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INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

PROGRESS OF THE ADELAIDE GROUP.

PROPOSED CHAIR AT THE UNIVERSITY.

As a result of informal conferences between the regional group recently formed in Adelaide of the Institute of Public Administration and the University of Adelaide, it is officially reported that an endeavor is being made to induce the Government to provide a sufficient sum of money to permit of the establishment of a Chair of Public Administration at the University. That, it is contended, would benefit the whole community and the public services in particular.

There has been evidence of considerable interest in the local regional group of the institute, stated an official on Friday. The numbers applying for admission are steadily increasing. In order to promote closer and more systematic attention in the parts of the British Empire outside Great Britain to the subject of public administration, a committee of the parent institute in London, with Lord Meston acting as chairman, has been formed. It is evident that as development proceeds it will be necessary to consider the best means of ensuring mutual helpful relations between the institute as organized in Great Britain and the groups springing up in the Dominions and colonies. It is too early yet to say how organization of the wider activities will shape, but it is clear that conditions will differ from place to place, and that there can be no "cut and dried" scheme.

Congratulations to Adelaide.

The English institute has written to the secretary of the South Australian

group (Mr. A. W. Pettit) as follows:—"Our colleagues in South Australia are to be heartily congratulated on the success of their regional group in attracting the members of the public services to the institute. Nothing quite like it has been done in this country, although we venture to think that the attractions of the institute for public servants here are at least the equal of those in South Australia. Though we do not know what proportion your membership is of the total staffs of the service, it must compare very favorably with any percentage shown in the United Kingdom."

Developing "Service."

Weekly lunch-hour talks are being arranged by the local educational committee of the institute, of which Mr. C. G. Lewis (secretary to the Director of Education) is secretary. Through the associate members the committee is trying to develop the idea of a "service" instead of "departments," and the lunch-hour talks allow members of the public services an opportunity to meet and get into personal association with one another. The dominant note of the institute is "increased efficiency for the public service."

A letter has been received recently in Adelaide from public servants interested in the formation of an Institute of Public Administration in Victoria, congratulating the South Australian group on being the first established in Australia. As far as it can be ascertained, it is also the first group formed in the British Dominions. Thus in this, as in many other matters, South Australia has maintained its reputation for taking the lead in progressive movements.

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STATE AID FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SHAKESPEARE ADELAIDE.

University Lecturer Favours It

PLAY'S THE THING

By urging that the Federal and State Governments should grant a subsidy to enable the plays of William Shakespeare to be produced, the conference of the State School Teachers' Federation, now sitting in Sydney, has directed wide attention to the question.

The motion has many supporters. Mr. R. C. Bald (Lecturer in English at the University of Adelaide) said on Saturday that he thought the request a worthy one.

"Their students," said Mr. Bald, "are studying the plays of Shakespeare as a regular part of their English courses. The teachers realize that plays were written primarily to be acted, and that they can only be fully understood when seen on the stage. Furthermore, it is always a great aid both to the memory and to the understanding to be able to visualize anything clearly."

He added that for these reasons the teachers believed it in the best interests of the country that there should be regular performances of Shakespeare's plays of which every one interested could take advantage. After many years of hardship Allan Wilkie had been compelled to close down, and he would be sadly missed. With the help of several thousand pounds his work could be carried on, and the Governments of the Commonwealth and the States were being asked for the necessary assistance.

Emphasizing his point, Mr. Bald added that in Continental countries, theatres and opera houses were regularly subsidized by the Government, but no British country had ever given any such assistance. Yet Governments subsidized public libraries and art galleries.

"If subsidies are paid to these institutions," he asked, "why not for theatrical performances of the works of our greatest writer?"

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AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES.

ADDRESS BY SIR GEORGE FULLER.

LONDON, January 14.

The Agent-General for New South Wales (Sir George Fuller) was the guest of the Authors' Club to-day, and spoke on the subject of Australian universities. Mr. Henry de Vere Stacpoole was chairman.

Sir George justified the fact that there were six universities in Australia to 6,250,000 people, by recalling the immense distances between the capitals, and gave details of the generous gifts made for the foundation and working expenses of the universities from State and private sources. In consequence of this generosity the universities were planning lecture halls and laboratories equal to those in the mother country. He said though Australia lacked the historical associations of the old-time British universities, she could already draw all her professional men from the local universities.

Mr. Stacpoole said he hoped Sir George Fuller would not return to Australia to encourage Australian authors. "I know what the British rabbit has done in Australia," he said, "and we do not want the vigorous breed of Australian author in our burrows." (Laughter).

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PUBLIC EXAMINATION BOARD LEAVING COMMERCIAL EXAMINATION, 1928.

General Honor List for John Creswell Scholarships (Awarded by the University of Adelaide).

