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**DEVOTED LIFE  
TO SCIENCE**

**Tribute to Sir  
E. David  
"LOVABLE MAN"**

(By Sir Douglas Mawson)

The death of Sir Edgeworth David has removed an inspiring and lovable character, revered throughout the Commonwealth and overseas.

The guiding star in his life was a passion for the progress of knowledge. To this work he devoted tireless energy of mind and body. This "grand old man" of Australian geology devoted a lifetime to the advancement of his own subject, and rendered very valuable service in his relations to science in general.

For more than 40 years he was prominent in the activities of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science.

In geology he was always a patron and helper of younger and less eminent men. During his term of office at Sydney University he built up a school of geology famous throughout the world.

His own researches not only served to advance geological knowledge in Australia, but helped materially to develop a great section of the coal resources of New South Wales. He added industry worth millions of pounds to the resources of the Commonwealth.

Sir Edgeworth David's restless energy took him to the Antarctic when he was 50—a time when most men would be avoiding such enterprises.

**LOYAL AND PATRIOTIC**

His example and wise counsel on that first Shackleton expedition undoubtedly assisted materially to ensure the success achieved on that occasion. Sir Edgeworth was foremost in securing a rich harvest of scientific facts from that practically unknown region.

Loyalty and patriotism were always strong points of his character. During the war years his zeal for scientific enquiry was subordinated to the needs of his country.

Unfortunately since then he had to contend with the results of a serious wound received in France.

The last years of his life were entirely devoted to correlating the accumulated knowledge of the geology of Australia. His was the master mind to arrange the harvest of geological facts.

At the time of his death he was finalising an epoch-making three-volume work the culmination of a lifetime's efforts in the cause of Australian geology.

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**And Ten Years Ago**

SESSIONS of the Science Congress ended in Adelaide yesterday. The most important business transacted was the decision to establish an Australasian Economic Society.

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**MIDDAY ORGAN RECITALS**

The first of a series of six midday organ recitals at the Elder Hall was given by Mr. John Horner yesterday. Mr. Horner opened with Fantasia and Fugue on B.A.C.H. (Liszt) and followed with a song tune from "Pensant Cantate" (J. S. Bach). Two numbers by one of Bach's sons, "Les Longueurs Tendres" and "La Complaisante," were charming pieces, and "Villanelle" (John Ireland) and "Tuba Tune" (Norman Cocker) were also delightfully played. Miss Margaret Pirie provided an enjoyable interlude with "Pans Angelicus" (Franck), in which she was assisted by Miss Topsy Doenau at the piano, and Mrs. Savage, cellist, as well as Mr. Horner at the organ.

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The vice-chancellor of the University of Adelaide (Sir William Mitchell), the director of the Elder Conservatorium (Dr. E. Harold Davies), the president of the Adelaide University Union (Professor H. J. Wilkinson), the precursor of St. Peter's Cathedral (the Rev. H. P. Pinnis), Mr. Arthur Brewin, of Magdalen College, Oxford, and Mr. John Horner, of the Elder Conservatorium, were present at a luncheon tendered to Dr. Sydney Nicholson, former organist of Westminster Abbey, in the Adelaide University refectory yesterday.

S.A. Graduate In Japan

ANOTHER South Australian who has done well abroad is Mr. Charles Francis Stephens, who recently retired from the N.Y.K. Shipping Company after 14 years' service at the head office in Tokyo. Mr. Stephens, who is a grandson of the late John Stephens, a former editor and proprietor of "The Register," was born at Mount Pleasant, and educated at Prince Alfred College. He took his B.Sc. degree at Adelaide University in 1897, and, winning a Burdett-Coutts scholarship, went to Oxford, where he graduated



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The medical registrar of the Adelaide Hospital (Dr. J. M. Dwyer) has resigned, and will begin private practice in the near future. He has been a member of the hospital staff for five years and a half. Colleagues at the hospital assembled this week to wish him success.

