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Mr. John Reynolds, of Balliol College, Oxford, a South Australian Rhodes Scholar, has been awarded the Herbertson prize for the best collections (examinations) done by a commoner before the final schools in June. Mr. Reynolds will complete his examinations in July, and will sail for Adelaide to be acting master of St. Mark's College.

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Do Sun Spots Cause Crime?

(“News” Special Representative)

PARIS, April 18. SUN spots are to blame for the world-wide crime wave, according to Dr. Maurice Faure, president of the Mediterranean Coast Medical Society. He is superintending the founding of a research institute at Nice to study sun spots and other solar phenomena.

Adelaide Professor Has Doubts: Doctor, Too

“I am profoundly sceptical that sun spots cause any abnormal behaviour by human beings,” said Prof. Kerr Grant, of Adelaide University, when shown this cable.

“It has not even been established with certainty that definite climatic variations are associated with sun-spot frequency, although there is some evidence for such a belief.”

Prof. Grant said that sun spots were immense cyclonic disturbances in the outer atmosphere of the sun. They were usually, if not always, accompanied by the emission of streams of radiation probably corpuscular in character, which occasionally enveloped the earth and gave rise to intense magnetic disturbances, sometimes so powerful as to interfere with the operation of telegraph lines.

Simultaneously these radiations caused brilliant aurora displays extending often to latitudes much lower than those in which the aurora was customarily seen. Such a magnetic stream produced an aurora display, which was witnessed in South Australia in 1909.

An Adelaide doctor also regarded the claim of Dr. Faure as fantastical. There were many other things which could be blamed for the world-wide crime wave, he said.

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Dr. A. C. Savage has been appointed honorary anaesthetist to the Adelaide Hospital in place of Dr. F. R. Hone, who has resigned, and Dr J. W. Browne has been appointed medical officer to the tuberculosis clinic.

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Letters patent of knighthood were presented to Sir William Goodman by the Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven) at Government House yesterday morning.

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PUBLIC EXAMINATION FEES

School Committees Want Reduction

That the fees charged candidates by the University at the public examinations are far too high, and that an endeavor be made to have them reduced, was a motion submitted by the executive at the half-yearly meeting of the Public Schools Committees' Association last night. It was also moved that the children of unemployed be examined free of charge.

In submitting the motion, Mr. Nicass, M.P., said that many parents could not afford to pay the fees, and the result might be the loss to the community of a student who might have developed into a brilliant scholar.

Mr. W. A. Sutherland seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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University Council to Discuss Examination Fees

The acting registrar at the Adelaide University (Mr. A. W. Bampton) said this afternoon that an enquiry had been received from the Education Department about fees charged by the University for the public examinations.

A motion was passed last night by the Public Schools Committees' Association that these fees were too high, and should be reduced. Mr. Bampton said that the department's enquiry would be considered by the University Council.

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EXAMINATION FEES

University To Consider

Parents who find it difficult to pay the fees charged by the University for the intermediate, leaving, and leaving honors examinations expressed approval yesterday of the action taken by the conference of school committees towards having them reduced.

Enquiries at the University revealed that a request, similar to that made by the conference of school committees, has already been received by the Council of the University from a school committee. This will be dealt with shortly. It is understood that the fees charged in South Australia are on a similar scale to those obtaining in other States.

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Conservatorium Organ Recital

For Mr. John Horner's lunch hour organ recital, the hall of the Elder Conservatorium was thronged yesterday.

After a superb rendering of the Bach B minor prelude, in which its ethereal beauty was richly revealed, Handel's melodious “Berenice” minuet was effectively played.

Two allegro movements from Tchaikowsky's “Symphonie pathétique” afforded opportunities of vivid tone coloring and felicitous phrasing, of which Mr. Horner fully availed himself. He also rendered the Marcel Dupre B major prelude and fugue.

Miss Marjorie Walsh's singing of the Bach-Gounod “Ave Maria” to the pianoforte accompaniment of Miss Gwen Paul and the violin obligato of Mr. Harry Hutchins was well received.

Mr. Horner's programme next Thursday will include “Carillon” (Elgar), and Mendelssohn's first organ sonata.

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Says Universities Should Be Cultural Centres

“FOR economic factors to become the masters of the situation is fatal to society, as we see throughout the world today. Society must be the master of its own economics or it is doomed,” said Mr. D. K. Picken, master of Ormond College, Melbourne University, at a luncheon of the Adelaide University Men's Union today.

“The object of economics should be an understanding of morals and the whole social organisation,” added Mr. Picken.

“Students must get more out of university life than professional training for a place in the world market,” said Mr. Picken. “It is the operation of selfish ambition that has brought civilisation into its present perilous state.”

“Universities should not be merely a collection of technical schools—they should concern themselves mainly in co-operation in the pursuit of truth.”

Mr. Picken said that the present system

of examinations and low pass marks often meant giving people qualifications for bad work, whereas work done by students should be as nearly perfect as possible.

A European movement “to build universities into the life of the nations and develop them as true centres of culture intimately related to the realities of international, economic, and social life,” was described by Mr. Picken.

“Entitled the International Students' Service,” said Mr. Picken, “the movement is working throughout Europe for the understanding and achievement of the three-fold functions of the universities as the centres of the national culture of the peoples of the world, the cultural interpreters of the peoples to one another, and the expression of the essential oneness of mankind.”

The luncheon was the first of a series under the auspices of the University Men's Union, at which prominent men will speak.

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Professorship “Turned Down”

A UNIVERSITY professorship is the crowning ambition of almost every literary man. Few can attain it, and fewer still can say that they have declined it when offered. Mr. Charles Jury refused.

The “chair” of English literature had been a long-standing want at Adelaide University until it was endowed by Mrs. G. A. Jury about 10 years ago, in honor of her husband—it can hardly be said “in memory,” for he lived on till two weeks ago. Their son Charles, after being badly wounded in the war—his only brother was killed—had taken an honors degree at Oxford, and published several volumes of scholarly verse. He would doubtless have made a worthy professor, and the University gave him the first offer of the new post, but he preferred producing literature to teaching it, and the late Sir Archibald Strong was brought over from Melbourne to fill the chair.