

INSTITUTE OF NAVIGATION

(GREAT BRITAIN)

As stated in the *International Hydrographic Bulletin* No. X, October 1947, the Institute of Navigation was inaugurated on 12th March 1947, and the Royal Geographical Society, London, has placed one of its rooms at their disposal.

In his Presidential address delivered at the First Annual General Meeting of the Institute on 19th September 1947 the British Astronomer Royal, Sir Harold Spencer-Jones F.R.S. mentioned that the formation of the Institute was stimulated by the formation in 1945 in the United States of an Institute with the same aims, namely to promote the interests of Science and of practical navigation, by uniting together in a scientific body those who are concerned with or are interested in the Science and Art of Navigation. The President mentioned that arrangements are in hand whereby the members of either the British or the American Institute will have the privileges of both, and that it is planned to form an International Committee to coordinate the work of the various separate Institutes which may be formed in other countries also.

In June 1947 the Executive Secretary of the Institute wrote suggesting that as to a large extent they would appear to cover the same ground as the International Hydrographic Bureau, arrangements be made for liaison between the two offices, and he stated that they intended to publish a Journal. The Directing Committee cordially replied offering to exchange material and generally collaborate with them and suggested an agreement whereby such articles in our respective publications as are considered suitable may be re-published by each of us thus gaining greater publicity amongst our respective readers for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

The first Journal of the Institute of Navigation dated January 1948 has now been received. It is published by John Murray, 59, Albemarle Street, London W.1., and contains many articles of great interest to Hydrography, amongst which the following are specially mentioned :—

- The Development of Navigation*, by Sir Harold Spencer-Jones ;
- The Boundaries of Pure Science and Navigation*, by Sir Charles Darwin ;
- Radio Aids to Navigation*, by Sir Robert Watson-Watt ;
- Consol*, by A. H. Jessel. B. Sc. ;
- The Ocean Weather Service*, by Lt. P.G. Satow. R.N.

This volume of the Journal also contains a Report of the First Annual General Meeting, Reviews of other publications and Correspondence.

It is published Quarterly, by the Institute of Navigation, c/o the Royal Geographical Society, 1, Kensington Gore, London S.W.7, is available to the general public through all booksellers in England and is distributed by John Murray, 59, Albemarle Street, London W.1. Price 6 shillings net plus postage per issue; 25 shillings net for a year.

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