

NEWS AND VIEWS

Sir Arthur Evans, F.R.S.

SIR ARTHUR EVANS, the well-known archæologist, celebrated his ninetieth birthday on July 8. He has been honorary keeper of the Ashmolean Museum since 1890, having been keeper during 1884-1908. Sir Arthur is undoubtedly the leading British authority in the classical archæological studies, for which he was awarded the Copley Medal of the Royal Society in 1936. In his earlier years he made important contributions to the science of numismatics. His researches in Crete from 1893 onwards resulted in the discovery of the remains of a civilization which he named Minoan after the sea-king, Minos. He traced the Minoan civilization from approximately 3200 to 1400 B.C. His work, "The Palace of Minos", published in six volumes, revolutionized our knowledge of the ancient history of the Near East.

On the occasion of Sir Arthur's ninetieth birthday, Prof. J. L. Myres and Prof. R. M. Dawkins, both former presidents of the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies, presented him on behalf of the Society with an illuminated address. Prof. Myres also presented an address from the British School of Archæology in Athens, of which Sir Arthur was one of the founders and to which he presented some years ago the site of the Palace of Knossos and his property in Crete to be a centre for Cretan studies. Sir Arthur was president of the British Association during 1916-19 and of the Society of Antiquaries during 1914-19. He has been the recipient of many honours from British and foreign universities and societies. All readers of NATURE will doubtless wish to be associated with our congratulations to a scientific worker whose contributions to archæology and anthropology have been of such outstanding importance.

University of London: Air Raid Damage

SOME brief notes on damage done during air raids to buildings of the University of London have already appeared in NATURE (December 21, 1940, p. 802). Information has now been made available of further damage:

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. Extensive additional damage. The libraries south of the Dome have been burnt out, and also the Exhibition Room, the General Office, the Provost's and Secretary's Rooms, the Council Room, the Botanical Theatre and the whole of the Mathematical Department above it.

KING'S COLLEGE. Damage from blast, fairly extensive in area, and a rough estimate for full repairs is £10,000.

KING'S COLLEGE OF HOUSEHOLD AND SOCIAL SCIENCE. Fairly extensive damage was done when a German bomber crashed on the College.

BEDFORD COLLEGE. Severe damage both by high explosive and incendiary bombs, to the administrative block, the Biological Science block and the Dining Hall. There is slight damage by blast to other parts of the buildings.

QUEEN MARY COLLEGE. Damage by blast in various parts of the building. The West Lodge in the forecourt had a direct hit and was demolished. A rough estimate of the cost of repairs of damage suffered is £5,000.

BIRKBECK COLLEGE. On the occasion of one attack, a small fire was started in the Department of Chemistry, but was brought under control. During one of the fire attacks on London, fires broke out in the surrounding buildings, but the main building of the College escaped; 90 per cent of the College library has been destroyed.

SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES. Slight damage, mostly by blast, to new (unfinished) building.

MEDICAL SCHOOLS. *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College:* The chemistry block, the old medical school buildings in Giltspur Street, the physiological block, including the library, students' common room, theatre and Pharmacology Department, have been completely burnt out. *St. George's Hospital Medical School:* Roofs of the large lecture theatre and library damaged, and a number of books destroyed. *London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine:* The eastern frontage has been completely wrecked: Minor damage by high explosive and incendiary bombs, and by blast, has also been done at St. Thomas's, Westminster, Middlesex, Charing Cross, University College and King's College Hospital Medical Schools, while the London School of Medicine for Women has lost £3,000 worth of furniture and equipment stored in Messrs. Thomas Wallis's depositories.

Social Reconstruction Survey

MR. GREENWOOD, Minister without Portfolio, has announced in the House of Commons that the Committee of the Social Reconstruction Survey consists of the following members appointed by the committee of Nuffield College:—Mr. G. D. H. Cole, reader in economics in the University of Oxford (chairman), the Master of Balliol, the Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Prof. A. G. B. Fisher, Prof. D. H. Macgregor, Price professor of international economics of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Prof. A. L. Bowley, emeritus professor of statistics in the University of London; Mr. R. C. K. Ensor, senior research fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford; Miss A. Headlam-Morley, and Mr. C. H. Wilson. The committee of the Survey has co-opted Dr. C. S. Orwin, director of the Agricultural Economics Research Institute; Miss Margery Perham, reader in colonial administration in the University of Oxford; Mr. G. Montagu Harris, research lecturer in public administration in the University of Oxford; and Prof. Patrick Abercrombie, professor of town planning in the Bartlett School of Architecture, University College, London.

The terms of reference of the Survey are, briefly to inquire into the redistribution of industry and