

to have been the most intense. It was accompanied by a great noise and was followed by twenty-seven aftershocks, seven of which were strong. Next in order of intensity were those of the sixth, felt scale 4 at Calapan in the Philippines, the seventeenth with epicentre in the Pacific south of the Bonin Islands, the eighteenth felt scale 4 at Brig in the Jura bernoise, Switzerland, and the twenty-seventh at Birmanio near 25° N., 95° E. The moderately strong seismic activity in Italy appears to have been continued, shocks having been experienced during May near Romagna, Bologna, Pouilles and Isernia.

#### International Conference on Flames and Furnaces

AN International Conference on Flames and Furnaces will be held during September 17-20, 1940, at the Royal Institution in London on the initiative of the Institute of Fuel and the British Coal Utilisation Research Association. One purpose of the Conference is to bring the new developments of chemical kinetics and spectroscopy to the notice of engineers and industrialists with the view of accelerating their practical application. The technical programme of the International Conference in 1940 has been prepared by a Committee of thirty engineers and scientific workers. Flames in the internal combustion engine and explosive flames generally are excluded from the scope of the Conference, which will be concerned with the free combustion of gases, liquids and solids in air. The Editorial Committee proposes to invite the authors of papers to collaborate in covering the whole ground of flame and furnace research with the minimum of overlap. Selected authors throughout the world will be asked to contribute papers on specified problems, and early in 1940 the Editorial Committee will co-ordinate the various papers with the help of selected experts in each field acting as chairmen and reporters of the various technical sessions. It is hoped to secure a large attendance of foreign engineers and scientific workers for a conference which should have great practical industrial significance.

#### International Genetical Congress

THE programme of the seventh International Genetical Congress to be held in Edinburgh during August 22-30 has now been published. Pre-Congress activities include an International Conference on Nomenclature and Terminology of Cytology and Genetics, organized by the International Union of Biological Sciences and the Institut International de Co-operation Intellectuelle, to be held in London during August 14-17. A tour has also been arranged to cover London, Cambridge, Chester and Windermere. During this tour, various institutes at Cambridge will be visited on August 18 and 19, and the Fresh Water Biological Station at Wray Castle, Windermere, will be visited on August 22. Full details of the Genetical Congress to follow at Edinburgh are given in the programme, a copy of which can be obtained from Prof. F. A. E. Crew, Institute of Animal Genetics, King's Buildings, West Mains Road, Edinburgh.

#### Announcements

THE Clement Cleveland Medal has recently been awarded to Mlle. Eve Curie by the New York Cancer Committee in recognition of her biography of her mother. This is the first time that this distinction has been conferred upon a foreigner.

DR. EUGEN FISCHER, professor of anthropology in the University of Berlin, has been awarded the Goethe prize for art and science by the German Chancellor.

THE following appointments and promotions in the Colonial Service have recently been made: S. F. Barnett, veterinary officer, Kenya; W. J. Gray, veterinary officer, Tanganyika Territory; F. G. Waddington, veterinary officer, Tanganyika Territory; H. T. Dale, meteorological assistant, Nigeria; W. H. C. Belgrave, chief research officer, director of agriculture, Straits Settlements, and adviser on agriculture, Malay States; A. C. Shill, adviser in agricultural marketing and controller of agricultural exports, Malta, chief horticultural officer, Palestine; T. A. Strong, conservator, Malayan Forest Service, conservator of forests, Ceylon.

THE thirty-first annual Autumn Meeting of the Institute of Metals will be held in Glasgow during September 5-8. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Iron and Steel Institute, 4 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.

THE Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureau (ASLIB) will hold its sixteenth annual Conference at University College, Nottingham, during September 15-18, under the presidency of Sir Harry Lindsay. Further information can be obtained from the General Secretary, Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux, 31 Museum Street, London, W.C.1.

THE Swiss Society of Naturalists will hold its one hundred and twentieth meeting at Locarno during September 23-25 in conjunction with the Swiss Medico-Biological Society. The subject for discussion will be the pathology and clinical aspects of hereditary diseases and their diffusion. Further information can be obtained from the secretary, Prof. E. Ludwig, Pestalozzistrasse 20, Basel.

THE eighth Congress of the Institut International d'Anthropologie will meet at Istanbul during September 18-25 under the presidency of Prof. E. Pittard of Geneva, president of the Institute. The meeting will be held in five sections, covering palaeontology and archæology, physical anthropology, heredity and blood groups, social anthropology, linguistics and the history of religions.

THE Rockefeller Foundation has established a training fellowship in psychosomatic research tenable at the Tavistock Clinic, of the annual value of £450 available for three years from September 1, 1939. Further information may be obtained from Dr. A. T. M. Wilson, Tavistock Clinic, Malet Place, W.C.1.