

Mr. Smith added that he took the opportunity when in Canada and the United States to investigate the talkies. He was strongly of opinion that if they were to preserve the purity of the English tongue drastic steps must be taken to keep out of the lands of the Southern Cross those American films which did violence to the Saxon speech. The sincere and successful efforts they were now making in the Australian schools to maintain a high standard of spoken English would fail if their young people heard much of the execrable pronunciation of English which distinguished most of the American talkies to-day. They wanted legislation to enable the censor to exclude all talking pictures which disregarded the canons of pure speech, such as that practised amongst the educated classes in British communities. In the interests of the boys and girls of their land some drastic steps must be taken.

ADV 5-6-29  
GIFT OF £10,000 TO THE UNIVERSITY

At the meeting of the University Council on Friday a letter was read from the Commonwealth Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, suggesting co-operation with the University in establishing the Commonwealth centre for soil research at the Waite Institute. The work would be in charge of Professor Prescott. The latter suggested that if the University would provide the capital for the erection of the laboratories the council would provide the equipment, and be responsible for the cost of the staff required by Professor Prescott, and for maintenance. The chairman of the finance committee (Mr. W. J. Young) read a letter that he had received from Mr. Harold Darling, who says:—"The offer which the Council of Scientific Research has put forward is certainly attractive, and brings the Waite Institute into the foreground as a national institution. It certainly reflects very great credit on the Waite Institute and the name that it has established in so short a time. Soil research is a subject that has not received so far in Australia the attention it deserves. There is a tremendous field to work on, and its study has untold possibilities. Soil after all is the raw material of the agriculturist and pastoralist, and these people should be as familiar with its characteristics as the steel maker is with his raw material. Furthermore, the application of chemical substances to soil is quickly expanding, and it is becoming more and more evident that a study of soil is a positive necessity if Australia is going to range alongside other nations, and also make provision for a larger population. On behalf of my sisters, brothers, and myself I have very much pleasure in conveying to the University that our family is very happy indeed to donate £10,000 to the building in question, and in doing so welcome the chance to in some way help the national work that the University is doing by means of the Waite Institute. May it continue in the way that it is going, and from an Australian reputation expand into an international one." The Chancellor, in accepting the gift on behalf of the University, recalled the previous gift of £15,000 for medical laboratories from the members of the Darling family in honor of their father. It was decided to withhold publication until the Commonwealth Council was informed, and the Minister in charge (Senator Pearce) had approved of the scheme. A telegram was received on Tuesday ratifying the proposal, and consenting to publication.

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Dr. H. Heaton, formerly of Adelaide, has been appointed Professor of Economics at Liverpool University. Dr. Heaton, who is 39 years of age, is a Yorkshireman. He went to Hobart in 1914, and from 1917 to 1925 was Director of Tutorial Classes and Lecturer in Economics at Adelaide University. He then went to America, and there occupied the MacDonald Chair of Economics and Physical Science at the Minnesota University.

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Professor L. G. Melville, who has retired from the position of Public Actuary to fill the chair of economics at the Adelaide University, began his new duties on Tuesday.

NEWS 4-6-29  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE LEVEE

Birthday of King George Celebrated

REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS ATTEND

His Excellency Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, V.C., held a levee at Government House at noon today in honor of the birthday of King George.

A guard of honor from the 27th Battalion was drawn up on the lawn, the officer in charge was Capt. G. A. C. Rogers. The same battalion furnished the band, under Sgt. H. Henstridge. Lieut. A. Saunders carried the King's colors. Punctually at noon His Excellency stepped from Government House and stood at the salute while the National Anthem was played. In attendance were Capt. G. H. Verney (aide-de-camp) and Major D. V. G. Blake (honorary aide-de-camp). The Governor then pinned volunteer medals for long service on Lieut.-Col. A. H. Nelson (officer commanding 18th Light Horse), Lieut.-Col. E. A. H. Russell (Australian Army Medical Corps), Major F. C. Lloyd (48th Battery, Australian Field Artillery), and Chaplain G. T. Walden. The long procession of citizens then filed into the ballroom to pay their respects to the King's representative, Mr. Lezh Winsler (private secretary) announcing the names.

