



## NEW SHIP'S BADGE FOR H.M.S. 'THUNDERER'

By a recent decision of the Ships' Badges Committee a new badge and motto have been given to H.M.S. *Thunderer*, the Royal Naval Engineering College.

The new badge, a photograph of which is reproduced herewith, is the figure of Thor wielding a hammer and rising from a cloud charged with forked lightning. The field is blue, the cloud and lightning white and the figure clothed in silver.

The new motto is 'Beat the iron while 'tis hot,' which is an abbreviated version of a quotation from Dryden's *Dedication of the Aeneis*—'We must beat the iron while it is hot but we may polish it at leisure'.

The Royal Naval Engineering College was commissioned as H.M.S. *Thunderer* in November 1946, and the badge then adopted was a hand grasping lightning with the motto *Eripimus Jovi Fulmen*. This badge was considered to be uninspiring and to have too great a similarity with that of H.M.S. *Defiance*. In the meantime an old ship's tampion from the last H.M.S. *Thunderer* was kindly lent to the College by Engineer Rear-Admiral H. B. Moorshead, C.B., C.B.E. (Retired). It is from this tampion that the new badge has been taken.