

CENTENARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, April 1933.

The most important part of the elaborate programme of the University of Zurich centenary was the ceremony held in the Aula of the University on Saturday morning April 29th. The representatives of foreign universities assembled in academic dress in the Biological Institute and marched through the street to the Aula. The distinguished jurist who is Rector of the University, Dr. Fleiner, presided. He traced the influence of nineteenth century liberalism upon the foundation and development of the University.

Perhaps even more striking was the address given by Dr. Wettstein, Minister of Public Instruction in the Canton of Zurich, who urged youth to avoid "false gods" and, instead, to be guided by the spirit of truth and freedom which was still the mainspring of university education. Politics must not intrude into the realm of education. This speech was given in the presence of the heads of the German Universities. Dr. Wettstein's address was widely commented upon by those present and in the press. In numerous private conversations it was said freely that he had undoubtedly the German Government in mind. The same strain was noticeable in a remarkable address given in German by Professor Alfred Zimmern of Oxford, who spoke on behalf of all the English-speaking universities represented. Needless to add Zurich is very close to the German frontier. The speeches of French and German representatives were characterised by their formality. Many