

and psychology; Series C: geology, geography and meteorology), published for several years before 1937, were suspended during 1937-45, with the exception of one issue of Series A printed in September 1940. With the return of the University to Peiping, publication of the three series has been resumed, and, so far, two issues of Series A (4, Nos. 4, 5 and 6; 1947, and 5, No. 1; 1948) have been received. The papers appearing in the 1947 issue were originally intended for publication in 1941 to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the University (1911-41); but, although the University was then at its wartime home at Kunming, the *Reports* were being printed in Shanghai, which was overrun by the Japanese military forces, and therefore they could not be published. The *Reports*, which are in English or French, indicate clearly how, in spite of extremely trying conditions, research work of a high standard continued to be carried out in the University.

### Melbourne Seismological Station

THE Council of the University of Melbourne recently approved an arrangement whereby the seismograph of the former Melbourne Observatory, which the University accepted from the Government of Victoria when the Observatory was disbanded in 1941, will in future be in the care of the Department of Geology of the University. A member of staff of the Geology School (Mr. A. J. Gaskin) has been nominated seismologist, and a technical assistant provided for him. It is hoped that the issuing of seismological bulletins will be commenced in June 1949, and that the issue will thereafter be at regular intervals, probably quarterly. Instrumentation remains unchanged for the present. All records later than those listed in the last leaflet issued for the Observatory (July 2, 1940) have been inspected, and information regarding them may be obtained on application. Correspondence (including requests for the receipt of bulletins) should now be addressed to the Seismologist, Department of Geology, University of Melbourne, Carlton, N.3, Victoria, Australia.

### Sir D'Arcy Thompson: Commemoration Fund

SOME of the many friends and pupils of the late Sir D'Arcy Thompson have issued an appeal for contributions to a commemoration fund which will be used for the following purposes: (1) presentation of a bronze head to the University of St. Andrews; (2) presentation of a portrait in oils to University College, Dundee; (3) memorial prizes in the Departments of Natural History at St. Andrews and Dundee. The printed announcement of the fund contains excellent reproductions of the portrait and of the clay model of the head. It has not been possible to communicate personally with all of Sir D'Arcy Thompson's friends, but copies of the announcement may be obtained from the Secretary of the Fund, D. R. R. Burt, Department of Natural History, the University of St. Andrews.

### Colonial Service: Recent Appointments

THE following appointments in the Colonial Service have been announced: D. Leuchars, assistant conservator of forests, Uganda; E. Q. O'B. Smith, assistant conservator of forests, Northern Rhodesia; D. A. Aitkenhead, geologist, Gold Coast; C. Facer, surveyor, Uganda; K. T. Pugh, surveyor, Tanganyika; A. H. Ward, surveyor, Northern Rhodesia; S. E. Brinkman, meteorological assistant, East African High Commission; F. J. Cornish, meteorological

assistant, East African High Commission; A. P. Johnson, assistant meteorologist, Nigeria; E. B. Powell, assistant controller (radio), Federation of Malaya; C. J. M. Simpson, entomologist, East African High Commission; S. D. Ross (principal agricultural officer, Nigeria), assistant director of agriculture, Nigeria; F. W. Roe (geologist, Federation of Malaya), chief geologist, Borneo; H. R. Binns (deputy director of veterinary services, Palestine), scientific officer, East African Veterinary Research Organisation; R. M. Gambles (veterinary officer, Cyprus), senior veterinary research officer, Nigeria; R. E. Gould (senior poultry and bee-keeping officer, Palestine), fisheries officer, Tanganyika; W. D. Silvera (medical officer, Jamaica), senior lecturer in pathology, University College, Ibadan, Nigeria.

### Announcements

THE following appointments have been made in the University of London: Mr. F. Wormald, to the University chair of palaeography tenable at King's College as from January 1, 1950. Dr. G. L. Brown, of the National Institute for Medical Research, to the Jodrell chair of physiology tenable at University College as from October 1, 1949. The title of professor of logic and scientific method in the University has been conferred on Dr. K. R. Popper in respect of the post held by him at the London School of Economics.

THE Brewster Gold Medal of the American Ornithologists' Union has been awarded to David Lack, director of the Edward Grey Institute of Field Ornithology at Oxford, for his book "Darwin's Pinches", published in 1947 by the Cambridge University Press. The Medal is awarded for the most important work relating to the birds of the western hemisphere published during the preceding six years.

IN co-operation with the University of Edinburgh and the East of Scotland College of Agriculture, the Association of Agriculture is arranging a Conference, intended primarily for teachers, on "Applied Biology, Geography and Education" at the College of Agriculture, 13 George Square, Edinburgh, during April 12-14, 1949. The registration fee is 2s. 6d., which includes the inaugural dinner, and tickets and further details may be had on application to Alexander Hay, General Secretary, Association of Agriculture, 238-240 Abbey House, 2 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

APPLICATIONS are invited for Lady Tata Memorial Fund grants and scholarships to scientific workers of any nationality for research in diseases of the blood, with special reference to leukaemia, in the year beginning October 1, 1949. Grants are made for research expenses, and scholarships are awarded as personal remuneration, their normal value being £400 per annum for whole-time research, or less for part-time work. Applications must be submitted before March 31, 1949, and the awards will be announced in June. Further particulars and forms of application may be obtained from the Secretary of the Scientific Advisory Committee, c/o Medical Research Council, 38 Old Queen Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1.

ERRATUM.—Referring to his communication entitled "*Trypanosoma heptatretæ* sp.n., a Blood Parasite of the Hagfish" (*Nature*, 161, 440; 1948), Mr. Marshall Laird has written proposing amending the name to *T. heptatreti* in accordance with the International Rules of Zoological Nomenclature.