

than the hero of Thermopylae, is among the most interesting in the volume.

Messrs. Casson and Heurtley write on the excavations which the British School has for several years past been conducting in the mounds of Macedonia. The former describes a burial mound at Chauchitsa with numerous interments of the iron age, beginning about 1150-1100 B.C., and the latter classifies and describes pottery picked up on mounds in western Macedonia and west Chalcidice.

It is a far cry from these prehistoric finds to the Finlay Library, some of the contents of which are described by William Miller in an article which is very attractive reading. The other contents of the volume well indicate how wide is the range of the School's activities and those of its students, past and present. Mr. Lawrence writes on Hellenistic sculpture from Rhodes, and Miss Lamb on stamped pithos fragments in the collection of the School, mostly from Melos. Mr. Tillyard discusses the difficult problem of the signature or *Martyria* in the Byzantine modes and its relation to the cadence; Mr. Seltman deals with the early cult of Eros in Athens and its representation in art, and Mr. Tod makes an invaluable contribution to Laconian epigraphy by giving a list (with references) of inscriptions omitted from the Corpus, or published since its appearance, and by supplementing its bibliographies.

University and Educational Intelligence.

BIRMINGHAM.—The degree of D.Sc. in chemistry has been awarded to the following: John Alfred Valentine Butler for numerous papers on "Studies in Heterogeneous Equilibria"; and Harold Archibald Scarborough, for papers on "Saponification and Properties of Mixed Solvents."

LONDON.—Sir William Beveridge has been re-elected vice-chancellor for the year 1927-28.

The title of emeritus professor of anatomy in the University has been conferred on Prof. Edward Barclay-Smith as from the end of the session 1926-27, when he retires from the University chair of anatomy tenable at King's College.

The following doctorates have been conferred: D.Sc. in Chemistry on Mr. F. H. McDowall (University College), for a thesis entitled "Constituents of *Myoporum laetum* Forst (The 'Ngaio')"; Mr. I. R. McHaffie (University College), for a thesis entitled "The Effect of the Presence of an Indifferent Gas on the Concentration and Activity of a Vapour in Equilibrium with a condensed Phase or System of Condensed Phases"; Mr. S. O. Rawling (University College), for a thesis entitled "The Sensitivity of Photographic Emulsions"; and Mr. F. Tattersfield (Rothamsted Experimental Station), for a thesis entitled "The Relationship between the Chemical Constitution of Organic Compounds and their Toxicity to Insects"; D.Sc. in Geology on Mr. S. W. Woolbridge (King's College), for a thesis entitled "Contributions to the Study of the Structure, Stratigraphy, and Geo-morphology of the London Basin"; D.Sc. (Engineering), on Mr. Bernard Hague (Imperial College—City and Guilds College), for a thesis entitled "Studies in the Theory of the Magnetic Field in Dynamo-Electric Machinery"; D.Sc. in Physics on Mr. J. W. T. Walsh, for a thesis entitled "The Theory of Luminescence in Radioactive Luminous Compound," and other papers.

A University postgraduate travelling studentship has been awarded to Dr. R. Purcell (Imperial College Science and Technology—Royal College of Science), who proposes to carry on chemical research at the

University of Amsterdam under Prof. A. Smits, and to visit German universities.

The purchase for the sum of £525,000 of the Bloomsbury site by the University from the Duke of Bedford has been completed. The site, including roads, comprises about 11½ acres, bounded by Montague Place, Malet Street, Gordon Square, Woburn Square, Upper Montague Street, and Russell Square. £400,000 has been provided by the donation from the Rockefeller Foundation and £125,000 is derived from a Special Government Grant in respect of improved accommodation for the University.

~~DURING~~ the celebrations at Louvain on June 28 and 29 to commemorate the five hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the University, the honorary degree of D.Sc. was conferred on Prof. E. G. Coker, professor of civil and mechanical engineering, University of London, University College.

~~A VACATION~~ course for open-air work in geography, regional survey, geology, botany, and sketching will be held in Snowdonia on Aug. 19-Sept. 2. The centre will be Llanberis, and excursions to selected parts of Snowdonia will provide training in all branches of open-air work. Further particulars may be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Mr. Valentine Davis, Cheshire County Training College, Crewe.

~~THE Royal~~ Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851 have made the following appointments to Senior Studentships for 1927, the recommending bodies being indicated in brackets after the names: Mr. R. C. Blackie (University of Liverpool), for research in geology; Miss P. A. Hicks (University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire), for research in botany; Mr. R. Hill, for research in bio-chemistry, Mr. D. C. Rose, for research in physics, and Mr. L. H. Thomas, for research in theoretical physics (University of Cambridge); Dr. E. J. Williams (University College of Swansea and the Victoria University of Manchester), for research in physics.

~~POST-WAR~~ depreciation in the value of available funds has been keenly felt by those responsible for important libraries. The initial cost of books has largely increased, and the cost of binding has been more than doubled. Such expenditure, essential if the institution is to be up-to-date, presents therefore a difficult problem; and in a library such as that of University College, London (which ranks in point of size third among the libraries of London and fifth among the university libraries of the Empire), the problem takes on a very serious aspect. Already the University Grants Committee has indicated the inadequacy of present library provision (see also NATURE, May 21, p. 733). So insufficient are the available funds at University College that a capital fund of £24,000 is being sought. Without it the usefulness of the library will be seriously impaired, not only by lack of means for purchase and binding, but also because of the difficulty of printing subject catalogues and other aids which are almost indispensable to the scholar. It is to be noted, too, that £7000 was recently expended on structural alterations to the Science Library, which is also absorbing part of a special grant of £10,000 for its completion. While the libraries are arranged primarily to meet the needs of staff and students, it should not be forgotten that they are available for all genuine students who make application, and that members of the British Association and of the Geologists' Association, whose libraries form part of the Science Library, have the right to use that Library. All interested are invited to co-operate in providing the required sum of £24,000.