The following is a list of candidates given in order of merit, who have passed the leaving commercial examination. From this list the Council will select the Creswell scholars, in accordance with the provision contained in Chapter XXXVI. of the statutes:—1. Adams, H., Adelaide Technical High School; 2. Bradley, J., Adelaide Technical High School; and Jeffreys, I. F., Adelaide Technical High School, equal; 4. Errington, E. J., Adelaide Technical High School; 5. Oliver, R. C., Norwood High School; 6. McKee, G. N., Norwood High School; 7. Hand, W. C., Unley High School; 8. Malcolm, C., Unley High School; 9. Davis, J. L., Norwood High School; 10. Birks, J. M., Adelaide Technical High School; 11. Haden, J. G., Woodville High School; 12. Malcolm, K., Unley High School; 13. Hand, A., Adelaide Technical High School; 14. Perriam, N. G., Adelaide Technical High School; 15. Haslam, A. F., Scotch College; 16. Hannaford, L. G., Riverton High School; 17. Fleming, R. H., Norwood High School; 18. Bagshaw, J. K., Prince Alfred College; 19. Milne, L. M., Norwood High School; 20. Eddy, J. E., Peterborough High School; 21. Balchin, L. J., Adelaide Technical High School; 22. Stott, M. G. H., Scotch College; 23. Davis, E. J., Unley High School; 24. Besley, L. R., Norwood High School; 25. Crawford, M. A., Riverton High School; 26. Hodge, P. M., Adelaide High School; 27. Roberts, S. A., Adelaide Technical High School; 28. Brown, R. D., Norwood High School; 29. Hamilton, E. J., Norwood High School; 30. Drew, C. M., Unley High School; 31. McLean, M. M., Woodville High School; 32. Pearson, G. C. B., Norwood High School; 33. Barker, J. R. D., Norwood High School; 34. Boord, W. G., Adelaide Technical High School; 35. Merkel, A. R., Unley High School; and Alford, G. M., Adelaide Technical High School, equal; 37. Black, T. M., Woodville High School; 38. Keynes, V. M., Muirden College; 39. MacDonald, U. B., Norwood High School.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

From The Register, Friday, January 17, 1879.
A great fire in New York caused damage estimated at 2,000,000 dollars (£400,000).—The building committee of the University of Adelaide has rejected all the tenders for the new buildings.—Professor Tate left Adelaide for Fowler's Bay to ascertain the possibility of opening up the country to the north west by means of artesian wells.

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INTERMEDIATE RESULTS

It was learned yesterday that results of the examination for intermediate honours will not be available for at least a fortnight.

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HOPES TO GO AGAIN TO ANTARCTIC

Sir Douglas Mawson Leaves for England

Sir Douglas Mawson, Professor of Geology at the Adelaide University, left quietly on Thursday for England, on the Orana. Many of his closest friends were unaware of his departure, and only learnt of his going yesterday.

Sir Douglas made no secret of the fact that he was proceeding to England in connection with his projected exploration expedition to the Antarctic, but he gave no definite date of his departure.

In September last Sir Douglas returned from London, and entered into negotiation with the Prime Minister (Mr. Bruce) relative to the financial and other arrangements with the expedition; but it is understood that nothing of a definite nature was agreed upon.

WANTS THE DISCOVERY

When in England, Sir Douglas endeavoured to open up negotiations for the purchase of the Discovery (Capt. Scott's ship), which he desired should convey his party to the Antarctic, but no finality was reached.

Since his return to Australia, however, Dr. Stanley Kemp, director of research of the Discovery expedition, stated that the vessel was not to go south next season, as it was not suitable for the work of marking whales.

How far Sir Douglas Mawson has succeeded in his plans is not known. His mission may still be to secure the Discovery, and, failing that, to make an effort to commission another vessel, if procurable, suitable for the Antarctic seas.

In all probability Sir Douglas will return to Adelaide late in May or early in June.

TROPICAL HYGIENE.

RESEARCH BY SCIENTISTS.

A CURE FOR LEPROSY.

Sydney, January 11.

Dr. R. W. Cilento, the Director of the Division of Tropical Hygiene for the Commonwealth, arrived to-night from Noumea by the La Perouse, accompanied by Dr. Paul Hermant. They have been studying problems of disease in Northern Melanesia, Dr. Cilento representing the British section of the League of Nations and Dr. Hermant the French. For many months they have toured the New Hebrides and New Caledonia, and one of the most interesting places where they conducted research work was at the leper station of Ducos, near Noumea.

"On this island are 100 white people, but many cures have been effected," said Dr. Cilento. "Lepers are cured by the use of chaulmoogra, an oil extracted from a nut grown in Burmah."

Both doctors will shortly make a detailed report of their researches to the League of Nations, which will deal with the possibility of co-ordinating research problems of this nature.