

at Bellagio, on Lake Como, during September 1-5. There will be ten half-day sessions on the following subjects: training in biometry, mathematical problems in genetics, industrial applications of experimental designs, agricultural designs, public health and social medicine, biological assay with special reference to immunology, biometrical problems in ecology, functional relations in experimentation, methodological problems in biometry, and sequential experimentation. In order to save time, communications from members may be presented in the form of exhibits of mounted charts, photographs, etc. Full information concerning each contributed paper or exhibit, including a summary in English of not more than two hundred words, should reach the secretary of the conference (Dr. L. L. Cavalli-Sforza, Istituto Sieroterapico Milanese, Via Darwin 20, Milano) before April 30, from whom all further particulars can be obtained.

#### Ionization Phenomena in Discharges: Conference in Oxford

THE Clarendon Laboratory, Oxford, in co-operation with the Institute of Physics, the Physical Society and the British Electrical and Allied Industries Research Association, will be holding a conference on "Ionization Phenomena in Discharges" during July 18-23. Visits to laboratories, social meetings and excursions have been arranged for July 18-19, and then the main subjects will be discussed as follows: July 20-21, the mechanisms of glow discharges, sparks and arcs, and electrodeless discharges; July 22-23, Geiger counters, photo-ionization processes and ionization by electron collision in gases. A session will be reserved for questions of general interest. Further particulars can be obtained from the secretary of the Conference, Dr. G. Francis, Clarendon Laboratory, Oxford.

#### British Sociological Association

THE first conference of the British Sociological Association, to be preceded by the annual general meeting, will be held at Queen Elizabeth College, Campden Hill Road, London, W.8, during March 27-29. The topic of the conference will be "Social Policy and the Social Sciences". The address at the first session will be given by Prof. Gunnar Myrdal, executive secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe. The conference will divide into three groups to discuss: (1) health; (2) design and planning; (3) needs and standards in the social sciences. Reports from the groups will be presented and then summed up by Prof. T. H. Marshall. Further information can be obtained from the honorary general secretary, R. J. Goodman, British Sociological Association, Skepper House, 13 Endsleigh Street, London, W.C.1.

#### Radio Industry Council Awards for Technical Writing

THE Radio Industry Council has awarded six premiums for technical writing in the field of radio, the articles being published during 1952. These premiums, of which the first four are for twenty-five guineas and the other two for ten guineas, have been awarded to the following, the name of the journal and subject of the article being shown in brackets: P. H. Parkin and J. H. Taylor (*Wireless World*: speech reinforcement in St. Paul's Cathedral); T. Somerville and C. L. S. Gilford (*B.B.C. Quarterly*: composite cathode-ray oscillograph displays of acoustic phenomena and their interpretation); J. A.

Jenkins and R. A. Chippendale (*Electronic Engineering*: some new image-converter tubes); W. R. Stamp (*Discovery*: underwater television); T. W. Bennington (*Wireless World*: propagation of very high frequency radiation via sporadic E); and Dr. G. N. Patchett (*Wireless World*: faulty interlacing). The awards will be presented at a luncheon of the public relations committee of the Council at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London, W.1, on April 9.

#### Announcements

MR. WALTER ENGLISH, director and general manager of Messrs. Brough, Nicholson and Hall, Ltd., Leek, has been awarded the Textile Institute Medal, in recognition of his distinguished services to the textile industry in general and to the Institute in particular.

A SYMPOSIUM on some present problems in virology, to be conducted in French and English, will be held in Lausanne by the Centre de Collections de Types Microbiens de l'Institut d'Hygiène et de Bactériologie during May 22-23. The fee for the meeting is 15 Swiss francs. Enrolment forms and further information can be obtained from Prof. P. Hauduroy, 19 rue César Roux, Lausanne.

A SYMPOSIUM on cortisone and the suprarenal cortex, organized by the University of Milan and sponsored by the Società Italiana di Reumatologia, will be held in Milan during August 31-September 2. Short papers, lasting not more than twenty minutes, on the biological and clinical aspects of the topic will be read, the permitted languages being Italian, French and English. Further information can be obtained from the secretary of the symposium, Prof. C. B. Ballabio, Clinica Medica dell'Università di Milano, via F. Sforza 35, Milano.

THE seventh annual conference of the Stress Analysis Group of the Institute of Physics will be held in the Engineering Laboratory, University of Cambridge, during March 25-27. Further information can be obtained from the honorary secretary of the Group, E. K. Frankl, Engineering Laboratory, Trumpington Street, Cambridge.

THE laboratories of the British Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association (81-91 Euston Street, London, N.W.1) will be open for inspection, by invitation only, on March 23 at 3 p.m.

A SPECIAL exhibition, entitled "Navigation To-day", will be opened by Lord Waverley at the Science Museum (South Kensington, London, S.W.7) on March 31 at 3 p.m. The exhibition will be open to the public until the middle of September; during the course of this time six special evening lectures on various aspects of navigation will be given. Features of the exhibition will be full-size models of a ship's bridge and of the flight deck of an aircraft.

THE fifth technical trade exhibition of raw materials and equipment used in the paint, varnish and printing-ink industries, organized by the London Section of the Oil and Colour Chemists' Association, will be held at Borough Polytechnic, Borough Road, London, S.E.1, during March 30-April 1 (2.30-8.30 p.m. each day). Further information can be obtained from the honorary secretary, H. C. Worsdall, c/o Plastanol, Ltd., Crabtree Manor Way, Belvedere, Kent.

REFERRING to the review of the "Proceedings of the Second Berkeley Symposium on Mathematical Statistics and Probability", published in *Nature* of March 7, p. 410, the Cambridge University Press states that the English price is £4 2s. 6d.