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**LAND FOR RECREATION  
GROUND**

**Charities To Benefit From  
Will**

Probate was granted yesterday of the will of Mrs. Eleanor Davies Thomas, of Blackwood. The estate is valued, subject to deductions for debts and other liabilities, at £53,677. Executors of the will are Messrs. Guy St. John Makin and Royden George Bullock, of Adelaide.

**Gifts To Charities**

The sum of £500 is left to the Synod of the Church of England in the diocese of Adelaide as the nucleus of an endowment fund for payment of the stipends of clergy in connection with St. Peter's Cathedral, or towards its upkeep. To the officers, St. John's Church of England at Coromandel Valley, is left £200 for its general purposes, £200 to assist in the erection of a new church at Blackwood, and £200 to be applied when the building of it begins. The sum of £100 each is left to the Anglican Home Mission Society, the Adelaide Diocesan Mission Society, St. Margaret's Convalescent Home, Semaphore, and the Mission to Seamen, Port Adelaide; £200 is left to Adelaide University to augment its Davies Thomas scholarship, and £30 to the Blackwood branch of the Mothers' Union. Certain land at Blackwood is left to the District Council of Mitcham for the purposes of a public recreation ground.

**Debts Released**

Mrs. Thomas's will also provides that all debts up to £30 due to her at her death by any persons residing within five miles of the Blackwood Post Office are to be released. The trustees are empowered to carry on or sell the sheepfarming business known as "Koonoon Proprietors" in which Mrs. Thomas was interested. A number of pecuniary legacies are left to relatives and friends. Mrs. Thomas's motor cars are left to her sister, Lopia Caroline Makin, and other articles, including some old Swansea china and a letter written by Lord Nelson, are left to the daughters of Mrs. Thomas's brother-in-law, Mr. J. E. Thomas.

The residuary estate is left to relatives.

**Miss Hilda Gill Praised By  
Continental Teachers**

In a recent letter to the Director of the Elder Conservatorium (Dr. Harold Davies), Miss Hilda Gill gives some interesting news of her musical experiences on the Continent. After several weeks of work in London with Elena Gerhardt, whose fame as an exponent and teacher of "Lieder" is world-wide, Miss Gill has gone to Salzburg, where she is continuing her studies with the equally well known von Warlich. Madame Gerhardt speaks of her "wonderful voice and great gift of interpretation," while von Warlich characterises her work as of "a fine spiritual sensitiveness." Miss Gill says that later she will go to Paris for an intensive study of French songs, and will return to Adelaide to recommence work in the second term next year.

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**University Architect**

MRS. Mary M. Johns, of Glynde road, Firie, writes to tell me that her father, William McMinn, designed the original Adelaide University. She has a drawing of the porch as it would be when completed. "There are four niches that at present are empty, though the base for the statues is in each," Mrs. Johns adds. "It would be a great improvement to the porch if the statues were put in. I have mentioned the empty niches to several people, and they had noticed them, but it did not occur to them that they were there for any practical use." The other day I attributed the design of the present Supreme Court to Mr. McMinn. It was the late Mr. R. G. Thomas, Government Architect at the time, who designed it. Mr. Pitt, of the Archives Department, tells me that Mr. McMinn was a Government draughtsman from August, 1885, and Mr. Thomas was appointed Assistant Architect from July 2, 1886. Plans were prepared before Mr. Thomas's appointment, but these were amended from time to time, and in December, 1886, a tender for the construction of the building was accepted.

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**£100 FOR RESEARCH  
WORK**

**Gift To University By  
Associated Smelters**

A gift of £100 for research purposes has been received by the Council of the University of Adelaide from the Broken Hill Associated Smelters Ltd. The gift is in appreciation of the investigation of Professor C. S. Hicks and other members of the staff into a preparation for the treatment of one of the company's staff, who is suffering from Addison's disease. The amount will be devoted to further research in the Department of Biochemistry.

A letter received by the University Council from the acting general superintendent of the company states:—

"We desire to record our appreciation of the investigation conducted by Professor Hicks and other members of the staff of the University of Adelaide in connection with the production and use of the preparation 'cortin' in the treatment of one of this company's staff, who is suffering from Addison's disease.

