

Overseers of Learning

THE governing body of Adelaide University is particularly strong and well-balanced. From the law it gets Chief Justice Murray (its chancellor), Judge Parsons, and K.C.s. Isbister and Thomson. Education experts are the vice-chancellor (Sir William Mitchell, originally a professor), Profs. Chapman, Kerr Grant, Mawson, and McKellar Stewart, and Messrs. Adey, Bickersteth, Bayly, and Grenfell Price. The doctors are F. S. Hone, Cudmore, Ray, and Helen Mayo (the only woman ever on the council). The financial experts are Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir William Goodman, Sir Walter Young, and Mr. T. E. Barr Smith. All these have been elected by the graduates; but Parliament adds five of its own members, who are at present the Hon. W. H. Harvey and G. Ritchie, and Messrs. Anthony, Dawes, and Warne.

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Public Administration Scholarships

Four scholarships tenable for one year at the University of Adelaide for the diploma of public administration were awarded at a meeting of the council of the Institute of Public Administration last night. Those chosen were:—Messrs. C. F. Jeffery (Police Department), R. D. King and A. G. Pickering (Statistical Department), and H. Wiltoughby (Railways Department). The following were also admitted to the institute:—Messrs. P. Cruickshank as associate member, and W. A. West and H. C. Malin as associates.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

From "The Advertiser," February 27, 1882.

REPLYING to a request by the University of Adelaide authorities that their graduates might, like those of Sydney and Melbourne, be admitted to degree examinations without matriculating, the London University registrar declares this cannot be allowed. It is not questioned that Adelaide degrees are of equal value to the others, but any extension of privileges granted to Australian universities is deemed undesirable.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

From "The Advertiser," March 2, 1882

UNIVERSITY affairs are attracting much attention in Adelaide. The new building, which has been for so long in process of construction, is now complete. The calendar for the current year has been issued, and contains details of the newly-arranged curriculum. Hints have been given that a move will shortly be made to establish faculties of law and medicine.

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SCIENCE CONGRESS

The Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science will hold its twenty-first conference in Sydney in August. This will be the first of such meetings to be held in Sydney since 1911. It will be presided over by Sir Hubert Murray (Lieutenant-Governor of Papua), and it is expected that it will be attended by more than 1,000 delegates, including a number from South Australia. The previous meeting of the association was held in Brisbane in May, 1930, when nearly 50 delegates attended from South Australia. Since then the British Association has celebrated its centenary, which was attended by 10 delegates from Australia, including Professors Chapman and Kerr Grant, and Dr. C. Fenner, from Adelaide. Details of the forthcoming meeting may be obtained from Mr. R. S. Burdon, at the Adelaide University.

CONSERVATORIUM POLICY FOR COMING SEASON

Examination Board To Meet In Adelaide

A comprehensive policy for the forthcoming musical season was outlined yesterday by the director of the Elder Conservatorium (Professor Harold Davies). The season will be opened with the customary social on Monday, March 14, when the director will deliver an address dealing with the probable effects of mechanised music on the future of the art. There will be the usual series of chamber music concerts, at least two staff concerts, a winter series of 20 midday organ recitals on Thursdays by Mr. John Horner, and two performances—one popular and one classical—by the opera class.

Afternoon Chamber Music

A departure will be a series of chamber music recitals between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m. These will last nine weeks in the second term, and will probably be held on Tuesdays. The object of these recitals is to spread a wider knowledge of the beauties of quartet playing. Works by Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven will be presented.

Between June and July there will be three recitals of examination music. This will be demonstrated by Mr. I. G. Reimann, Miss Maude Puddy, and Mr. George Pearce. They will cover all the music set for the six grades of examinations. These demonstrations will be broadcast for the benefit of country teachers.

At the end of April the annual conference of the Australia Music Examinations Board will be held in Adelaide. The delegates will include Dr. Arundel Orchard, from the Sydney Conservatorium, and Professor Bernard Heinze, of Melbourne.

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PROF. RICHARDSON MAY GO TO OTTAWA

Adviser On Marketing At Conference

Canberra, March 2.

The Director of the Waite Institute of South Australia (Professor A. E. V. Richardson) will probably be selected to accompany Messrs. Bruce and Gullett to the Ottawa delegation as adviser on marketing problems, and as representative of the export industries.



It is expected that two Customs officials, one of whom will be the Deputy Controller-General (Mr. Abbott) and the other a junior officer with tariff experience, will also be taken. Mr. Abbott accompanied Mr. Scullin to the Imperial Conference last year, and is in charge of the tariff section of the central Customs administration.

To assist Mr. Bruce, when he takes over in London as Australian Minister, one of the senior officials of the Treasury or the Prime Minister's Department may be sent from Australia. The Commonwealth financial adviser in London, Mr. Collins, lacks an intimate touch with the internal financial position.

When Mr. Bruce becomes Resident Minister representing the Commonwealth in London, the expenses caused by his appointment will not exceed those incurred now by the High Commissioner's office.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Lyons) gave this assurance in the House of Representatives to Mr. Ward (Lang Group).

