

The University of Liverpool.

THE University of Liverpool has just been celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, and in the city were gathered representatives from all branches of civic life and from many universities to take part in the rejoicings and to bring messages of goodwill and encouragement. A service of thanksgiving and of dedication was held in Liverpool Cathedral on the afternoon of Thursday, May 10, and was conducted by Dr. David, Bishop of Liverpool. In the evening the University Association entertained the delegates from the universities, the representatives of civic authorities, and those who on the following day were to receive honorary degrees. In a publication issued for the occasion, a brief record was given of the work and progress of the University of Liverpool from its foundation in 1907.

On the afternoon of May 11, Lord Derby, Chancellor of the University, presided over a large gathering in St. George's Hall, and conferred honorary degrees on twelve people of eminence in academic and civic life. Representatives of every department of the university and civic life of Lancashire and Cheshire attended, accompanied by delegates from the American University Union, the University Colleges of Exeter, Southampton, and Nottingham, King's College, London, and the Universities of Reading, Bristol, Queen's University, Belfast, Leeds, Birmingham, Wales, Manchester, London, Durham, Trinity College, Dublin, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Glasgow, St. Andrews, Cambridge, and Oxford. Having welcomed the visiting representatives, Lord Derby paid high tributes to the late Sir Alfred Dale and Dr. Adami, former vice-chancellors of the University, and to the many benefactors whose munificence has made the University a growing reality. The Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Hetherington), speaking of the faith of those who laid the foundations of the University, welcomed the presence of some who saw and some few who shared in that endeavour, expressed the indebtedness of the University to these teachers who have won for it recognition in the world of scholarship and letters, and to those who have served it in the care of its affairs. Above all others, he recalled in faithful remembrance those who gave themselves in battle that the foundations of the University might not be moved.

Prof. Campagnac, as Public Orator of the University, presented the following recipients of honorary degrees to the Chancellor, and in each case delivered a brief eulogy of their work:—

Doctor of Letters.—The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres (Chancellor of the University of Manchester), Emeritus Prof. Oliver Elton (University of Liverpool), Prof. T. Percy Nunn (Principal of London Day Training College, and professor of education in the University of London).

Doctor of Science.—Prof. John E. Littlewood (professor of mathematics in the University of Cambridge), Prof. Robert Robinson (professor of organic chemistry, University College, London).

Doctor of Laws.—Vice-Chancellor William MacBride Childs (The University of Reading), The Right Hon. H. A. L. Fisher (Warden of New College, Oxford, and formerly Minister of Education), Prof. John W. Gregory (professor of geology in the University of Glasgow), Miss Emma G. Holt (founder of the Liverpool University Hall), Sir Edwin L. Lutyens (in recognition of his services to British architecture), Sir Archibald Salvidge (leader of the City Council of Liverpool).

Doctor of Engineering.—Emeritus Prof. John A. Fleming (for forty-two years professor of electrical engineering in University College, London).

Speaking of them individually, Prof. Campagnac

said that the Earl of Crawford had directed his disciplined taste and lent his strong advocacy to preserving what Nature and human effort had produced of fair and lovely in our land. For twenty-five years Prof. Elton, as head of the Department of English Literature, had been to many generations of students, guide, philosopher, and friend, the pattern of exact scholarship, the model of just criticism, and the unbending champion of University liberty. By nature and vocation a teacher of teachers, Prof. Nunn had astounded all by the variety of his learning, in letters, philosophy, mathematics, and music, and by his supreme perfection in administration. The researches in which Prof. Littlewood delights fill the uninitiated with wonder and dread, and provoke, in his peers, reverence and admiration. The learned revel in Prof. Robinson's synthesis of flower pigments and have admired the fertility of his genius. Of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Reading, he said that in the development of that institution he had acted with courage and wisdom, and had satisfied modern needs by freely interpreting a venerable tradition. As scholar, teacher, historian, and philosopher, the Right Honourable H. A. L. Fisher had shone, but above all he had been the champion of youth, resolute to ensure their inheritance in liberty and discipline. In presenting Miss Emma G. Holt, Prof. Campagnac said that the establishment of colleges in which piety and learning might be sought in cloistered leisure was of old the beneficent labour of royal and generous ladies. Miss Holt had taken up and embellished this tradition by providing in Liverpool a hall which, in beauty and fitness for its purpose, challenges the glory of these houses. As a traveller, Prof. J. W. Gregory had fared far east and west, north and south, over the world and in the realms of thought. His scientific instinct had had the nature of prophecy, and his anticipations boldly made in many fields of inquiry had been fulfilled in as many regions of knowledge ascertained by his labours. In East Africa and Australia, in Chinese Tibet and along the Himalayan system, he had conducted explorations, the results of which are of great social and political importance. He has illuminated some of the most difficult social and racial problems. To the success of Sir Edwin Lutyens in planning a new capital city in India was added the fact that to him Britons had turned when at the heart of their Empire a memorial of the men who had fought and died for home was needed. In presenting Sir Archibald Salvidge, Prof. Campagnac spoke of the encouragement and generous support which the University had received from the City of Liverpool, and of the University's pride in a man for whose heart its prosperity is a passion, and by whose courage, enterprise, and unremitting labour the city has been promoted and advanced. As in great measure responsible for the introduction to this country of the telephone, the incandescent electric lamp, and radio telegraphy and telephony, and as the inventor of such cunning instruments as the thermionic valve, the University sought to honour Emeritus Prof. J. A. Fleming.

In the evening the University, the civic representatives, the honorary graduates, and the University delegates were the guests of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Miss Margaret Beavan) at a reception at the Town Hall.

The celebrations ended on the afternoon of Saturday, May 12, with a garden party at the University Sports Grounds at Allerton, at which the Christie Sports were also held.