

whose broad outlook is reflected in the enlightened and progressive policy of his State. The knowledge and experience which he has accumulated during his extensive foreign travels must be an asset to the administration and his solicitude for the improvement of village life in Baroda is marked by the recent grant of a crore of rupees for rural uplift. This signal act, coupled with the opening of a new science

and technological institute will earn for His Highness the enduring love and gratitude of his loyal subjects, than which nothing can be more gratifying to an Indian Prince. It is the earnest prayer of the people of Baroda as well as of those of the rest of India that His Highness Sir Sayaji Rao may be spared for many years to rule his State and support proposals for a progressive constitution in British India.

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Dr. S. S. Bhatnagar, D.Sc., O.B.E. and Sir Bryce C. Burt, Kt.

WE have great pleasure in felicitating Dr. S. S. Bhatnagar and Sir Bryce Burt on the distinctions bestowed upon them.

Dr. Bhatnagar is one of the most popular and distinguished professors of the Punjab University, where, as the Director of the University Chemical Laboratories, his researches have won for him a prominent place in the world of International Science. It will be remembered that in recognition of his valuable investigations of basic importance to the petroleum industry, Messrs. Steel Brothers Company Ltd. and Attock Oil Company recently placed at his disposal large sums of money for further researches on petroleum and allied subjects. In a spirit not unlike that of Faraday, Davy and Pasteur, Dr. Bhatnagar placed the large lump sum grant paid to him by Messrs. Miller and Ward as a personal gift, at the disposal of the University for inaugurating a department of Petroleum Research. Dr. Bhatnagar's latest book on "Physical Principles and Applications of Magneto-Chemistry," recently reviewed in our columns by Dr. Edmond C. Stoner, is a great contribution to the physical and mathematical

aspects of the subject, which has won for the author wide appreciation. He has always been a steady and true friend of *Current Science* whose present position is due to his consistent and unstinting support.

Sir Bryce Burt first came into prominence by his distinguished work as Secretary to Central Cotton Committee, and the Government of India, in appreciation of it, appointed him Agricultural Expert to the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research. In this new sphere, he threw the weight of his knowledge and experience in advocating a liberal policy for the promotion of scientific research in all the departments of Agricultural Stations, the Universities and other research centres. On the retirement of Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya, Sir Bryce Burt became the Vice-President of the Council and this appointment testifies the wide popularity which he enjoys among his colleagues and the esteem and confidence which the Government of India have in his sobriety of judgment and technical knowledge. *Current Science* and *Agricultural Science* owe much to him.

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