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Sydney, October 11.

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THE PERTH OBSERVATORY.

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The Western Australian Government have withdrawn their request to the Commonwealth to take over the observatory at Perth, and will continue the work of the observatory as a State activity.

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In addition to many previous gifts to the Sydney University, Mr. George H. Bosch has now presented £220,000, in city property and securities, to the University. Mr. Bosch has now given more than £250,000.

Mr. Bosch's new benefaction is given to establish full-time chairs in medicine and surgery, to provide a chair of bacteriology in the medicine school, and laboratories and equipment for the promotion of medical and surgical knowledge. The donor intends that the new professors of medicine and surgery shall devote their whole time to the training of medical students and to the advance of research in medical science.

"The new endowment," said the Chancellor (Sir William Cullen), "will bring the University of Sydney into line with the ever-growing practice in the medical schools of Great Britain. It will achieve a unifying of medical education in the City of Sydney, and a much closer co-operation with the hospitals of the city than there has been in the past. With perseverance and goodwill all round there can be evolved out of this great gift a scheme of medical training and research that will put Sydney University in the forefront of the medical schools of the world."

The appeal for funds for the University which has been conducted for many months, has yielded more than £340,000, and the University authorities are delighted with the generous response, which has included contributions from all classes of the people.

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ALSO REG. NEWS

ANTI-CANCER CAMPAIGN.

On Monday a meeting of the general committee of the anti-cancer campaign was held at the Adelaide University. Dr. A. A. Lendon presided. In order to bring the committee into line with the suggestions of the Federal health authorities, Dr. Lendon was appointed director of cancer treatment and research.

Recommendations were made to the council of Adelaide University for measures for further testing the colloidal lead treatment in suitable cases, and for temporary arrangements for the application of deep X-ray therapy to Adelaide Hospital patients, pending the acquisition of the latest appliances. It was reported that there was in existence in the Darling Library a section devoted to cancer literature.

A small sub-committee was appointed to confer with the board of Adelaide Hospital to evolve a scheme of clinical supervision for the cancer activities at the hospital.

The meeting resolved that all suggestions dealing with cancer which were not anonymous, whether appearing in the public press or sent to the general committee of the Anti-Cancer Campaign, should receive careful attention, and that the writer should be invited to interview the chairman if practicable.

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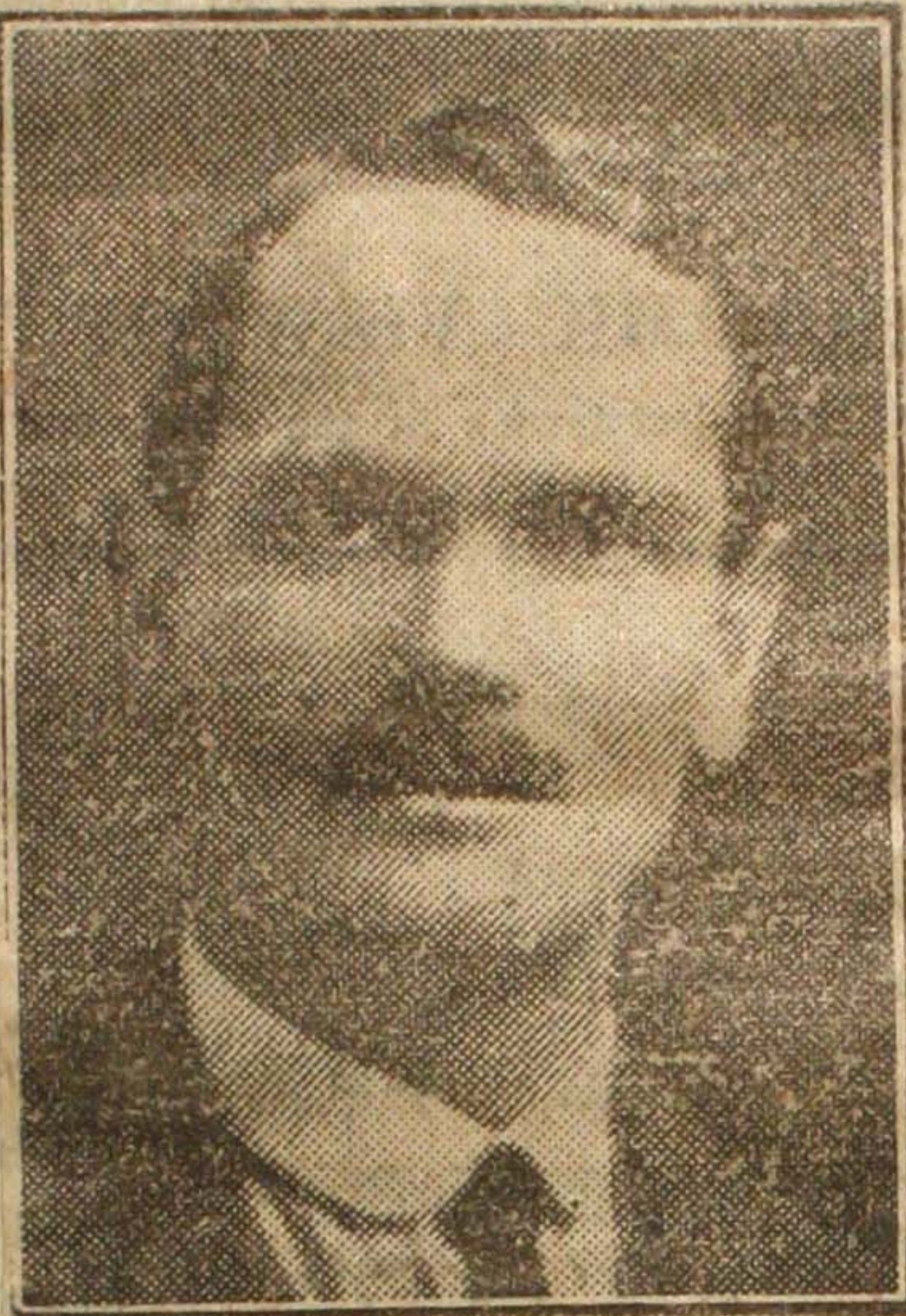
WAITE INSTITUTE.

