

relations in the field of optics. The London meeting is the first since the formation of the Commission in Delft, and there will be some thirty representatives from Belgium, Spain, the United States, France, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia. The president of the Commission is Mr. T. Smith (Great Britain), and the secretary is Prof. P. Fleury, of the Institut d'Optique, Paris. The Commission will be followed by, and will hold joint meetings with, the London Conference on Optical Instruments which is being held at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in South Kensington during July 19-26.

#### University News :

#### Edinburgh

THE honorary degree of LL.D. of the University of Edinburgh has been conferred on the following, among others : Prof. E. N. da C. Andrade, director in the Royal Institution ; Prof. H. J. Fleure, emeritus professor of geography in the University of Manchester ; and Sir Edward Salisbury, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens.

#### Birmingham

At the recent annual degree congregation of the University of Birmingham, the Chancellor (Mr. Anthony Eden) conferred degrees on more than seven hundred students, including thirty-two who received the degree of Ph.D. The honorary degree of D.Sc. was conferred on Mr. Leonard Colebrook, formerly chief officer of the Burns Unit of Birmingham Accident Hospital ; Prof. H. McLean Evans, of the University of California ; and Prof. M. L. E. Oliphant, until recently director of the Physics Department of the University (see *Nature*, July 8, p. 54).

#### Aberdeen

At the recent graduation ceremonies at the University of Aberdeen, the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on the following, among others : Sir Frederick Bain, deputy chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd. ; Dr. H. R. Dean, professor of pathology, University of Cambridge ; and Prof. Yves Milon, professor of geology and dean of the Faculty of Science in the University of Rennes. The degree of D.Sc. was conferred on Dr. A. Milne, for a thesis on "The Ecology of the Sheep Tick, *Ixodes ricinus* L." ; and on Dr. W. F. Watson, for a thesis on "The Optical and Photochemical Properties of Chlorophyll".

#### Durham

THE following appointments in the University of Durham have been announced : Dr. K. C. Dunham, of the Geological Survey of Great Britain, to be professor of geology ; Dr. D. H. Valentine, reader in botany in the University, to be professor of botany ; and Mr. J. B. Cragg, reader in zoology in the University, to be professor of zoology.

#### Leeds

THE following appointments to lectureships in the University of Leeds have recently been announced : Dr. A. T. Austin (organic chemistry), Dr. R. Harper (industrial psychology), O. von Knorring (mineralogy and geochemistry), T. K. Marshall (forensic medicine), Dr. Marie F. E. Nicolai (botany), and W. J. O'Connor (senior lecturer in physiology).

#### London

THE following appointments in the University of London have been announced : Mr. Richard M. Titmuss to the University chair of social administra-

tion tenable at the London School of Economics and Political Science ; Mr. J. Hadji-Argyris, to the University readership in the theory of aeronautical structures tenable at the Imperial College of Science and Technology ; Dr. Henry McIlwain, to the University readership in biochemistry tenable at the Institute of Psychiatry.

#### Sheffield

THE following appointments have been made in the University of Sheffield : Dr. W. Whitaker, lecturer in medicine ; P. Freeman, at present research assistant to the professor of engineering, to be lecturer in engineering ; and S. I. Evans, lecturer in the Department of Fuel Technology.

#### Announcements

THE annual meeting of the French Association for the Advancement of Science will be held at Toulouse during September 11-16.

DR. T. EMMERSON has been appointed director of research for the G.K.N. (Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds) group of companies. Dr. Emmerson joined Messrs. Joseph Sankey and Sons, Ltd., in 1945, after spending the war years in research for the Admiralty, and has been acting director of the G.K.N. Laboratories since last autumn, when Mr. N. F. Astbury resigned to take up a research appointment in Australia.

THE Faraday Society is organising a general discussion on "Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure" and "Optical Methods of Investigating Cell Structure", to be held in the Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge, during September 25-28. The programme for the former subject will be divided into three parts—spectroscopy and molecular structure, vibrational and rotational spectra of simple molecules, and vibrational spectra of complex molecules ; for the latter discussion there will be two topics—microscopical apparatus (instrument design and technique) and application of micro- and macro-spectrography. Forms of application for accommodation can be obtained from the Secretary of the Faraday Society, 6 Gray's Inn Square, London, W.C.1.

THE Department of Education of the International Wool Secretariat is arranging a residential summer school to be held at the Scottish Woollen Technical College, Galashiels, during August 7-11. The course is designed primarily for teachers and instructors in all types of school and technical institute, and the subjects to be considered will include the relation of wool to history, geography, economics, commerce, arts and crafts, and natural and domestic sciences. Particulars can be obtained from the Director of Education, International Wool Secretariat, Dorland House, Regent Street, London, S.W.1.

THE "Report on the Chemical Industry, 1949", prepared by the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers at the request of the President of the Board of Trade, contains a chart which sets out the principal products of the chemical industry in Great Britain and shows broadly how the starting raw materials are further treated and made into final products for most other industries. This chart has been published separately and can be obtained (price 1s., post free) from the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers, 166 Piccadilly, London, W.1.