

Rome in a joint meeting with the History of Science Department of the University of Rome. Most of the symposia were published, and some passed through several editions.

An active member of the small Positivist group, Marvin had adopted Comte's teaching that the ladder of the sciences must be completed by sociology. From Comte, too, he had drawn his conviction of Humanity as an ideal, and in recent years, amidst the apparent breakdown of civilization, he never lost his faith in the ultimate triumph of right over wrong.

Marvin's best-known book was "The Living Past", first published in 1913 and several times reprinted. As a comprehensive survey, in which the development of thought is presented as an essential part of history, this short work is perhaps unrivalled. At a dinner in honour of Marvin's seventieth birthday, at which Gilbert Murray, H. G. Wells and others spoke, tribute was paid to his stimulating influence

on the study of history. His other books included "Comte" in the series of "Modern Sociologists", "The Century of Hope", "The New Vision of Man", and "The Nation at School". He took an active part in the work of the Sociological Society and its successor, the Institute of Sociology. He married in 1904 Edith May Beverell, and had two sons.

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WE regret to announce the following deaths :

Dr. Walther Kruse, successively professor of hygiene at Bonn, Königsberg and Leipzig and discoverer of the Shiga-Kruse dysentery bacillus, aged seventy-nine.

Dr. F. L. Pyman, F.R.S., director of research, Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd., on January 1, aged sixty-one.

Mr. Alfred Sidgwick, a distinguished philosopher and logician, on December 22, aged ninety-three.

NEWS and VIEWS

New Year Honours

THE New Year Honours include the names of a number of scientific workers and others associated with scientific work. The principal honours are as follow :

G.C.M.G. : Sir George Gater, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

C.H. : The Right Hon. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

K.C.V.O. : Sir Harold Hartley, chairman of the Fuel Research Board.

Knights : Prof. Ernest Barker, emeritus professor of political science in the University of Cambridge; Prof. J. C. Drummond, scientific adviser to the Ministry of Food, professor of biochemistry in the University of London; Prof. F. L. Engledow, professor of agriculture in the University of Cambridge; Dr. J. J. Fox, Government Chemist; Prof. F. R. Fraser, director-general of the Emergency Medical Services; Mr. W. T. Halcrow, engineering consultant, War Office; Mr. C. R. Lockhart, chairman of the East African Production and Supply Council; Mr. T. R. Merton, scientific adviser to the Ministry of Production, formerly professor of spectroscopy in the University of Oxford; Mr. J. G. Nicholson, deputy chairman, Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd.

C.B. : Mr. P. N. Harvey, director of statistics and intelligence, Ministry of War Transport, Department of the Government Actuary; Mr. C. Nathan, principal assistant secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

C.M.G. : Right Rev. Mgr. C. Gagnon, rector of Laval University, Quebec, for services to university education; Mr. E. B. Hosking, chief native commissioner, Kenya; Dr. R. C. Wallace, principal and vice-chancellor of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, for services to university education.

C.I.E. : Colonel R. H. Phillimore, superintendent of the Survey of India; Mr. M. Carbery, director of agriculture, Bengal; Sri Pattipati H. Rama Reddi, director of agriculture, Madras; Mr. D. B. Sothers, chief conservator of forests, Bombay.

C.B.E. : Mr. W. A. Akers, a director of research, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research;

Prof. C. H. Best, professor of physiology in the University of Toronto, for important medical research; Major R. F. Brebner, chairman of directors, Highland and Agricultural Society; Dr. A. N. Drury, director of the Lister Institute, lately a member of the scientific staff of the Medical Research Council; Dr. W. H. Glanville, director of the Road Research Station, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research; Prof. D. A. L. Graham, professor of medicine and clinical medicine and dean of the Department of Medicine, University of Toronto, formerly president of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, for important medical research; Dr. H. W. Meikie, H.M. historiographer in Scotland and librarian of the National Library in Scotland; Mr. W. Nairn, president of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons; J. M. Stewart, K.C., of Halifax, Nova Scotia, for services to university education and also as coal controller; C. Vaillancourt, of Levis, Quebec, for services to war finance and agriculture.

Royal Society Meeting in India

ON January 3, the Royal Society of London convened a short session at the University of Delhi prior to the opening of the Indian Science Congress by the Viceroy of India, Lord Wavell. This is the first time during the nearly three hundred years of its existence that the Royal Society has held a meeting outside London. Prof. A. V. Hill, who is visiting India in connexion with scientific aspects of the war effort, had been appointed vice-president for the occasion. Thus was he able to convey the greetings and goodwill of the President and Council of the Royal Society to the scientific workers of India. The King, who is Patron of the Royal Society, was represented by the Viceroy. There were Indian fellows of the Royal Society present and a large number of guests. Prof. Hill read greetings from the Prime Minister and General Smuts; also from other British scientific bodies. After his address, two recently elected Indian fellows of the Royal Society, Dr. H. J. Bhabha and Sir Shanti Bhatnagar, signed their obligation to the Society on a sheet of parchment which will be inserted in the Society's Charter Book.