

of the meeting can be obtained from the acting secretary of the Union, H. Lambert Smith, 69 Grosvenor Avenue, Carshalton, Surrey, or the honorary local secretary for the conference, Miss Jean Armitage, Summer Lodge, The Avenue, Camberley, Surrey.

#### British Institution of Radio Engineers: 1951 Convention

THE arrangements for the third Convention of the British Institution of Radio Engineers are rather unusual in that instead of a continuous period being devoted to a limited range of topics, six separate sessions will be held at intervals staggered over the period of the Festival of Britain. The date, title and meeting-place of each session are as follows: (1) July 3-4, electronic instrumentation in nucleonics (University College, London); (2) July 5-6, valve technology and manufacture (University College, London); (3) July 24-25, radio-communication and broadcasting (University College, Southampton); (4) July 26-27, radio aids to navigation (University College, Southampton); (5) August 21-24, television engineering (King's College, Cambridge); and (6) September 4-6, audio-frequency engineering (Richmond Hall, Earls Court). During Session 5 the first Clerk Maxwell Memorial Lecture of the Institution will be delivered by Prof. G. W. O. Howe, editor of the *Wireless Engineer* and formerly James Watt professor of electrical engineering in the University of Glasgow. During the sessions papers will be read, and there will be discussion, both formal and informal, and demonstrations, etc. Applications for accommodation at Connaught Hall, University College, Southampton, and at King's College, Cambridge, must be sent in before April 30. Further details of the Convention can be obtained from the general secretary of the Institution at 9 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.

#### International Conference of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, 1951

AN International Conference of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, to be held during the Festival of Britain, has been arranged by the Institution of Naval Architects and the Institute of Marine Engineers, in association with the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Scotland and the North East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders. The times and places of the Conference are: June 25-30, London; July 2-4, Glasgow; and July 4-6, Newcastle upon Tyne. Inquiries relating to Conference matters in general and to the events in London should be addressed to the Secretary of the International Conference of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers 1951, Institution of Naval Architects, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London, S.W.1. For the events in Glasgow inquiries should be addressed to the Secretary of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Scotland, 39 Elm-bank Crescent, Glasgow, C.2; and for Newcastle upon Tyne to the Secretary of the North East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Bolbee Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne.

#### Queen's University, Belfast

Two appointments have recently been made in Queen's University, Belfast: to the chair of pure mathematics, Prof. T. G. Room, at present professor of pure mathematics in the University of Sydney; and to the chair of applied mathematics, Mr. D. R.

Bates, at present reader in the department of physics, University College, London. In part fulfilment of a five-year programme for the University, submitted to the Northern Ireland Government in 1948, a chair of music and a chair of applied economics have been founded, together with twelve new lectureships and a number of junior positions. Though these are substantial additions to the staff, nevertheless, as the vice-chancellor, Dr. Eric Ashby, has pointed out, the ratio of staff to students at Queen's University will still be less than that in other universities in Great Britain. With regard to the programme for new buildings in the University, the Senate has approved that priority should be given to the schools of chemistry and engineering, and to a block to accommodate the departments of botany, zoology and pre-clinical dentistry, and has authorized that application should be made to the Government for these buildings to be started in 1952.

#### University of Sheffield: Honorary Degrees

It is announced by the University of Sheffield that honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following, among others: *D.Sc.Tech.*, Lieut.-General Sir Ronald Weeks, chairman of the National Advisory Council on Education for Industry and Commerce; *D.Eng.*, Dr. Percy Dunsheath, past president of the Institution of Electrical Engineers; *M.A.*, Mrs. E. M. B. Haythornthwaite, honorary secretary of the Sheffield and Peak District Branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England.

#### Announcements

PROF. G. MOURIQUAND, professor of child clinical medicine and hygiene in the University of Lyons, has been elected *correspondant* for the Section of Medicine and Surgery of the Paris Academy of Sciences in succession to the late Prof. E. Jeanbrau.

DR. WILLIAM BROWN, formerly Wilde reader in mental philosophy and the first director of the Institute of Experimental Psychology in the University of Oxford, has been elected president of the British Psychological Society for the year 1951-52.

THE Textile Institute Medal, given in recognition of distinguished services to the textile industry in general and to the Institute in particular, has been awarded to Allan Draper and to F. Scholefield. Mr. Draper is chairman of the Council of the Institute and is director and manager of Richard Haworth and Co., Ltd., Salford. Mr. Scholefield, who is chairman of the Examinations' Board of the Institute, is lecturer in textile chemistry in the Manchester College of Technology and last year delivered the annual Mather Lecture of the Institute.

THE British Welding Research Association is to hold a summer school on "Welding Design and Engineering" at Ashorne Hill, near Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, during May 25-June 2. The course will commence with two days during which welding practice and metallurgical aspects of welding will be discussed, and the subsequent five and a half days will be devoted to specialized engineering topics in welding. Further details can be obtained from the Secretary of the Welding Research Association, 29 Park Crescent, London, W.1.

ERRATUM. In *Nature* of March 17, p. 432, par. 3 (article on "Scientific Method in Industry"), for "Dr. H. Ingram (Wool Research Association)" read "Mr. H. Ingham (British Institute of Management)".