The New Entomologist.

Arrival of Dr. Davidson.

In May last the council of the University appointed Dr. James Davidson to be head of the entomological department of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute. In order to take up his duties Dr. Davidson, who is accompanied by his wife, arrived at Port Adelaide by the Ulysses on Friday.

Dr. Davidson, who was a distinguished member of the staff of the Rothamsted Experimental Station, England, at the time of his appointment, was born in 1885, graduated B.Sc. at Liverpool University in 1908, M.Sc. in 1910, and for these



DR. JAMES DAVIDSON.

tick and insects received the degree of D.Sc. in 1915. From 1908 until 1911, in conjunction with Professor G. H. F. Nuttall and Dr. L. E. Robinson, he conducted extensive investigations on ticks, and agricultural and horticultural insect pests. In 1911 he was appointed Wolfe Barry Research Scholar in Economic Entomology at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, and later held a research scholarship in agricultural zoology under the British Ministry of Agriculture. Dr. Davidson conducted research studies in entomology under the late Professor Maxwell Lefroy in London and in many Continental laboratories—in Germany at the Royal Biological Institute for Agriculture and Forestry, Dahlem; in Italy, at the Royal Institute for Agricultural Entomology in Florence, under the late Professor Antonio Berlese, and at the Royal School of Agriculture, Portici, under Professor A. Silvestri; and in France at the National Institute of Agriculture, under Professor P. Marchal, director of the Entomological Station, Paris. Dr. Davidson served throughout the war and commanded in the field a technical unit concerned with sanitation and the control of insects associated with the spread of disease for nearly three years. He served in Sinai during 1916-17, during which time he received the rank of captain, and was mentioned in despatches. In 1918 he was transferred to the War Office for special entomological work in the Department of Hygiene. He was also a member of the British Repatriation Commission in Denmark, which was concerned with the repatriation of large numbers of prisoners of war from the Baltic ports.

