

Scunthorpe, Durham and Yorkshire, and Scotland. After the sessions in Great Britain, meetings will be held on the Continent of Europe as follows: June 9-12, Düsseldorf; June 13, Liège; and June 14-18, France (Paris and tours of northern, eastern, central and south-eastern France). Following these, tours are being arranged to other European countries, including Austria, Italy, Spain and Switzerland. Further information can be obtained from the Secretaries of the Iron and Steel Institute or the Institute of Metals, both of which organizations are at 4 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.

Royal Institution: Officers

THE following have been elected officers of the Royal Institution: *President*, Lord Brabazon of Tara; *Treasurer*, Dr. L. H. Lampitt; *Secretary*, Mr. S. Robson; *Managers*, Mr. L. V. Chilton, Dr. A. Clow, Mr. E. R. Davies, Sir Alfred Egerton, Prof. A. V. Hill, Mr. L. B. W. Jolley, Dr. L. A. Jordan, Dr. A. R. Kagan, Dr. H. Lowery, Dr. A. C. G. Menzies, Mr. J. A. Oriol, Mr. W. E. Schall, Dr. J. H. Schulman, Mr. P. H. Schwarzschild and Dr. S. Whitehead; *Visitors*, Mr. W. W. Abson, Lieut.-Colonel S. J. M. Auld, Mr. W. Burrells, Major W. H. Cadman, Mr. A. D. R. Caroe, Mr. R. C. Chirnside, Dr. F. H. Cotton, Mr. W. A. Dickie, Prof. James Greig, Prof. Kathleen Lonsdale, Dr. R. Scott Russell, Mr. W. R. Stevens, Dr. Norman Stuart, Dr. D. T. A. Townend and Prof. H. E. Watson.

Colonial Service: Recent Appointments

THE following appointments have recently been made in the Colonial Service: R. G. Heath (deputy director, to be director of agriculture, Federation of Malaya); D. H. Laycock (agricultural officer, Nyasaland), tea research officer, Nyasaland; J. D. Kelsall (fisheries officer, East Africa High Commission), chief fisheries officer, East Africa High Commission; J. W. Pallister (senior geologist, Uganda), assistant director of geological surveys, Uganda; R. C. Anslow, senior agricultural officer (grassland and fodder), Mauritius; W. M. Barker, agricultural officer, Nyasaland; J. S. Boston, assistant surveyor of antiquities, Nigeria; C. G. Merton, assistant conservator of forests, Sarawak; A. H. Tothill, assistant conservator of forests, Uganda; J. R. Currie, pathologist, Sierra Leone; T. A. Rohan, senior specialist (organic chemist), West African Cocoa Research Institute, Gold Coast; T. M. Hurley, veterinary officer, Northern Region, Nigeria; D. G. Nelson, veterinary officer, Gold Coast.

Announcements

WE regret to announce the death of Dr. E. Morland, editor during 1937-44 of the *Lancet*, on April 26, aged eighty.

DR. W. HUME-ROTHERY, lecturer in metallurgical chemistry in the University of Oxford, has been elected to the George Kelley readership of metallurgy in the University as from October 1.

DR. WILLIAM REID, chairman of the Scottish Division of the National Coal Board, has been elected president of the Institution of Mining Engineers for the year 1956-57 and will succeed Major Noel Webster at the sixty-second annual general meeting to be held in London early next year. Dr. Reid, who is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, was born in 1906 and has a family connexion with the coal-mining industry in Scotland covering a period of more than a hundred years, his father being the

distinguished mining engineer, Sir Charles Reid. He was appointed production member of the National Coal Board early this year.

THE Mathematics and Natural Sciences Faculty of the Technical University of Dresden has conferred an honorary doctorate on Prof. J. Heyrovský, of Prague, for contributions to electrochemistry by his work on polarography.

THE National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, is holding an open day on May 20. Admission is by ticket only and a limited number of invitations for the afternoon period 1.30-5.30 p.m. are available on application to the Director.

THE laboratories of the British Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association, Euston Street, London, N.W.1, will be open to members of the Association and others during May 24-27 to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Association's laboratories in London.

THE Feeney chair of metallurgy in the University of Birmingham, vacant since the death in 1953 of Prof. D. Hanson, has been renamed the Feeney chair of physical metallurgy. Prof. G. V. Raynor, professor of physical metallurgy in the University (see *Nature*, 164, 819; 1949), has been appointed to the Feeney chair.

THE Textile Institute has awarded a research studentship to B. S. Hsu, of the College of Technology, Manchester, where he is at present engaged on research on the relaxation of tensile stress in synthetic fibres under different constant strains and at various humidities and temperatures. Mr. Hsu, who was born in Shanghai, came to England in 1951 and took a full-time degree course in textile technology at the Manchester College of Technology, graduating with first-class honours last year.

THE Chemical Society will be holding a symposium on the Friedel-Crafts reaction in the Department of Chemistry, University of Leeds, on May 18. The symposium is being specially arranged on the occasion of the visit of Prof. H. C. Brown, of Purdue University, to Great Britain. Further information can be obtained from the General Secretary of the Society at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1.

THE Department of Chemistry of the Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, is holding a symposium on the chemistry of natural products during June 28-29. Of the ten scientific workers reading papers, three will be from the United States and two from Great Britain. Further information can be obtained from the professor of chemistry at the Institute, Prof. David Ginsburg.

MR. D. RIDER, 19 Portland Place, London, W.1, states that he has been asked by the British Lampblown Scientific Glassware Manufacturers' Association to prepare a history of the British lampblown scientific glassware industry, concentrating in the main on the past two hundred years. The industry is, of course, concerned with the manufacture of scientific apparatus by hand, but also covers the production of tubular glass containers and other glassware by machinery. He would be glad to receive information about the history of scientific glassware from the companies within the industry.

ERRATUM. In the communication "Reactions between Quinones and Proteins" in *Nature* of April 30, p. 771, absorption maxima should be in "m μ ", not "m" as printed.