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A DINNER was given at Christ's College, Cambridge, on Saturday, May 23, in celebration of the attainment by Dr. A. C. Haddon of his seventieth birthday, and on the eve of his retirement from the post of reader in anthropology and ethnology in the University. The chair was taken by Sir William Ridgeway. Among the large gathering present were Mrs. Haddon, the Vice-Chancellor (Prof. C. Seward), Sir Arthur Shipley, Prof. C. G. Seligman, Mr. H. Balfour, Prof. A. Francis Dixon, Prof. J. Graham Kerr, Prof. Hobson, Dr. C. S. Myers, Prof. Pearson, Mr. Martin White, and Mr. P. A. de Laszlo. Eloquent tributes were paid to Dr. Haddon's achievements as an anthropologist and as a teacher of anthropology. Sir William Ridgeway said that his researches in the field had made him one of the leading ethnologists of the day with a world-wide reputation. By his zeal and self-sacrifice he had done more than any man to forward the teaching of anthropology in the University. Mr. Balfour referred to his versatility; he had not been a specialist in any one branch, but was master of them all. Prof. Seligman spoke of his success as a leader of expeditions in the field. In replying, Dr. Haddon referred to the unvarying kindness he had met from his colleagues. In reviewing his life, he said his work as professor of zoology at Dublin had led to his expedition to the Torres Straits, where he had got to know the natives and had turned to study them. Though warned by Sir William Flower that there was no money in his studies—a fact he had afterwards verified—he had persevered, lecturing at Cambridge without stipend until his second expedition to the Torres Straits. In the University, anthropology is still going through critical times and the subject is not yet fully established. Portraits of Dr. Haddon have been painted by Mr. de Laszlo to perpetuate his work. Of these, one will be hung in Christ's College, another is to be given to the Museum, and the third will be presented by the artist to the family.