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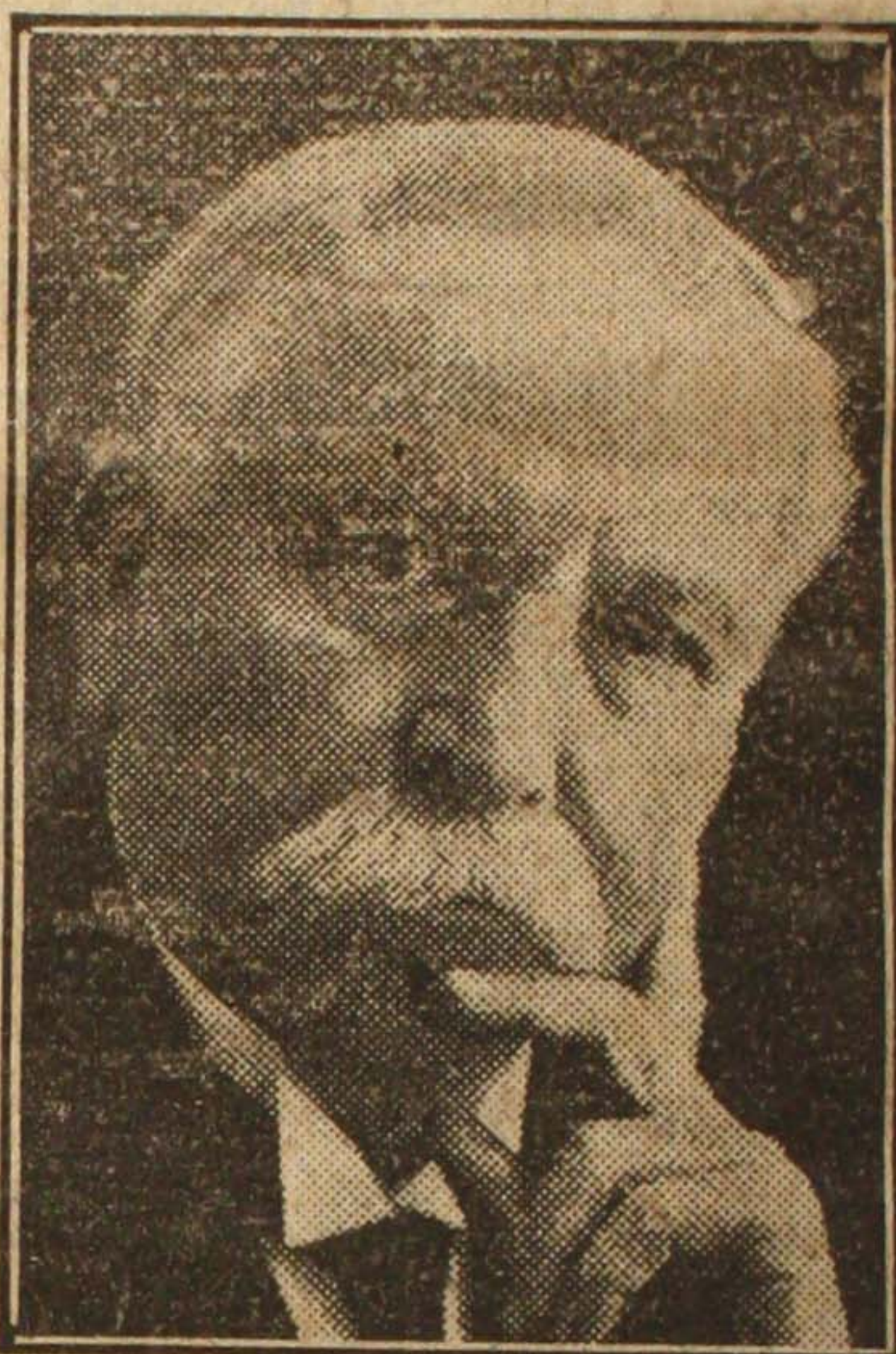
Eighty Years Old To-day.

A Remarkable Career.

By Rufus.

Sir Langdon Bonython, K.C.M.G., will to-day be the recipient of hundreds of congratulations on reaching the eightieth milestone in his eventful life. There is no younger or more alert octogenarian in the community.

