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Prof. Minorsky receives the gold medal from Sir Richard Winstedt.

Cambridge Professor's Medal

RUSSIAN-BORN Prof. Vladimir Minorsky of Cambridge, received in London last night the highest award of the Royal Asiatic Society—a Triennial Gold Medal.

It was presented to him by Sir Richard Winstedt, the president of the society. Prof. Minorsky, 85, is the 23rd recipient of the medal.

Sir Richard described him as "a

great scholar." He had been a member of the Imperial Russian Diplomatic Service for 20 years, and then decided to start what was today his life's work—scholarship.

He had had works published on Persian and Caucasian history and had written innumerable articles.

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"It is particularly appropriate that this, his 40th year of pure scholarship, should see a selection of his work published by the Uni-

versity of Teheran and the award of our gold medal."

Prof. Minorsky said he was deeply grateful for the great distinction conferred upon him. "I have had three medals in my life. I received the first in 1896 and the second, for my contribution to Oriental studies in 1902.

"This medal comes at the end of my life and is the finale to my studies, travels and researches.

"When I look at my predecessors, I feel proud and happy to join this great club," he concluded.

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