

University and Educational Intelligence.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the annual Degree Congregation held on July 5 the Chancellor (Viscount Cecil of Chelwood) conferred the honorary degree of LL.D. on His Excellency Count de St. Aulaire, The Rt. Hon. Reginald M'Kenna, Sir Charles Sherrington, Sir John Bland Sutton, Sir Arthur Keith, Sir Henry Fowler, Sir Graham Balfour, Prof. Samuel Alexander, Prof. G. H. Hardy, Prof. F. Gowland Hopkins, and Prof. P. F. Frankland.

There were 4 successful candidates for the degree of Ph.D. and 18 for M.Sc. In the Honours Schools the degree of B.Sc. was conferred on 3 in mathematics, 8 in physics, 17 in chemistry, 1 in zoology, 3 in botany, 2 in biochemistry, and 26 in engineering, mining, and metallurgy. For the ordinary degree of B.Sc., 62 candidates were presented, and for the degrees of M.B., Ch.B., 29.

Mr. A. W. Nash has been appointed professor in oil mining. Educated as a civil and mechanical engineer, Mr. Nash has had fifteen years' experience in oil mining in Persia, Burma, Egypt, Russia, Hungary, Rumania, and Poland, and for the last two years he has been lecturer in oil mining in the University.

Mr. H. Beckwith Whitehouse has been appointed professor of midwifery and diseases of women. Mr. Whitehouse was educated at Malvern College and St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, and among other posts he has held that of Hunterian professor to the Royal College of Surgeons, England.

Dr. James Maclure Smellie has been appointed lecturer in pharmacology and therapeutics; and Mr. Bernard G. Goodwin has been appointed assistant to the chair of surgery.

Miss Mabel Geraldine Carter has been appointed temporary lecturer in biology.

Some anxiety has been shown in the local press as to the openings available for the graduates in science now leaving the University. Prof. G. T. Morgan, in a letter to the *Birmingham Post* of July 5, directs attention to the fact that graduates of the University find employment more readily in other large towns than in Birmingham itself. Prof. Morgan observes that he himself is frequently consulted by local manufacturers in search of advice in chemical problems, and he suggests that many of these inquirers would find it highly advantageous to select a chemical staff of their own from the ranks of trained chemists who are being produced yearly in the University.

CAMBRIDGE.—Dr. J. Chadwick, Gonville and Caius College, has been appointed Assistant Director of Radioactive Research at the Cavendish Laboratory. Mr. H. Thirkill, Clare College, and Dr. C. D. Ellis, Trinity College, have been appointed demonstrators in experimental physics; Mr. F. W. Dootson, Trinity Hall, Mr. H. M'Combie, King's College, Mr. W. G. Palmer, St. John's College, and Mr. A. J. Berry, Downing College, have been appointed demonstrators in chemistry. Mr. J. C. Wallace has been re-elected to a junior fellowship at Emmanuel College. H. E. Baker, Corpus Christi College, has been awarded the Wiltshire Prize. Frank Smart Prizes are awarded to R. G. Tomkins, Trinity College (botany), and to G. P. Wells, Trinity College (zoology).

LEEDS.—Headingley Wesleyan College and its extensive grounds have been acquired by the University, and at the beginning of next session will be opened as a University Hall of Residence for 120 men students.

LONDON.—At a meeting of the board of the Middlesex Hospital on July 2, it was announced that

Mr. S. A. Courtauld, for many years a generous supporter of the Middlesex Hospital and its Medical School, has given 20,000*l.* to endow the University professorship of anatomy in the Medical School.

IN connexion with the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women, a 1916 bursary of the annual value of 50*l.* for five years is offered to a student who has matriculated and who wishes to enter the school in October next to begin a full course of study for a medical degree. Particulars of the bursary are obtainable from the Warden and Secretary, 8 Hunter Street, W.C.1.

Mr. D. B. J. WALLACE, county agricultural organiser for Devon, has been appointed principal of the East Anglian Institute of Agriculture at Chelmsford.

FOLLOWING upon the death of Prof. J. G. Longbottom, head of the Department of Mechanics, the Governors of the Royal Technical College, Glasgow, have decided to amalgamate the Departments of Mechanics and Mechanical Engineering under Dr. A. L. Mellanby, who will in future be the professor of mechanics and mechanical engineering. Dr. W. Kerr, lecturer in mechanical engineering, has been appointed associate professor in the Department. Dr. Kerr is known for his work on the "Steam Friction of Turbine Wheels" and on the "Critical Speeds of Revolving Shafts," and in collaboration with Prof. Mellanby has published numerous papers dealing with problems connected with steam turbines.

THE University of Sydney loses this year the services of Mr. H. E. Barff, its Warden and Registrar for forty-two years, who is resigning office on account of ill-health. The abnormal increase in the number of students after the War imposed a severe strain on the administrative staff of the University and on its finances. The report for 1923 shows that the number of students in attendance in that year (2755) and in each of the four preceding years was almost, if not quite, double the number in the last year before the War. Since 1920, however, the number has been decreasing. The Sydney University Union, the oldest society of its kind in Australia, and one that challenges comparison with the Oxford and Cambridge Unions, celebrates this year its jubilee.

THE report of proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland held in May last has been published by the Universities Bureau, 50 Russell Square, W.C.1 (price 1*s.*). The subjects discussed are: Directions in which universities might profitably develop, at the present time, were funds available; the Ph.D. Degree as an encouragement to higher study and research; universities and research in relation to the development of the natural resources and industries of the Empire; interchange of university teachers and students. We have already, in our issue of May 17, given a summary account of the proceedings. The full report covers 63 pages and includes, in addition to the speeches that were delivered, an important paper embodying the substance of a speech which Sir Frederic L. Nathan intended to make on the dependence of the British Isles and the Empire generally on imports from foreign countries and the steps which should be taken to remedy this. There is also a letter from Sir Robert Robertson, Government Chemist, on the difficulty of finding suitable candidates for posts of chemist and agricultural chemist in the Government laboratories in the Colonies.