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#### Royal Aeronautical Society : Officers

THE following have been appointed officers for 1951-52 of the Royal Aeronautical Society: *President*, Major F. B. Halford; *Past Presidents*, Major G. P. Bulman, Sir John S. Buchanan, Dr. H. Roxbee Cox; *Vice-Presidents*, S. Camm, G. R. Edwards; *Honorary Treasurer*, C. F. Uwins; *Honorary Librarian*, J. E. Hodgson; *Secretary*, Captain J. Laurence Pritchard.

#### Congress on Building Science

A CONGRESS on building science will be held in London, for the most part at the Institution of Civil Engineers, during September 11-20, with Viscount Samuel as president. The purpose of the congress is to review the progress made in research in relation to architecture, building and the associated branches of civil engineering, and to consider developments in building and possible future trends. It is expected that the congress will attract a large number of architects, engineers, builders and contractors, in addition to men of science, from overseas. The programme is grouped into three main divisions. In the first, the congress will deal with the influence of mechanization and prefabrication on techniques and cost of building, of modern research on structural design, and of modern soil studies on the design and construction of foundations. Building materials will be considered in the second division; and in the third, the acoustics of auditoria and studios, the heating and ventilating of buildings in relation to summer and winter conditions, the lighting of buildings, and specific types of buildings (hospitals, factories and schools), will be the subjects of discussion. The papers will be printed and circulated beforehand. It is intended eventually to publish the proceedings of each of the three divisions in separate volumes. The congress is sponsored by the Royal Institute of British Architects, various engineering institutions, the Physical Society, the Society of Chemical Industry, the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, the Ministry of Works, and the London County Council. The chairman of the organizing committee is A. G. MacDonald; and the organizing secretary, to whom applications for membership should be made, is K. Alsop, of the Building Research Station, Bucknalls Lane, Garston, Watford, Herts.

#### International Congress of Clinical Pathology

THE International Society of Clinical Pathology, which was founded in November 1947, will be holding its first international congress in London during July 16-20. The Congress is open to all interested persons. Sir Lionel Whitby will preside, and at the opening ceremony, to be held at 3 p.m. in Friends House, Euston Road, London, N.W.1, he will give an address on "The Science and Art of Medicine". The presentation of papers will be divided into four sections, dealing with microbiology, morbid anatomy, chemical pathology and haematology. Papers may still be accepted and should be sent, with a précis of not more than five hundred words, to the secretary-treasurer of the Congress. Demonstrations will be given in the London School of

Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London, W.C.1, where also will be held an exhibition of scientific instruments. The whole programme of the Congress, including abstracts of papers, will be reprinted during the late summer in a special supplement of the *Journal of Clinical Pathology*, obtainable from the British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1; papers may be submitted in full to the editor, Dr. A. Gordon Signy, St. Mary Abbots Hospital, London, W.8, and if accepted will appear in subsequent issues of the *Journal*. Prior to the Congress the summer meeting of the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland will be held in the Department of Pathology, University of Liverpool, during July 13-14, and will be open to pathologists visiting Great Britain for the Congress. All communications regarding the Congress should be addressed to the secretary-treasurer, Dr. W. H. McMenemey, Maida Vale Hospital for Nervous Diseases, London, W.9.

#### Conference on Auroral Physics

A CONFERENCE on auroral physics, jointly sponsored by the Department of Physics, University of Western Ontario, and the Geophysics Research Directorate, Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories, will be held during July 23-26 at the University of Western Ontario, London, Canada. The general topics to be discussed will deal with the formation of auroras, the mechanics of solar corpuscles and the excitation mechanisms in the ionosphere (80-400 km.) and the mesosphere (400-1,000 km.). Particulars can be obtained from Prof. A. D. Misener, Department of Physics, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada.

#### Announcements

PROF. W. R. HAWTHORNE, George Westinghouse professor of mechanical engineering in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been elected to the Hopkinson and Imperial Chemical Industries professorship of applied thermodynamics in the University of Cambridge (see also *Nature*, 163, 355; 1949).

THE following have been appointed lecturers in the University of Leeds: Dr. T. H. Flewett (bacteriology) and E. Lightfoot (civil engineering).

PROF. L. HUNTER, professor of chemistry at University College, Leicester, has been appointed acting principal of the College pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. F. L. Attenborough, who is retiring.

MR. A. S. QUARTERMAINE, chief engineer, Western Region, British Railways, has been elected president for 1951-52 of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

A ONE-DAY conference will be held by the Northern Branch of Aslib on June 14 in the Council Chamber of the City of Birmingham. Two papers will be read, dealing respectively with some classification and indexing problems in an industrial information bureau, and the library of a daily newspaper, and there will be a discussion on the formation of a Midlands Branch of Aslib. The conference fee will be 3s. 6d. All communications should be sent to Miss E. Boddy, The Retreat, Tideswell Lane, Eyam, Sheffield.

ERRATUM. The new director of research of the British Food Manufacturing Industries Research Association is Dr. F. H. Banfield (*Nature*, June 2, p. 885).