

for a paper on "The Kinetics of Bainite Formation in a Plain Carbon Steel" (*J. Iron and Steel Inst.*, p. 386; December 1958); his co-authors, Dr. L. W. Graham and Dr. H. J. Axon, were not eligible for an award; *Williams Prize* for 1958 to Mr. H. C. Child, research manager, William Jessop and Sons, Ltd., for a paper on "Vacuum-melting of Steels" (*J. Iron and Steel Inst.*, p. 414; December 1958); his co-author, Mr. G. T. Harris, was not eligible for an award.

#### Honorary Member

MR. ARNOLD HUGO INGEN-HOUSZ, president of the Iron and Steel Institute during 1957-58, has been elected an honorary member of the Institute. Mr. Ingen-Housz, who was born at The Hague, received his technical education at the Technical University of Delft, obtaining a degree in mechanical engineering in 1911. After working with Royal Dutch Shell and the municipality of The Hague, he joined the Koninklijke Nederlandsche Hoogovens en Staalfabrieken N.V. in 1917 as technical assistant to the founder of the company, Mr. Wenckebach, in the planning and construction of the Ijmuiden plant. On the death of the founder in 1924, Mr. Ingen-Housz became joint managing director of the company, together with Mr. Kessler. When Mr. Kessler died in 1945, Mr. Ingen-Housz assumed the position of president of the management board, and held that position until his retirement this year. When he became president of the Iron and Steel Institute in 1957, Mr. Ingen-Housz was the first overseas member to receive this distinction since the late C. P. E. Schneider, who served during 1918-20.

#### Royal Aircraft Establishment :

##### Mr. S. F. Follett, C.M.G.

MR. S. F. FOLLETT, who has been appointed deputy director (equipment) of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, graduated with first-class honours in engineering at the University of London. He served the Electrical Research Association on switchgear research during 1924-27, and joined the Electrical Engineering Department of the Royal Aircraft Establishment in 1927, where he was concerned with the application of electrical engineering to the aeronautical field, including electric power supply systems for aircraft, engine ignition work, early application of plastics, etc. He was appointed to Ministry of Supply headquarters as assistant director of instrument research and development (electrical) in 1946. In 1950 he was made director of instrument research and development, concerned with aircraft instruments, aerial photography and bomb-sights. He was made principal director of equipment, research and development in 1954 and, two years later, deputy director general. His former responsibilities were extended to cover armament and general mechanical accessory fields. He was appointed director general, Ministry of Supply Staff, British Joint Services Mission in Washington in 1956, and held this post until he took up his present appointment as deputy director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment.

##### Dr. A. G. Touch

DR. A. G. TOUCH has been appointed senior superintendent of the Radio Department, Royal Aircraft Establishment, in succession to Dr. J. S. McPetrie (see *Nature*, 182, 768; 1958). After graduating at Oxford, Dr. Touch served under Mr. (now Sir Robert)

Watson-Watt at the Air Ministry Research Establishment, Bawdsey Manor, in 1936, where he was engaged on early work on airborne radar. In 1940, he continued the development of airborne radars at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, but left in 1941 to join the British Air Commission, Washington, until 1947. On his return in 1947 he became superintendent of the Blind Landing Experimental Unit. In 1952 he was appointed deputy director of electronics, research and development (air) at the Ministry of Supply headquarters and, in 1954, became the director responsible for the development programme for radio and radar equipment for the Naval Air Branch and the Royal Air Force. In 1956 he was appointed director of electronics research and development (ground), responsible for the development of ground radar for the Army and the Royal Air Force. At the end of 1956 Dr. Touch carried out an independent investigation into the crash of a 'Vulcan' aircraft at London Airport, at the request of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation. After a year (1957) at the Imperial Defence College, he returned to his previous post.

##### Mr. R. J. Lees

MR. R. J. LEES has been appointed head of the Instrument and Photographic Department of the Royal Aircraft Establishment in succession to Mr. C. N. Jaques, who has taken up an appointment with the British Joint Services Mission in Washington. Mr. Lees was educated at King Edward's School, Stourbridge, and was a major scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge. He obtained first-class honours in Part I and Part II (physics) of the Natural Sciences Tripos. He also obtained a first-class external degree in physics at the University of London. Soon after the outbreak of the Second World War he joined the Air Ministry Research Establishment, Dundee, to work on radar and, apart from a period during 1955-56 when he was director of scientific research in electronics at the Ministry of Supply, London, he continued at this Establishment, now the Royal Radar Establishment, Malvern, until receiving his present appointment. For the past two years he has been head of the Airborne Radar Department of the Royal Radar Establishment.

#### The Nature Conservancy

IN an attractive booklet in which the illustrations are liberal and sometimes coloured, the Nature Conservancy describes its growth and development since its birth ten years ago (see also pp. 917, 935 of this issue of *Nature*). Besides maps showing the location of the many nature reserves which have been established, the booklet describes the organization of the Conservancy and the way it operates under the aegis of the Privy Council. Of the staff of about two hundred employed, rather more than one-third are scientists engaged in research or conservation. The remainder include land agents, wardens and estate workers, cartographers and administrative staff. Regional officers were first appointed to different parts of England and Wales in 1953. Among the professions and skills represented by the staff are soil analysis, diagnosis of herbage eaten by voles, construction of sluices, deer stalking, mathematical design of scientific experiments, tree-planting, interpretation of aerial photographs, procedure for making by-laws, extraction of minute animals from the litter layer in woodlands, negotiations for land acquisition, control of peat erosion on high moorlands, stomach