There was a representative gathering of naval, military, ecclesiastical, professional, and commercial men. Members of Adelaide University senate and council and graduates provided a bright note of color in their gowns and hoods, and naval and military officers were resplendent in full uniform and medals. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. Justice Angus Parsons, Surgeon-Commander E. W. Morris, Dr. C. Duguid, Sir Josiah Symon, Mr. W. A. Webb, and Mr. Harrison Weir.

Those who had private entree to the levee were:—  
Sir George Murray (Lieutenant Governor), Hons. R. L. Butler (Premier), H. Tassie (Chief Secretary), H. Homburg (Attorney-General), G. F. Jenkins (Commissioner of Crown Lands), M. McIntosh (Commissioner of Public Works), J. Cowan (Minister of Agriculture), Sir Lancelot Stirling (President of Legislative Council), Hon. G. R. Laffer (Speaker), Sir Edward Lucas, Mr. Justice Angus Parsons, Mr. Justice Napier, Mr. Justice F. W. Richards, Mr. Justice A. W. Piper.  
Hon. J. Gunn, T. Pascoe, M.L.C., W. J. Denny, T. Butterfield, Crawford Vaughan, R. W. Foster, E. W. Coneybeer, L. L. Hill (Leader of the Opposition), J. Verran, G. Ritchie, M.L.C., J. Jelley, M.L.C.  
Commander A. J. Loudoun-Shand (acting naval commandant, Brig.-Gen. O. F. Phillips (military commandant and staff officer), Mr. Lavington Bonython (Lord Mayor).  
Right Rev. Bishop A. Nutter Thomas, Rev. W. Gray (Moderator Presbyterian Assembly), Most Rev. R. W. Spence (Archbishop of Adelaide), Rev. C. E. Tapp (chairman Congregational Union), Rev. W. A. Dunn (president Methodist Conference), Rev. B. E. C. Tuck, B.A. (president Baptist Union), Rev. D. Hirsch (rabbi Hebrew Congregation), Brig. H. Burhop (Salvation Army), and Rev. G. E. Hale, B.A. (Unitarian Church).

Others present were:—  
Messrs. E. Anthoney, M.P., Walter Angel, T. H. Atkinson, Rev. E. A. North Ash, Archdeacon W. J. Russell, Lieut.-Col. M. F. Beavor, Sgt.-Major W. Banning, Rev. K. J. F. Bickersteth, Messrs. W. J. Barker, T. A. Brock, J. Baker, H. A. Braham, W. Barrey (Mayor of Henley and Grange), G. C. Braund, F. B. McBryde, Vere F. Bogle, J. F. Bailey, R. F. Bristowe, S. G. Blackman, H. P. Beaver, G. Hebbert Boykett, Walter Bagot, F. J. Barrett, H. D. Butler, J. E. Brandwood, F. J. Brown (Mayor of Port Adelaide), E. Bradwell, Col. T. A. Brinkworth, Rev. F. Bullock, Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir Wallace Bruce, Canon E. H. Bleby, Drs. Gilbert Brown and Jethro Brown, Messrs. H. Blinman, W. R. Bayly, R. P. Barbour.  
The Hon. J. H. Cooke, M.L.C., Archdeacon A. W. Clappett, Profs. A. L. Campbell and J. B. Cleland, Drs. A. M. Cudmore and C. de Crespigny, Inspector J. Clarke, Messrs. C. F.

