

cut across departmental boundaries, and give official status and help to the scientific co-operation already in existence. It is to be hoped that the Board may ultimately see its way so to extend its ranks as to effect *liaison* with bodies outside the official Egyptian Service.

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CAMBRIDGE.—Applications are invited for the George Henry Lewes studentship in physiology, value 245*l.* Candidates must send their applications, with particulars of their qualifications and the subject of their proposed research, by July 31 to Prof. Langley at the Physiology School.

A further gift of 600*l.* has been received from Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Molteno to meet the increased cost of labour and material in the building of the Molteno Institute of Parasitology. This avoids the need to reduce the accommodation originally proposed.

Mr. R. H. Vernon, Gonville and Caius College, has been appointed assistant to the professor of chemistry.

Honorary degrees are being conferred on the Spanish Ambassador, the President of Harvard University, Prof. H. Cushing, and Prof. J. J. Abel.

GLASGOW.—The following were among the degrees conferred on July 19:—*Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)*: (i) With Commendation: James Gordon Wilson—thesis, "A History of Influenza and its Variations." (ii) Ordinary Degrees: Albert Barnes Hughes—thesis, "Puerperal Eclampsia"; Donald MacKenzie MacRae—thesis, "The Bechuanaland Protectorate: Its People and Prevalent Diseases, with a special consideration of the effects of tropical residence and food in relation to health and disease"; and John Young—thesis, "Bacillary Dysentery."

LONDON.—Mr. Fisher, President of the Board of Education, has stated, in reply to a question asked in the House of Commons relating to the offer of the Bloomsbury site to the University of London, that when the time comes for King's College to move from the Strand to Bloomsbury, the Government is prepared to seek authority to purchase, at a fair valuation, the buildings at present occupied by King's College in the Strand, and the price so paid will be available towards the cost of the new buildings to be erected for King's College on the new site.

SHEFFIELD.—Dr. R. B. Wheeler has been appointed to the recently established chair in fuel technology, and Mr. Douglas Knoop to that of economics.

SIR JESSE BOOT has made a gift of 50,000*l.* to University College, Nottingham, in aid of the development of the scheme for a University of Nottingham. 30,000*l.* is for the building fund and 20,000*l.* for the foundation of a chair of chemistry.

THE council of University College, Swansea, has made the following appointments to headships of departments, viz.:—*Professor of Metallurgy*: Prof. C. A. Edwards. *Professor of Chemistry*: Dr. J. E. Coates. *Professor of Physics*: Dr. E. A. Evans. *Professor of Mathematics*: Lt.-Col. A. R. Richardson. *Lecturer in Geology*: Dr. A. E. Trueman. *Lecturer in History*: Mr. E. Ernest Hughes.

THE Trustees of the Beit Fellowships for Scientific Research, which were founded and endowed in 1913 by Sir Otto Beit to promote the advancement of

science by means of research, have recently elected Mr. M. A. Hogan to a fellowship. Mr. Hogan was educated at the Catholic University School, Dublin, 1907-15, and has been a student at the University College, Dublin (National University of Ireland), from 1915 to date. Mr. Hogan will carry out his research at the Imperial College at South Kensington.

THE Industrial Fellowship System for the promotion of industrial research, originated by Prof. Robert Kennedy Duncan, has been in successful operation in the University of Pittsburgh since September, 1911. Full particulars of the system are given in a pamphlet by Mr. T. Ll. Humberstone published by the Board of Education. The seventh annual report of the Mellon Institute, founded in the University in 1913, states that the total funds contributed by industrial firms for the nine years ending March 1, 1920, was 1,213,425 dollars, and that in the year 1919-20 the number of fellowships was 47 and the number of fellows 83, the fellowships being 35 for individuals and 12 for groups of workers. A list of fellowships in operation at March 1, 1920, is published, which shows the great diversity of subjects of industrial research to which the scheme has been applied. The fact that the resources of the institute are fully used, and that applications exceed the available accommodation, is convincing evidence of the soundness of the principles on which the system is based. The institute is administered by the director, Dr. Raymond F. Bacon, assisted by an associate director and three assistant directors, who prepare schemes of research work, select the fellows, and supervise their investigations.

THE foundation-stone of the new buildings of the University College of Swansea was laid by his Majesty the King on Monday, July 19. A magnificent site of forty-five acres in Singleton Park, on the shores of Swansea Bay, has been presented to the college by the Corporation of Swansea, which has also granted the temporary use of Singleton Abbey for the housing of the faculty of arts and the administrative offices of the college. It should be a matter of encouragement to the council of the college that the main features of its policy received marked approval and support in the terms of the King's reply to the address of welcome on Saturday last. It is the natural ambition of Swansea to build up a strong School of Applied Science, including a department of metallurgy of the first rank. At the same time the educational ideals of the Welsh people demand for the great population of this industrial district the fullest provision for the study of the humanities and for the advancement of learning in the widest sense. The authorities of the college are fully alive to the magnitude of their opportunities and the greatness of their trust. Unmistakable proofs have already been given by representatives of all classes of deep interest in the work of the college and a determination to secure practical assistance. The wide publicity afforded by the Royal visit and the statesmanlike terms of the King's address cannot but serve to widen and strengthen both enthusiasm and practical support. The concluding terms of the King's reply to the address of welcome were as follows:—"Efficiency is much, but it is not all. We must never forget that education is a preparation for life, and that its true aim is the enlargement of the human spirit. It will be the task of your college to send out into the world men and women fully equipped for the material work which awaits them, and with minds attuned to high ideals, opened to the rich and varied interests of modern life, and steadfastly set towards the service of their fellows."