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux, at the request of the British Council (ASLIB, 31 Museum Street, London, W.C.1. Price 2s. to "Book-List" Subscribers; 2s. 6d. to others; 1s. to members of ASLIB or the Library Association). In the preparation of the list, the Book-List Committee consulted authorities upon every subject, so that the books may be justly regarded as representative of existing works in science and technology now available from British publishers. About three hundred books are included in the list, which is subdivided into twenty-three sections. Sections on agriculture and on medicine and surgery have been added in the revised edition. A list of publisher's addresses and a subject index are appended.

#### Beit Fellowships for Scientific Research

THE following Beit fellowships for scientific research, tenable at the Imperial College of Science and Technology during the Academic Year 1938-39, have recently been awarded: extensions of fellowships already satisfactorily held for one year to D. W. Goodall, for research on the physiology of the tomato plant, under the direction of Prof. F. G. Gregory; H. A. C. McKay, for investigations of chemical problems by the radioactive indicator method, under the direction of Prof. H. V. A. Briscoe; A. K. Powell, for research on parasitic wasps, in particular that of *Microbracon hebetor*, under the direction of Prof. J. W. Munro. New fellowships tenable for one year but renewable for a second have been awarded to J. L. O. G. Michiels (Royal College of Science), for research on the positions and widths of the energy levels of atomic nuclei by means of experiments on the capture of slow neutrons by various elements, under the direction of Prof. G. P. Thomson; E. J. Harris (Royal College of Science), for research on hydrocarbon oxidation and the reactions of peroxides with reference to carbon processes, under the direction of Prof. A. C. G. Egerton.

#### Announcements

DR. MONTAGU TRAVERS MORGAN, medical officer of the Ministry of Health, has recently been appointed medical officer of health of the Port of London by the London Corporation.

AN exhibition dealing with the prevention of industrial eye diseases was opened at the Royal Eye Hospital, London, on June 22 by the Earl of Athlone. Part of the exhibition is to remain in the hospital as a permanent museum.

AN intensive course in industrial hygiene and medicine will be held at the University of Birmingham on September 12-23. Further information can be obtained from Dr. H. E. Collier, Department of Industrial Hygiene and Medicine, The University, Birmingham.

THE Minister of Justice in Portugal has transformed the Department of Criminal Anthropology, Experimental Psychology and Civil Identification into an Institute of Criminology on modern and strictly scientific lines under the direction of Dr. Luiz de Piña.

A CONFERENCE on Plant and Animal Communities will be held at the Biological Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, New York, on August 29-September 2. Three general papers will be read, and six will be read on association concepts and four on animal aggregations. These will be followed by discussion, the whole of which will eventually be published in the *American Midland Naturalist* (20, No. 1; January 1939). Further information can be obtained from the Director of the Laboratory.

THERE has recently come to hand No. 1 of vol. 8 of the *Bulletin of the Fan Memorial Institute of Biology*, Zoological Series. This journal is published by the Institute at Peiping (Peking) and the present issue bears the date March-April, 1938. It is gratifying to note that notwithstanding the present disturbed conditions in China, it is possible for scientific work to be carried out. The present number covers a variety of zoological subjects and the contributions are written in the English language by Chinese investigators, each article being accompanied by short Chinese abstracts. The illustrations are well reproduced and of a high standard.

FROM the Nottingham University College Appointments Board we have received an attractive brochure giving an outline of courses offered, a list of entrance and other scholarships and some notes on careers open to college graduates. The faculty of applied science includes departments of civil, mechanical and electrical engineering, mining and fuels, textiles and a school of architecture. For some years, every student of engineering who has satisfactorily completed his course at the College has obtained a post, and there are said to be more posts available than students to fill them. The Nottingham coalfields provide facilities to students for experience in up-to-date methods. Students of the large and well-equipped textiles department also are said to obtain positions readily with very good prospects in hosiery and yarn manufacturing firms, textile testing and research institutions and dyeing and finishing firms.