

University and Educational Intelligence.

CAMBRIDGE.—The report of the Appointments Board for the year 1924 presents interesting reading. The number of appointments found for graduates of the University has increased to 400. The chief groups are educational appointments, 123; manufacturing and technical appointments, 103; administrative appointments in commerce and industry, 90; agriculture and forestry, 25; and colonial administration, 16. The board notes a dearth of candidates for the great public services overseas.

The annual report of the General Board of Studies on the progress and condition of certain University departments for the year 1923-24 refers to a number of facts already noted in these columns. A general slight decrease in the number of students in the scientific departments is noted. Sir Frederick Gowland Hopkins points out that the amount available for research from the Dunn Bequest, 2400*l.* per annum, did not suffice to meet the needs of his 40 research workers and that the maintenance of research on this scale had involved his department in financial difficulties. Prof. Seward reports his inability to find money for the stipend of the curator of the Botanical Museum. Prof. Inglis reports that arrangements have been completed for the course for officers of the Royal Engineers to be extended to two years so that these officers would take the Mechanical Sciences Tripos. Prof. Dean emphasises the value in the teaching of pathology of its recognition as a subject in Part II of the Natural Sciences Tripos. It has brought the subject from the pass standard of the medical curriculum to the honours standard of the Tripos. Increased accommodation has led to much improvement in the arrangements of the Museum of Zoology, especially in the case of the entomological collections.

Sir Humphry Davy Rolleston, Bt., president of the Royal College of Physicians, has been appointed Regius professor of physic in succession to the Right Hon. Sir Thomas Clifford Allbutt.

EDINBURGH.—At the meeting of the University Court on March 16, intimation was made that His Majesty, on the advice of the Secretary for Scotland, had appointed Dr. John Fraser to be Regius professor of clinical surgery in succession to Sir Harold Stiles, who resigned on March 20.

Leave of absence for May and June was granted to the professor of *materia medica* to enable him to deliver the Dohme Memorial Lectures at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. Prof. Cushny proposes to deal in these lectures with the subject of optical isomers in biology.

The Munro Lectures on anthropology and prehistoric archaeology will be delivered by Sir Arthur Keith in May next.

Mr. K. G. Fenelon, lecturer in economics, was appointed in connexion with the educational courses for railway staffs to deliver the course of lectures for 1925-26, the subject being railway economics.

A letter was received from the Forestry Commission stating that the Commissioners had had under consideration the question of mycology in relation to forestry work, that they regarded it as a matter of urgency that a means should be found to combat fungoid diseases, which were causing the department serious loss in its nurseries and young plantations, and that they were prepared to make to the University in respect of the year commencing April 1 next a grant not exceeding 500*l.* for research in this connexion to be carried out by the Botanical Department of the University. The Court welcomed the proposal and concurred in the arrangements suggested.

LONDON.—Keddey Fletcher-Warr Studentships, each of the value of 200*l.* a year for three years, have been awarded to Mr. D. C. Harrison (King's College), for research in biochemistry, and to Dr. N. A. V. Piercy (East London College), for research in aeronautics.

ST. ANDREWS.—At a meeting of the University Court on Friday, March 20, Mr. William W. McClelland, principal lecturer in education in Edinburgh Training Centre and lecturer in the University of Edinburgh, was appointed to the Bell chair of education, the duties of the chair embracing the University lectures in education at St. Andrews and Dundee. Prof. McClelland will also act as Director of the St. Andrews Provincial Committee for the Training of Teachers.

Prof. A. E. Taylor, formerly professor of moral philosophy at St. Andrews, now occupying the chair of moral philosophy at Edinburgh, has been appointed to deliver the Gifford Lectures in the session 1926-1927.

THE governing body of the Northampton Polytechnic Institute, St. John Street, Clerkenwell, E.C.1, is inviting applications for the headship of the electrical engineering department. Particulars of the appointment and forms of application are obtainable from the principal. Completed forms must be returned by April 18 at latest.

A SENIOR lecturer in dental anatomy, physiology, and histology will shortly be appointed by the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Particulars and forms of application may be had from the Secretary, Office of the High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa, Trafalgar Square, W.C.2. Completed forms and testimonials (in each case three in number) must be sent in by April 11 at latest.

A REPORT on facilities for advanced study and research in the universities and university colleges of England and Wales is published in the March number of the *University Bulletin*, the organ of the Association of University Teachers. The report is the work of a committee comprising the Principal of the University of St. Andrews and nine professors of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, London, Leeds, Liverpool, Sheffield, and Bristol, the Imperial College of Science and the University College of Wales. The committee adduces the usual reasons for the improvement of salaries, the lightening of the teachers' load of routine work, and the granting of special leave of absence for the purpose of pursuing an investigation or completing a piece of original work, and states that no teacher should be expected to give more than half his working day to routine University duties. It is suggested that in each territorial region a joint body representing the University and the secondary schools of that region might with advantage be set up for the purposes of such co-ordination of curricula and adjustment of university entrance requirements as would tend to free the universities for their proper work. The institution of research professorships is regarded with disfavour by all the local branches of the association, and the committee agrees that it is not to be recommended as a general policy though useful in special circumstances. Special attention is directed to the policy adopted by the University of Birmingham of maintaining a research fund administered by a joint standing committee. The same number of the *Bulletin* contains articles on library co-operation, examinations, the University of London, and income tax on salary earned abroad—showing that this journal no longer confines itself mainly to recording the activities of the Association of University Teachers.