Mr. Lyons said all the details of the cost would appear in the Budget.

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ST. MARK'S BURSARIES

The council of St. Mark's College has awarded residential bursaries for 1932, as follows:—Harold Fisher No. 1, Mr. J. H. Gray (medicine); Poole prize, Mr. T. S. Dorsch (arts); Harold Fisher No. 2, Mr. J. H. Padman (arts); Pauline Hayward bursary, Mr. N. F. Polkinghorne (arts); college bursaries, Mr. C. A. P. Boundy (science), and Mr. J. J. Pritchard (medicine). Messrs. Gray, Dorsch, Padman, Polkinghorne, and Boundy gained credits in the University examinations last November. Mr. Pritchard gained first place in St. Peter's College, and first place in the leaving honors examination last year.

STRIKING FEATURES OF £34,000 LIBRARY

Barr Smith Generosity Acknowledged

An exterior of red brick and Murray Bridge stone (in the developed English renaissance style of the time of Sir Christopher Wren), a basilica-type interior, with nave and aisles, and a coffered ceiling of striking beauty in which gold is the dominant decorative tone, characterises the new Barr Smith Library at Adelaide University, which will be opened by the Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven) tomorrow.

The building, which is situated at the rear of the University grounds, and overlooks the Jubilee Oval towards Frome road, comprises a lofty reading hall, containing 15,000 volumes, and, at its rear, executive offices, map room, professors' club room, and stack rooms ranged over three storeys. A feature of the construction is the provision for maximum light—even the basement stack rooms are at natural light level—and besides continuous windowing on three sides of the main hall, there is clerestory lighting in which the light is brought down from the roof through dormer windows.

Striking Friezes

The main hall is entered through a columned portico and bronze-panelled doors, and has the largest floor area of all the University buildings. The vaulted ceiling, clerestory groins, and aisle ceilings are finished in ivory and gold, with an overglaze of light brown to intensify the relief, and a reticulated background of soft green. Two strikingly beautiful terrazzo friezes—using pink and yellow marble in the mosaic style as a background, and with Latin inscriptions in green marble acknowledging the beneficence of Mr. Robert Barr Smith and Mr. Tom Elder Barr Smith—run the length of the hall on either side, at the base of the nave ceiling. Ochre-tinted plaster is used for the walled side of the hall, below which, and below the windows, are the book-shelves.

The nave is lined by parallel groups of ten columns, and on the inner side, opposite the portico, is the reception desk, backed by a light well of special construction, around which the executive offices are clustered. Artificial lighting in the main hall is by brass chandeliers of Adelaide manufacture. An unusual feature is the provision of footwarmers to all reading desks, each being controlled by a separate switch at the reception desk. At the rear of the building an automatic elevator has been installed.

Cost £34,000

Mr. Walter H. Bagot (architect) said yesterday that the dimensions of the main hall—the height of which varies from 23 feet to 37 feet—were multiples of a common factor, namely, the width of an individual bay or compartment. Similar architectural style and material were to be found in Wren's work at Hampton Court and Kensington Palace, London. The total cost of the building was approximately £34,000.

The library contains nearly 100,000 books. Complete files of "The Advertiser" and the "Register," going back to the foundation of the State, have been presented by Advertiser Newspapers, Limited.

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The death occurred at Wonthaggi, Victoria, on Monday, of Mr. J. D. Connor, who was principal for some years of the Wonthaggi Technical School. Before going to Wonthaggi Mr. Connor was employed in the Mines Department of South Australia, and while so engaged was sent to the United States to make special enquiries. After his return he joined the Victorian Department, and before taking charge at Wonthaggi was principal of the Footscray Technical School.

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In Executive Council yesterday, Mr. J. C. Marshall was appointed chairman of the Fauna and Flora Board, Dr. Angus Johnson not having sought re-nomination. Dr. A. M. Morgan (nominated by the Adelaide University) and Mr. J. H. Gosse (nominated by the Minister of Agriculture) were appointed members of the board.

BARR SMITH LIBRARY

Governor Opens Building

There was an impressive scene in the Barr Smith Library, Adelaide University, this afternoon, when the Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, V.C.) declared open the building in the presence of a picturesque garbed gathering of guests, in which the academic dress of professors and others mingled with colored gowns of women and the more sombre attire of men.

The library, which was erected to the memory of Mr. Robert Barr Smith, by Mr. T. E. Barr Smith (his son), cost £34,000, and already houses 15,000 volumes. The Chief Justice and Chancellor of the University (Sir George Murray) addressed the gathering and asked the Governor to declare the building open. The chairman of the University Library Council (Prof. Wilton), and the honorary librarian (Prof. Fitzherbert) moved and seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Barr Smith, whose generosity made possible the fine structure.

After the ceremony the building was inspected by the guests, and a number of trees were planted in the gardens opposite the western entrance. Later afternoon tea was provided in the refectory.