

MR. STANLEY BALDWIN has stated in the House of Commons that the question of the suspension of the issue of the *Kew Bulletin* had been considered by the Select Committee on Publications and Debates' Reports, and that it was decided to recommend that the *Bulletin* should be continued, but with due regard to economy. Certain classes of information, though doubtless of scientific interest, can, it is thought, be postponed without detriment to the welfare of the state.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

ACCORDING to the *Experiment Station Record* appropriations made by the state legislature for the South Dakota College and Station include \$80,000 for an armory, \$100,000 for the completion of Agricultural Hall, \$10,000 for a health laboratory, \$10,000 for the manufacture of hog cholera serum, \$20,000 for a fireproof stock judging pavilion, \$3,000 for a poultry department, \$10,000 for the purchase of pure bred live stock, and \$5,000 for feeding experiments with live stock. This is the first appropriation made by the state for experimental work.

PROFESSOR E. V. MCCOLLUM has resigned his position as professor of agricultural chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, to take charge of the department of chemistry of the new school of hygiene and public health, which the Rockefeller Foundation has established in connection with the medical school of the Johns Hopkins University.

PROFESSOR FRANK C. BECHT, assistant professor of pharmacology in the University of Chicago, has been appointed professor and head of the department of pharmacology in Northwestern University Medical School, succeeding Professor Hugh McGuigan, who has become professor of pharmacology in the University of Illinois.

DR. A. E. LAMBERT has been appointed professor of histology and embryology in the college of medicine of the University of Vermont. Dr. M. W. Hunter, instructor in medicine, has resigned and Dr. Fred E. Clark, assistant pro-

fessor of pathology, has received a year's leave of absence.

PROFESSOR H. HALPERIN, of Vanderbilt University, has been appointed assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Arkansas.

DR. PERCY KENDALL HOLMES, of the University of Cincinnati, has been appointed director of physical education in Ohio Wesleyan University.

MR. G. GERALD STONEY has been appointed professor of mechanical engineering in the Manchester School of Technology.

M. LUCIEN POINCARÉ, director of higher education in France, has been appointed vice-rector of the University of Paris, in succession to M. Liard.

M. MOUREU, member of the French Institute, professor in the school of pharmacy and director of the editorial board of the *Revue Scientifique*, has been appointed professor of organic chemistry in the Collège de France.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

THE COST OF ROAST PIG

CHARLES LAMB, in his "Dissertation on Roast Pig" relates that, according to an ancient manuscript, the hut of a Chinese swineherd taking fire, a litter of newly farrowed pigs perished in the conflagration. Seeking to find if life remained in any of them, the swineherd burned his fingers on the hot body of a pig. To alleviate the pain he naturally put his fingers into his mouth and so discovered the delicious flavor of roast pig. The taste spread rapidly and shortly all China was ablaze with burning pig pens sacrificed for the sake of producing the new delicacy.

In the food crisis with which the world is apparently confronted, roast pig may stand for the supply of animal products in general, and our methods for producing them hitherto have not been altogether unlike that for roasting pigs attributed to the Chinese. At this juncture, it seems pertinent to inquire whether our practises in this respect do not need to be modified so as to contribute more effectively to the feeding of the nations.