

TECHNICAL schools and colleges are now issuing particulars of the courses of study they have arranged for the forthcoming winter session, and we have received a number of college calendars and prospectuses from various districts. At the Battersea Polytechnic, in the Technical College for Day Students, the usual courses are offered in mechanical, civil, electrical, and motor engineering, building science, and applied chemistry. In addition, new courses have been arranged in gas engineering and manufacture, and in the technique of paper-making. The polytechnic is continuing its special war work, which includes classes for the training of men and women munition workers, courses for women in engineering tracing, and free instruction for disabled soldiers and sailors in motor-car engineering, electrical testing, sanitary inspectors' duties, and other forms of remunerative work. The City of Bradford Technical College offers a complete training for the various branches of the textile, chemical, and engineering industries, including the underlying sciences. The diploma courses extend over three, or in some cases four, years, and occupy the full time of the student, much of whose work is of an advanced character. A special characteristic of the courses is the great importance attached to scientific research. At the West of Scotland Agricultural College, Glasgow, students are provided with facilities for the study of agriculture, dairying, forestry, horticulture, and poultry-keeping. Some of the courses have been arranged in conjunction with the University of Glasgow, and under conditions explained in the prospectus students may qualify for the B.Sc. degree in agriculture of the University.

SOCIETIES AND ACADEMIES.

PARIS.

Academy of Sciences, August 27.—M. Ed. Perrier in the chair.—A. **Lacroix**: The composition and modes of alteration of the ophiolites of the Pyrenees.—G. **Humbert**: Some properties of binary indefinite quadratic forms.—H. **Deslandres**: Contribution to the supposed influence of the cannonade on the fall of rain. The opinion of M. C. Saint-Saëns.—A. **Laveran**: The experimental inoculation of *Leishmania tropica* in apes: multiplication of the primary lesions by auto-inoculations in a *Circopithecus mona*: Paul **Sabatier** and G. **Gaudion**: The various modes of decomposition of amines by catalysis: return to aniline and the substituted anilines. Examples are given of the various types of decomposition effected by metallic nickel, removal of hydrogen, separation of ammonia, and separation of aromatic amine.—F. **Delhaye** and **Sluys**: The formation of the Karoo in the western Congo.—MM. **Lapicque** and **Legendre**: The improvement of war bread by neutralisation of the ferments of the bran. An extraction of 85 per cent. of the wheat gives a flour containing such a proportion of bran that the bread made from it is unpleasant in taste and rapidly goes mouldy. The addition of a proportion of lime water in making the bread neutralises the acidity of the bran and gives a bread which has a better taste and keeps longer than bread made from the same flour without the addition of lime water.

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Jacob and the Mandrakes. By Sir J. G. Frazer. Pp. 23. (London: H. Milford.) 2s. 6d. net.

Primitive Man. By Prof. G. Elliot Smith. Pp. 50. (London: H. Milford.) 3s. 6d. net.

Shells as Evidence of the Migrations of Early Culture. By J. W. Jackson. Pp. xxviii+216. (Manchester: At the University Press; London: Longmans and Co.) 6s. net.

Our Analytical Chemistry and its Future. By Dr. W. F. Hillebrand. Pp. 36. (New York: Columbia University Press; London: H. Milford.) 1s. 6d. net.

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Thrice through the Dark Continent. By Prof. J. Du Plessis. Pp. viii+350+map and illustrations. (London: Longmans and Co.) 14s. net.

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