The dominating figures of the old school having everywhere else passed away, the Waymouth street knight stands to-day the most picturesque and romantic figure in the newspaper world of Australia. From junior reporter to sole proprietor and editor of a big daily in one generation is an achievement of which any man might well be proud. Although born within sound of Bow Bells on Octo-



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ber 15, 1848, Sir Langdon represents the Bonythons of Bonython and Carlew in Cornwall. He joined the literary staff of The Advertiser as a junior reporter in December, 1864. A fellow-junior was the late Alfred Searcy, for many years Clerk of Parliaments. My old friend told me how young Bonython took him into the editor's room and, pointing to the big chair, said, "I'm going to sit in that chair some day." Searcy said he laughed immoderately at what he then considered a cool piece of cheek. But John Langdon Bonython meant what he said. His ambition was wedded to untiring industry and an infinite capacity for taking pains, and without the assistance of any fairy with a magic wand he was in his thirty-first year one of the proprietors, and in 1893 he became sole proprietor. He was knighted in 1898 for "services in the cause of public education," was made C.M.G. in 1908, and K.C.M.G. in 1919 "for services rendered to the Commonwealth of Australia."

Interesting Stories.

On many occasions when I have met Sir Langdon in his own office and in travelling on the Melbourne express, he has unfolded some wonderful stories of the past. He always speaks with pleasure of his reporting days in friendly rivalry with John Harvey Finlayson, for many years editor and part proprietor, and Sir Robert Thomas, general manager and part proprietor of The Register. Those were the days of small salaries and unconscionably long hours. Tucked away in his memory Sir Langdon has some surprisingly interesting records of unpublished history. He was a great champion of Charles Cameron Kingston, and the statesman and newspaper proprietor grew to be fast friends. Charlie Kingston had an ungovernable temper, but Sir Langdon could always be heard the lion in his den no matter what his mood was. Sir James Penn Boucaut and Sir Langdon were also great cronies, and many a time and oft have I listened to stories and anecdotes concerning Sir Samuel Way, Sir James Boucaut, and Sir Henry Bunday. The Waymouth street knight sat in the first and second Federal Parliaments, and he has been offered any price to write his impressions of the men and history of these early Federal days. I always think the men whom he holds most in affectionate remembrance are Alfred Deakin and Lord Forrest, although he was a personal friend of Sir Samuel Griffith, Sir

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Edmund Barton, Sir George Reid, Sir John Cockburn (who told a recent visitor to London that he had written every week to Sir Langdon for the last 30 years), Sir Frederick Holder, and indeed all the outstanding giants who loomed large on the stage of our public life at the beginning of the century.

A Public Benefactor.

The other day a discussion arose about who was the wealthiest man in South Australia. My friends voted for a well-known pastoralist. I said, "Sir Langdon Bonython wins in a canter. The pastoralist has his shearing once a year, and Sir Langdon has his every day." But with his money the newspaper man has been a public benefactor. In 1921 he announced his gift of £40,000 to the University of Adelaide for the erection of a great hall, and in 1926 gave £20,000 to endow the Chair of Law. He has made valuable gifts to the School of Mines an institution which is very dear to his heart, and of which he has been president since 1889 (these gifts include the building which houses the chemical and metallurgical laboratories), to St. Peter's Cathedral, and to the Royal Agricultural Society. He has also been a friend to the Teachers' Association, the Royal Geographical Society, the Cornish Association, and other bodies too numerous to mention.

The Man Behind the Scenes.

For half a century Sir Langdon Bonython has had the confidence of most of the outstanding men in public affairs in this and other States. On one occasion he was the mediator between an irate Premier and the viceregal representative. He has an amazing memory for incidents of the past, and can quote without reference from letters from the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, George Augustus Sala, and other world-wide celebrities. But Sir Langdon does not live in the past. Although he sometimes says, "I wish I were 20 years younger," he still has a big horizon, and new enterprises constantly unfold in his vision. He has his finger on all the stops of his own great newspaper concerns, and he makes himself au fait with the history and business of all the institutions with which he is connected. He follows with great interest the career of his son the Lord Mayor (Mr. J. Lavington Bonython) and the Lady Mayoress. His son-in-law is Mr. Justice Angus Parsons, who married Sir Langdon's eldest daughter. Mrs. Frank Bonython is a daughter-in-law, and there are two unmarried daughters, Mr. A. M. Bonython, the Railway architect, is Sir Langdon's brother, but 16 years his junior.

His Happiest Moments.

Sir Langdon is never so happy as when he is sitting in his chair at his office. He finds his pleasure and recreation in his work. I remember when he last returned from London, the Waymouth street knight said to me, "Well, I attended many dinners, but as I don't smoke or drink, and as the speeches were stodgey, the functions did not interest me. I found myself saying to myself, 'Bonython, you should be in your chair in The Advertiser office. That is where you are happiest.'"

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