J. Crampton, E. T. Collins, A. E. Clarkson, A. H. Champion, T. E. Crompton, G. J. Cowie, W. B. Carr, R. M. Cudmore, E. E. Cleland, K.C., H. C. Cave, H. Currell.  
Brig.-Gen. G. H. Dean, Capt. H. Durant, the Hon. W. G. Duncan, M.L.C., Drs. J. Davidson and Bernard Dawson, Messrs. Kenneth Duffield, T. E. Day, Clifford Deeley, E. Philipps Dancker, H. J. Deebie, F. H. Downer, Dickson, W. S. Dean, F. J. Ditty, C. H. Dewhirst.  
Messrs. F. W. Eardley, J. H. Eaton, Rev. H. P. Finnis, Messrs. Harold Fisher, T. Flint, M. A. Fotheringham, W. H. Foote, E. Frindsdorf, H. J. Finnis, Claude Fisher, and T. F. Fairbrother.  
The Hon. Sir David Gordon, M.L.C., Prof. Kerr Grant, Col. J. C. Genders, Drs. J. E. Gunson, H. Gilbert, Thorold Grant, and Anstey Giles, Messrs. C. R. J. Glover, J. T. Gordon, F. A. Galloway, N. M. G. Grattan, H. O'H. Giles, H. T. Gray, W. J. Gunson, W. H. Gooch, S. A. Gregory.  
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Messrs. W. J. Isbister, K.C., C. M. Ives, G. W. Illingworth, and I. Isaacs.  
Archdeacon G. H. Jose, Rev. J. C. Jennison, Inspector W. F. Johns, Dr. E. Britten Jones and Messrs. Claude G. Jennings, P. E. Johnstone, R. Lockhart Jack, Jolley, C. L. Jessop, Rev. G. W. Kendrew and Mr. J. T. Kevern, Brig.-Gen. R. L. Leane, Major F. C. Lloyd, Messrs. R. F. Leishman, F. A. Lewis, and Frank Lee.  
Prof. Sir William Mitchell, Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C., Drs. Humphrey Makin and R. F. Matters, Messrs. G. McEwin, T. J. Matters, Guy Makin, C. S. A. Middleton, P. S. Messent, R. M. Mudie, J. P. Morice, T. W. McMillan, A. J. Morison, C. C. Mims, C. T. Madigan, E. A. H. Madge, J. E. Morphet, H. P. Moore, A. C. Minchin, Ronald Minchin, Keith Minchin, B. P. Martin, T. E. Mellor, F. E. Meleng, Martens and Dr. A. M. Morgan.  
Sir Henry Newland, Lieut.-Col. A. H. Nelson, Inspector Wylie Nation, and Mr. V. M. Newland, Mr. Gerald O'Dea.  
Judge H. K. Paine, Sir W. Herbert Phillips, Col. J. W. Parsons, Rev. F. Slaney Poole, Dr. J. S. Proctor, Messrs. F. Lancelotti Parsons, F. L. Parker, E. G. Peake, S. Perry, P. B. Angus Parsons, J. B. Pitcher, A. Grenfell Price, W. S. Patterson, and R. A. Paxton.  
Prof. A. E. V. Richardson, Rev. Vivian Roberts, Drs. H. H. E. Russell and E. A. H. Russell, Messrs. A. J. Roberts, N. M. Roberts, W. T. Rofe, F. W. Ralph, B. M. Rolland, W. E. Rogers, G. S. Reed, E. J. Ramsay, J. A. Riley, C. M. Reid, W. G. Randall, C. W. Reeves, V. H. Ryan, A. N. Boupell.  
Lieut.-Commander O. Symon, Capt. W. H. Sheppard, Drs. A. F. Stokes, Brian Swift, Bronie Smeaton, F. Steele Scott, Messrs. A. T. Sutton, M.P., J. M. Souter, J. P. Steels, T. N. Stephens, F. N. Simpson, G. B. Sheridan, A. E. Simpson, G. E. Sunter, F. G. Scarfe, Claude H. Smith, J. J. Sharp, T. E. Barr Smith, N. Solomons, R. B. Stuckey, A. A. Simpson, W. H. Selway, J. W. Sutherland (Mayor of Glenelg), B. J. Sellick (Mayor of Unley), C. A. E. Sullivan, S. Talbot Smith, W. D. Shennan, W. J. M. Sedgley.  
Major H. G. Tolley, Capt. C. M. Thomas, Inspector Trotter, Messrs. W. G. Templeton, W. G. Thomas, W. J. P. Taylor, D. P. Thomas (Mayor of Kensington and Norwood), R. W. Thomas, O. R. Turner, John Tassie, J. N. Taylor.  
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The Hon. H. J. Yelland, M.L.C. (Western Australia), Messrs. W. J. Young, T. E. Yelland, and G. Yeomans.

REG 5-6-29  
POPULAR TASTE ATTACKED

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DR. DAVIES URGES PROGRESS

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"And we are all apt to be misled and taken in by appearances, and by noisy claims in every kind of sham that men can devise for profit."  
Dr. Davies said there was very much cant and hypocrisy in current comments on books, pictures, and music. "I advise you," he said, "to ask yourself, 'Do I truly admire this? Do I really feel it to be good or bad? Or am I merely judging through the eyes or the feelings of others?'"

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