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Co-operation between Science and History

VOL. 76 of *Memoirs and Proceedings of the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society* contains the presidential address of Mr. B. Mouat Jones, in which an appeal is made for co-operation between men of science and historians in the production of the histories for use in elementary and secondary schools and in the universities. He has examined a large number of such books and has found that the influence of scientific thought and discovery on the development of civilisation is unmentioned or unappreciated, or that no attempt is made to incorporate the improvements due to science into the history of the people. He contends that the influence of a scientific advance, such for example as that initiated by Faraday, on the history of the world, is at least as great as some of the movements due to politicians to which historians devote ample space, and he asks that in the books from which the great majority of the population get their historical knowledge, science should be given the place due to it as a determining factor in history.

Memorial to Sir Charles Parsons

ON July 28, a memorial to Sir Charles Parsons, who died on January 12, 1931 (see NATURE of February 28, 1931) was unveiled at the works of Messrs. C. A. Parsons and Co., Ltd., at Newcastle-on-Tyne by his daughter, Miss Rachel Parsons. The memorial is formed of a medallion portrait of Sir Charles, in profile, carved in Bianca del Mara stone; this is surmounted by the family coat of arms. At the ceremony Miss Parsons said that the memorial was erected on the site of the room in which her father spent so many hours of his life working at the scientific and engineering investigations which appealed to him above everything else. The memorial was designed by Mr. Maurice E. Webb and Mr. Reid Dick was the sculptor.

Priestley Centenary in France

THE issue of the *Revue Scientifique* for July 8 contains the appreciative address of Prof. C. Matignon, professor of inorganic chemistry in the Collège de France, on the life and work of Priestley, delivered on June 15. In it he reminded his audience that Priestley was elected a foreign associate of the old Royal Academy of Sciences of Paris in 1772, that he was in sympathy with the Revolution of 1790 and that the legislative assembly conferred on him the title "citoyen français" in 1793. Even during the Napoleonic wars, the relations between scientific workers in France and England remained cordial and Davy was awarded the *grand prix* by the Paris Academy of Sciences in 1807.

Awards of the Royal College of Physicians

AT the quarterly comitia of the Royal College of Physicians held on July 27, the following awards, among others, were made: the Baly medal to Dr.

Robert Robison, of the Lister Institute, for his work on the esters of phosphoric acid and the enzyme phosphatase and the part they play in bone metabolism; the Moxon gold medal to Prof. G. R. Minot, professor of clinical medicine in Harvard Medical College, for his work on diseases of the blood; the Weber-Parkes prize and medal for the best work already done in connexion with the etiology, prevention, pathology, or treatment of tuberculosis to Sir John McFadyean. The Leverhulme scholarships held by Dr. J. F. Brock and Dr. S. J. Hartfall have been continued for another year, and the Murchison scholarship was awarded (this year by the University of Edinburgh) to D. M. F. Batty and A. Brown.

Announcements

MR. F. E. MAGARINOS TORRES has been appointed director of the Instituto de Meteorologia Hidrometria e Ecologia Agricola at Rio de Janeiro in succession to Prof. Martins Costa, who has resigned.

AT the annual general meeting of the Museums Association, held at Norwich on July 6, it was announced that Dr. Cyril Fox, director of the National Museum of Wales, has been elected president in succession to Sir Henry Miers, and Dr. W. E. Swinton, honorary editor of the *Museums Journal*. Alderman Chas. Squire, Leicester, and Mr. D. W. Herdman, Cheltenham, were re-elected hon. treasurer and hon. secretary respectively.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments, on or before the dates mentioned:—An assistant librarian at the University of Capetown—The Secretary, Office of the High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa, Trafalgar Square, W.C.2 (Aug. 8). A research fellow in glass technology at the University of Sheffield—The Registrar (Aug. 21). An assistant lecturer and demonstrator in electrical engineering at the University of Sheffield—The Registrar (Aug. 25). An assistant lecturer in philosophy at the University of Birmingham—The Secretary (Aug. 28). An assistant lecturer in zoology at the University of Sheffield—The Registrar (Aug. 31). An evening teacher of practical mathematics at the West Ham Municipal College, Romford Road, E.15—The Secretary (Sept. 1). A research chemist at the Long Ashton Fruit Research Station—The Registrar, University of Bristol (Sept. 2). A University reader in civil engineering at Imperial College, City and Guilds College—The Academic Registrar, University of London (Sept. 8). A George Henry Lewes student for research at the Physiology School, Cambridge—Prof. Barcroft, Physiology School, Cambridge (Sept. 20). An assistant chemist for the Rubber Research Scheme (Ceylon)—The Chairman, Rubber Research Scheme, Neboda, Ceylon (Oct. 15). A principal of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth—The President of the College, 44, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.4 (Dec. 1). A principal of the Borough Polytechnic, Borough Road, London, S.E.1—The Secretary. An assistant lecturer in education at University College, Hull—The Registrar.