

University Events

CAMBRIDGE.—M. Black, of Trinity College, has been appointed University lecturer in geology, and W. W. Williams, of Fitzwilliam House, University lecturer in geography.

C. Culpin, of St. John's College, has been appointed University demonstrator in agricultural engineering.

Candidates for the Michael Foster studentship in physiology are requested to send their applications, with a statement of the course of research they propose to undertake, to Prof. E. D. Adrian, Physiological Laboratory, by July 7. The student receives the annual value of the fund (about £100), and may be re-elected for a second year.

Approval is sought for the plans prepared by Mr. C. Holden for the Austin Wing of the Cavendish Laboratory, and for the plans prepared by Mr. J. Murray Easton for an extension to the Psychological Laboratory.

The General Board recommends that a readership in medicine be established for one tenure only, and that the General Board be authorized to appoint Dr. McCance, at present assistant physician in charge of the Biochemical Department at King's College Hospital, London, to this post from August 1, 1938, with a pensionable stipend of £850.

The following have been approved for the degree of Sc.D.: Prof. J. F. Baker of Clare College, professor of civil engineering in the University of Bristol; C. Forster-Cooper of Trinity Hall, director of the British Museum (Natural History); and Dr. E. C. Stoner of Emmanuel College, reader in physics in the University of Leeds.

GLASGOW.—The University has decided to confer the honorary degree of LL.D. on the following, among others, at the Commemoration Meeting on June 22: Prof. W. J. Jongmans, professor of palaeobotany in the University of Groningen; Prof. Max Planck, professor of theoretical physics in the University of Berlin; Prof. M. J. Stewart, professor of pathology in the University of Leeds; Prof. C. T. R. Wilson, emeritus professor of natural philosophy in the University of Cambridge; and Prof. G. G. Henderson, emeritus professor of chemistry in the University of Glasgow.

OXFORD.—Prof. J. H. Muirhead, emeritus professor of philosophy, University of Birmingham, has been appointed Herbert Spencer lecturer for 1939. His subject will be "The Man versus the State as a Present Issue".

R. H. S. Thompson, Trinity College, has been elected to a fellowship and praelectorship in medical science at University College.

In Congregation on May 24 it was announced that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has appointed Lord Fleming, Sir Henry Bunbury, and Mr. Lawrence Holt to advise him on the representations of the University that part of the sum of £75,000, the cost of settling the action between the University and Sugar Beet and Crop Driers Ltd., should be borne by public funds.

READING.—Mr. E. Capstick has been appointed to the newly instituted professorship of dairying as from September 30.

Societies and Academies

Paris

Academy of Sciences, April 4 (*C.R.*, 206, 1065–1151).

PIERRE LEJAY: Variations in the amount of moisture contained in the air in the neighbourhood of Shanghai.

CLAUDE CHABAUTY and CHARLES PISOT: An algorithm for the simultaneous approximation of two real numbers.

MENDEL HAIMOVICI: The geometry of an integral.

ARNAUD DENJOY: The singularities of analytical functions of functions defined by an element.

ARMAND RAUCH: Integral functions of the class of divergence of positive order ρ .

CHARLES BLANC: A decomposition of the problem of the type of Riemann surfaces.

HENRI MILLOUX: Holomorph functions and their derivatives in the circle unity.

ADRIEN FOCH, ANDRÉ FORTIER and JEAN FIVET: The correction at the entrance of a cylindrical tube traversed by a gaseous current.

VICTOR VOLKOVISKY: The transport of ions in a fluid moving with a supersonic velocity.

DAMODAR D. KOSAMBI: Homogeneous metrics in cosmogonic spaces.

HENRI GROUILLER: The determination of the curves of blackening in astronomical photographic photometry.

PIERRE LACROUTE: Variations in the spectrum of P Cygni.

GEORGES DURAND: Orbit of the visual double star $\text{O}\Sigma$ 77 and the mass-luminosity relation.

JEAN LOUIS DESTOUCHES: Remarks on the heavy electron.

GEORGES FOURNIER: Geometrical structure of space and electronic atmospheres.

MAX GELOSO and PIERRE DESCHAMPS: Researches on the mechanism of the electrolytic deposit of copper in the presence of iron salts.

MME. H. EMMANUEL-ZAVIZZIANO and H. HAÏSSINSKY: Electrolysis of solutions of protactinium. Starting with titanium solutions containing actinium, a concentration of the latter can be obtained under suitable conditions of electrolysis.

MILLE. LUCIENNE CHAUMETON: Magnetic study of the dehydration of crystallized copper hydroxide.

PIERRE ROUARD: Some optical properties of very thin sheets of platinum.

MILLE. MARIE LOUISE DELWAULLE, FÉLIX FRANÇOIS and JOSEPH WIEMANN: Application of the Raman effect to the study of the complex compounds existing in solutions containing mercuric bromide and an alkaline bromide.

BERTRAND GOLDSCHMIDT: The mixed precipitation of the sulphates of barium and strontium.

JEAN AMIEL: Paramagnetism of the organic cupritetrachlorides and cupritrichlorides.

GUY EMSCHWILLER and GASTON CHARLOT: Solubility of calcium carbonate in solutions of ammonium salts. The increase in the solubility of calcium carbonate in the presence of ammonium salts is mainly due to phenomena of hydrolysis and only to a minor extent to the action of the salt.

ANDRÉ BOROCCO: Dissociation pressure of rubidium and caesium hydrides and deuterides. The dissociation pressures of rubidium and caesium deuterides are greater than those of the corresponding hydrides.