

principal stars, and it was once called "the astronomical capital of the world". The elder Struve retiring in 1861, he was succeeded in the directorship by his son Otto Wilhelm von Struve (1819-1905) and among his successors have been Theodor Alexandrovitch Bredichin (1831-1904) and Johan Oscar Backlund (1846-1916).

The British Association at Birmingham

Owing to the Chartist riots in Birmingham in July 1839, doubts were expressed as to the advisability of holding the meeting of the British Association, but the meeting took place and was successful. On August 24 the correspondent of the *Athenæum* wrote: "Many circumstances combined to throw a gloom over the opening of the Birmingham session of the British Association. The recent disturbances had rendered it doubtful whether the meeting might not be adjourned to another time and place; foreigners were alarmed by the exaggerated accounts of the riots; and the members of the Local Committee, having their attention engaged by the exciting events around them, could not bestow much of their time in preparations for the reception of the Association. Indeed, under the circumstances, it was surprising that their arrangements were so perfect as we found them. Many members, however, were disappointed at the very limited number of manufactories opened to general inspection; and it was thought to be most strange, and a subject of general remark, that no one of the great engineering establishments, for which Birmingham is so renowned, were found in the list. The Local Committee, however, and all who aided them, deserve great credit for their exertions in collecting together the 'Illustrations of Manufactures, Inventions and Models.'"

APPOINTMENTS VACANT

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments, on or before the dates mentioned:

LECTURER IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING at the Hull Municipal Technical College—The Director of Education, Guildhall, Hull (August 22).

DEMONSTRATOR IN BOTANY—The Secretary, King's College, Strand, W.C.2 (August 26).

ASSISTANTS II (Male) in the Meteorological Office—The Under-Secretary of State (S.2.B.Met.), Air Ministry, Adastral House, Kingsway, W.C.2 (August 28).

MASTER TO TEACH MATHEMATICS in the Government Technical School, Baghdad—The Secretary (I.P.R./CA), Board of Education, Alexandra House, Kingsway, W.C.2 (August 28).

A SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER, A JUNIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER, AND AN ASSISTANT I, in the staff for Scientific Research—The Ministry of Supply, Adelphi, W.C.2 (quoting Appts. No. 03/S.E.3) (August 31).

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY in the Fuad el Awal University—The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Giza, Egypt (September 1).

ASSISTANT LECTURER IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY—The Registrar, University College of the South-West, Exeter (September 9).

VETERINARY INVESTIGATION OFFICER under the Advisory Scheme for the Ministry of Agriculture—The Registrar, University, Leeds (September 13).

LIBRARIAN—The Secretary, Chartered Surveyors' Institution, 12 Great George Street, S.W.1 (September 30).

LECTURER IN PHYSIOLOGY—The Registrar, Municipal College, Portsmouth.

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