

### University and Educational Intelligence.

CAMBRIDGE.—The late Prof. E. G. Browne has bequeathed to the University the sum of £2000 for the promotion of the study of the languages, literature, history, and religion of the Arabs, Persians, Turks, or other cognate Asiatic peoples.

The Gordon Wigan Prize for research in chemistry has been awarded to W. A. Waters, Gonville and Caius College, for an investigation on "Substitution in the Diphenyl Series." E. J. H. Corner, Sidney Sussex College, has been nominated to occupy the University table at the laboratory of the Marine Biological Association at Plymouth in March next.

Proposed regulations for the new professorship in political science have been published. Amongst points of interest are the proposals that the professor shall be excused residence in the University for one term in each year, if his absence is for the purpose of studying the working of political institutions or the development of political theory, and that grants may be made from the income of the endowment of the chair to the professor towards his travelling expenses or to students for purposes of travel or research.

EDINBURGH.—Dr. F. G. Banting, professor of medical research in the University of Toronto, has been awarded the Cameron Prize in recognition of his investigations on insulin and on the treatment of diabetes. This prize, which was founded in 1878, "may be awarded annually to a person who, in the course of the five years immediately preceding, has made a highly important and valuable addition to Practical Therapeutics."

LONDON.—The title of professor of psychology in the University has been conferred on Dr. Beatrice Edgell, in respect of the post held by her at Bedford College. The title of reader in psychology was conferred on her in Feb. 1913. She is the author of "Theories of Memory" (1924), "Mental Life" (1926), and numerous papers in the *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, *Mind*, and similar publications.

Three further courses of free public lectures are announced, namely, "Allergic Diseases caused by Factors of Climate," by Prof. W. Storm van Leeuwen (University of Leyden), at the Sherrington School of Physiology, St. Thomas's Hospital, at 5 o'clock on Feb. 14, 15, and 16; "The Ostracoderms, their Organisation and Relationships," by Prof. E. A. Stensio (of the Royal State Museum of Natural History, Stockholm), at University College, at 5.30 on Feb. 17, 18, 22, and 24; "Trigonometrical Series," by Prof. G. H. Hardy, at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, at 5.30 on Feb. 17, 24, and Mar. 3.

OXFORD.—The first professors of Oxford to receive the title 'emeritus' under a new statute are two former occupants of the Linacre and Sherardian chairs, Dr. Gilbert Bourne and Dr. Sydney Vines. The qualification is an automatic and a curious one, namely, "at least 15 years' service as professor." Under this clause of the new statute, Dr. Bourne's great predecessor, Sir Ray Lankester, would appear not to be eligible for the new title, whereas nearly one-half of Oxford's professors of botany are easily, if posthumously, emeritus, their years of service having been: Bobart, 36 years; Humphrey Sibthorp, 37 years; Williams, 38 years; Daubeny, 33 years; Vines, 31 years.

In the Regulations for the Memorial Prize founded in memory of Prof. Rolleston and open to members of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, the

title of the subject has been redefined as for zoology and comparative anatomy instead of for human and comparative anatomy.

TATE scholarships at the Battersea Polytechnic in engineering, science, and domestic science, ranging in value from £20 to £30 a year, with free tuition and tenable for three years, will shortly be awarded. The examinations for the scholarships will begin on June 14. The latest date of entry is April 23.

THE Sir John Cass Technical Institute, Jewry Street, Aldgate, London, E.C.3, is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary on Feb. 21, when the Institute will be open for inspection. A number of exhibits and demonstrations has been arranged in the laboratories by students and by manufacturers of scientific and other apparatus.

RANGING from Feb. 21 to April 1 inclusive, a series of twelve free public Swiney lectures on geology will be given by Dr. W. T. Gordon in the lecture theatre of the Imperial College of Science, South Kensington, under the title of "The Origin and Structure of Rocks." The lectures will be delivered at 5.30 on Mondays and Fridays. No tickets will be required.

THE Council of the Royal Statistical Society will this year award the Frances Wood Memorial Prize, value £30, for the best investigation, on statistical lines, of any problem affecting the economic or social conditions of the wage-earning classes. Particulars can be obtained from the honorary secretaries of the Society, 9 Adelphi Terrace, W.C.2, not later than Oct. 31.

THE University of London Animal Welfare Society, which has been formed to arouse interest in the welfare of animals among university students and teachers, has arranged a series of four public lectures by Major R. F. Wall on the care of domestic animals. The lectures are being delivered at Birkbeck College, London, on Feb. 9, 16, and 23, and Mar. 2, at 5.45 p.m. On Feb. 25, at 5.30 p.m., a discussion on the humane slaughtering of animals will be opened by Prof. G. H. Woodridge, at King's College. By the rules of the Society it is precluded from taking part in controversies relating to vivisection. The honorary secretary is Capt. C. W. Hume, 14 The Hawthorns, Finchley, London, N.3.

THE West of Scotland Agricultural College annual report for 1925-26 records an increase in enrolment in central classes at Glasgow from 265 to 334, while the number of students in central classes at Kilmarnock (chiefly dairy and poultry schools) decreased from 292 to 277. The extension work included lectures and demonstrations with 35,661 attendances and 11,297 visits to farms, etc., by members of the College staff. Attention is directed to an important bequest by Mr. Colin Thomson for research work in connexion with the College and, in particular, with its dairy school at Kilmarnock. A first allocation proposed to be assigned under the bequest by the trustees amounted to £20,000, which is as much as two-thirds of the annual income of the College. A list of appointments gained by students during the year includes several in distant parts of the Empire: Canada, British West Indies, East and West Africa, the Sudan, the Federated Malay States, and Hong Kong. The report of the North of Scotland College of Agriculture records an attendance of 72 students at central classes, while extension work included lectures and demonstrations with 45,557 attendances, 14,135 visits to farms, etc., and 34,735 attendances at systematic and continuation classes.