

congress, which is being organized by the Société des Radioélectriciens, will be divided into four sections: mechanical recording; photographic recording; magnetic recording; and development and standardization problems. An exhibition, comprising both the latest types of apparatus and instruments of historical interest, will be held at the same time. It is hoped that the meeting will be widely supported by specialists in these topics from many countries. Further information can be obtained from the Société des Radioélectriciens, 10 Avenue Pierre Larousse, Malakoff, Seine.

#### The Rationalized Metre-Kilogram-Second System : Courses in Bristol

THE Regional Council for Further Education for the South West, in collaboration with Bristol Education Committee, is organizing two short courses on the Rationalized Metre-Kilogram-Second System, designed for teachers of physics and engineering in universities, technical colleges and grammar and public schools, and for engineers and physicists in industry and others interested in problems of electrical measurement. One of the courses will be part-time, being planned for those who live within easy travelling distance of Bristol, and will be held at the College of Technology, Bristol, on six evenings, Mondays and Wednesdays of the weeks beginning April 26, May 3 and May 10, 1954, from 6.30 to 9 p.m. The other course will be full-time and residential and will be held at Wills Hall, Stoke Bishop, Bristol 9, during the week-end April 2-4, 1954. The fee for either course will be £1 ls. with a residence charge of approximately £2 15s. for the full-time one. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Regional Council for Further Education for the South West, 12 Lower Castle Street, Bristol 1.

#### University of London : Appointments

PROF. A. D. YOUNG, professor of aerodynamics in the College of Aeronautics, Cranfield (see *Nature*, 165, 220; 1950), has been appointed to the University chair of aeronautical engineering tenable at Queen Mary College, London, in succession to the late Prof. N. A. V. Piercy. The title of professor of veterinary bacteriology in the University has been conferred on Dr. Reginald Lovell, in respect of the post held by him at the Royal Veterinary College, and the title of professor in experimental biochemistry in the University on Dr. C. J. O. R. Morris, in respect of the post held by him at the London Hospital Medical College. The title of reader has been conferred upon the following in respect of the posts held by them in the subjects as indicated: Dr. J. A. Barnes, anthropology at the London School of Economics and Political Science; Mr. A. J. Arkell, Egyptian archaeology at University College; Dr. Tom Barnard, micropalaeontology at University College; Dr. W. R. Mead, geography at University College; Dr. Ruth L. Saw, philosophy at Birkbeck College; Dr. J. O. Wisdom, logic and scientific method at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

#### Announcements

MR. W. H. LANGMAID has been appointed assistant comptroller in the Patent Office to take charge of the Trade Marks Branch in succession to Mr. S. E. Chisholm, who has retired. Mr. Langmaid joined the Patent Office as an assistant examiner in 1921, and he has served continuously in progressive ranks

except for a short break during the Second World War. He is a Whitworth Scholar and was educated at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. He was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1926. His recent service in the Patent Office prior to his present appointment was as superintending examiner in charge of the section dealing with applications for prolongations of the term of patents, based on war-time restrictions on the patentee.

DR. MAURICE M. SHAPIRO, head of the Cosmic Ray Branch in the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C., has been appointed superintendent of the Nucleonics Division of the Laboratory, in succession to Dr. F. N. D. Kurie, who has become technical director of the United States Navy Electronics Laboratory in San Diego. The Nucleonics Division is one of twelve scientific divisions at the Laboratory and is concerned with fundamental and applied research in nuclear physics. Dr. Shapiro will continue to be in charge of cosmic ray research at the Laboratory.

MR. C. W. STRUTT will be returning to the United Kingdom on March 26 after a five-year tour of duty as agricultural adviser to the High Commissioner to the United Kingdom in Australia, and will be succeeded by Mr. Thomas Cross Creyke. Mr. Creyke, who studied agriculture at the University of Leeds and dairying at the West of Scotland Agricultural College, has been county agricultural officer first to the Lancashire, and then to the Yorkshire (North Riding), Agricultural Executive Committees since 1944. In 1952 he undertook a dairy survey in Italy on behalf of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

THE Mond Nickel Fellowships for 1953 have been awarded to the following for study in the United Kingdom, on the Continent of Europe and in the United States and Canada on the topics indicated: J. E. Benson (Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd., Manchester), the technique and interpretation of results of non-destructive testing of metal components; K. Blackburn (Dorman, Long and Co., Ltd., Redcar), hot-metal basic open-hearth practice, with particular reference to mixer furnace operation, refractories, instrumentation and pitside practice; N. B. Pratt (Broken Hill Proprietary Co., Ltd., Newcastle, New South Wales), the technical and economic aspects of recent advances in the erection and operation of integrated iron and steel works.

THE Langley Memorial Prize, of value approximately £17, is open to competition among officers of the Colonial Medical Service who are serving, or who have served, in West Africa, and will be awarded for the best paper on one of the following subjects: tropical medicine or surgery; tropical hygiene and sanitation; and tropical entomology and parasitology. Papers, which may consist of either published or unpublished work, should be sent to the Dean, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, Gower Street, London, W.C.1, not later than October 1.

IN the article "Fuel Problems in Britain" in *Nature* of December 26, reference is made to the recent Melchett Lecture to the Institute of Fuel as having been given by Sir Harold Hartley; this Lecture was delivered by Dr. Harold Hartley, chairman of directors of Radiation, Ltd.