"The understanding conveyed to us is that this investigation opens a field of more than local interest, in that there is a possibility that the information obtained may be of considerable importance in combating this particular disease, for which no successful cure is at present on record.

"Having regard to these circumstances, and to the fact that the welfare of one of the company's staff members is bound up with the successful development of this method of treatment, the board of directors has authorised the payment of £100 to the University of Adelaide in connection with this matter."

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Mr. Cyril G. Whibley, an engineering graduate of the Adelaide University, who left Adelaide for England on February 7, 1929, for further experience in electrical undertakings, is returning by the Baradine, due Outer Harbor on Saturday. He has been with Metropolitan Vickers Ltd., of Manchester, and A. Reyrolle & Co., of Hebburn-on-Tyne. During the last 18 months he has been installation and technical engineer for Reyrolle & Co. in connection with the S. E. England Grid scheme, operating within a radius of 30 miles of London.

**Midday Organ Recital At  
Elder Hall**

In his midday organ recital at the Elder Hall yesterday, Mr. John Horner, ably aided by Mr. H. Sparbier (drums), played in brilliant fashion the Karg-Elert "Jerusalem" toccata. In an excerpt from the "Harpichord Concerto" by Falla, the piano part was adroitly played by Mr. David Cox. Mr. Horner was also heard to advantage in Falla's "Fishermen's Song" and "Pantomime," and the Vaughan Williams C minor prelude.

At the recital on September 13, which will include the Bach prelude and fugue in G and Quilter's "Children's Overture," Miss Rita Nelson will sing.

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**JOSEPH FISHER LECTURE**

The Joseph Fisher Lecture in Commerce for 1934 will be given by Mr. L. G. Melville, Economic Adviser to the Commonwealth Bank, on September 26, in the Brookman Hall at the School of Mines. The subject will be Gold Standards or Goods Standards. Tickets may be obtained at the University Office. The foundation provides for the printing of the lecture, which subsequently will be distributed free.

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**Education at the University**

IN the latest issue of the "Varsity Ragge," the chairman of the University Labor Club (Mr. R. W. Davis) has this to say about the university student:—

"The university student, we are constantly being told, and, no doubt, some of us will believe it, is being trained to take an intelligent and a responsible part in the life of the community. The general public looks to him as a leader in professional and public life. Yet is this being done?"

"Our university system seems calculated to produce merely a stereotyped model youth. He is treated and thought of as irresponsible and unable to think and act for himself. His studies, with a few notable exceptions, are strictly defined and rigidly adhered to. In short, the university is to all intents and purposes nothing but an advanced school where more latitude is allowed the student.

"One well-meaning gentleman is reported to have said to a group of students that he expected to see a young university student, a socialist, later becoming more mature and conservative. Perhaps the truth is that he likes to see students active and energetic, but seriously thinking about anything. His attitude is characteristic of our university."

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**FISHER LECTURE ON  
SEPTEMBER 26**

**Mr. Melville to Speak**

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The Joseph Fisher Lecture in Commerce and the Joseph Fisher Medal were established in April, 1903, following a grant of £1,000 by Mr. Joseph Fisher to the Adelaide University. The medal is awarded annually to the candidate for the diploma in commerce considered by the examiners to be the most distinguished.

A lecture on a subject relating to commerce, called the Joseph Fisher Lecture, is delivered every alternate year, and subsequently published and distributed free of cost.

There have been many distinguished Fisher lecturers, including Sir David Gordon (1914), Prof. R. F. Irvine (1917), Prof. D. B. Copland (1921), Sir Henry Braddon (1925), Mr. S. M. Bruce (1927), Prof. R. C. Mills (1929), Prof. T. E. G. Gregory (1930), and Mr. A. C. Davidson (1932).

Winners of the Fisher Medal since 1929 have been Edith M. Pentelow, Dorothy M. Wright, Richard B. Daborn, Harry Adams, and Donald Kerr Kumnick.