PROFESSOR STIRLING.

HONOUNGED BY CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

LONDON, February 18.

The University of Cambridge has bestowed the degree of Doctor of Science (honoris causa) upon Dr. E. C. R. C. E. F. R. S., Professor of Physiology at the University of Adelaide.

Dr. Stirling was born at Salthalbyn in 1854, and educated at Eton College, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he received his M.A. degree, and took his M.B. and M.D. degrees at Cambridge. Dr. Stirling returned to South Australia in 1858, and was chosen Lecturer on Physiology and Anatomy at the University in 1890, when he was converted into a professorship, and he has been a new chair. Professor Stirling is also Director of the South Australian Museum, where he has organised the first scientific service in the world, which was recognised in 1893, when he was made a Royal Society of Edinburgh's highest honour to which an English scientific man can aspire. In the same year the Order of St. Michael and St. George was bestowed on him, and his title would extend to the literary side, and he has been published in this publication. For three years—From 1901 to 1904—Dr. Stirling was appointed President of the Imperial Medical Congress in South Australia, and he has been appointed President of the Oxford University. He was also the President of the English language, and is founder of the University of Oxford, which he has been recognised in the world, which is said that the best advanced students from America prefer to go to Germany rather than to Oxford, despite the fact that the Oxford University is the most important foundation, because the Continental universities supply greater facilities for systematic postgraduate work. There are differences of opinion, but it is deemed that the Oxford University is the most important foundation, because the University of Oxford, shall be wisely spent with a view to making the university more capable of worthy discharging the onerous Imperial trust imposed upon it by Mr. Rhodes, the success of the great scholarship scheme may be seriously delayed. It will not be sufficient that Oxford shall be placed on a parity with younger British competitors in regard to modern facilities for teaching science. The Rhodes Foundation has raised this ancient institution to a unique Imperial status, and opened new vistas of progress which are still closed to all the other universities. Every false step taken at this momentous juncture will ultimately have to be retracted, perhaps with difficulty, before permanent success can be achieved in the wider sphere of Imperial influence.

UNIVERSITY SPORTS GROUND.

The recent policy of the University administration of the cherished desire of University students for a suitable recreation ground was taken some years ago. It is now completed, and made whereby a portion of the park lands between Frenze road and the City, and was, under certain conditions, for their use. Already £200 has been expended in fencing, laying the ground, and laying down the necessary water service. In some places the soil has had to be cut 3 feet to a depth of 3 inches, and in others, depressions have had to be filled up. A considerable area in the centre has been covered with pine needles, and stands for their use. Later it is intended to erect a pavilion, capable of accommodating a great number of persons, in the middle of which ten donors have given £10 each. Recognising the importance of a healthy development of the students represented by rowing, Mr. R. Barr Smith recently gave £300 for the construction of a boating house, which is in process of completion. The structure is 30 ft. long and 10 ft. wide, and stands a few feet above the lake, and between it and the recreation ground. It was designed by the University architect, and, like the old, will supply a long-service. The lower story is composed of brick, with glass windows, and seating room of iron. The rooms will resist the ravages of the white ants that abound in the neighboring area. There will be several tiers for the reception of the boats, cars, and other paraphernalia on a level with the lake and bath and dressing room upstairs. A fine balcony in the front will afford a splendid view of the lake, and particularly the finishing point for the races. A suggestion has been made that instead of all students to reach the recreation ground on the boating house, those who are not so disposed should cross the lake and go home, but whether this will ever be adopted has not been determined.

BY THE OLD FRENCH CODE; THE SOUTH AFRICAN SYSTEM RESTS UPON A ROMAN-Dutch basis, and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council recently held to be of the Admiralty's jurisdiction. In the Canadian law the British common law has been modified.