N swo 8-2-33 'UNNECESSARY TO STUDY ABROAD'

Professor Praises Our Universities

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LONDON, February 7.

"The standard of the Australian Universities is so high that it is absolutely

unnecessary Australians to study abroad unless they want special degrees unobtainable in Australia," said Prof. R. S. Wallace, vice-chancellor of the Sydney University, today.

As a member of Australian Broadcasting Commission, he has been touring Britain, and will sail for the United States in a few days.

Prof. Wallace A tour of the British universities convinced him of how good the Australian universities are.

He said doctors could secure soundest training in Australia. He had not seen any university offering students such practical experience as Sydney. where a great hospital was attached to the medical school. The Australian universities had finer and better planned surroundings than any in Britain, except Oxford and Cambridge.

While in England Prof. Wallace stayed with Prof. Wilson, who is interested in the details of the Rockefeller bequest, which promises great achievements in medical research. He intends to report the progress of the work to the Sydney Rockefeller authorities.

Adv. 8-2-33 ST. PETER'S HEAD RESIGNS

Appointed To Old English School

14 YEARS IN S.A.



Rev. K. J. F. Bickersteth

After 14 years as headmaster of St. Peter's College, the Rev. K. J. F. Bickersteth has resigned to accept the headmastership of Felsted School, Essex, an important English public school, founded in 1564.

Mr. Bickersteth will not leave his present post until the middle of the of the military forces in South Aus-

The chairman of the board of governors (Archdeacon Jose) said last night that the resignation had come as a surprise to a meeting of the with regret and appreciation of all Mr. Bickersteth had done for St. Peter's. Mr. Bickersteth himself received news of the English appoint-

This is the first instance of the cadmaster of an Australian school being appointed directly to the charge

of an important English public school. "I shall be very sorry to leave St. Peter's and South Australia," said Mr. Bickersteth yesterday. 'It will be an overwhelming parting, for I have a great admiration for the Australian boy, who, I have always contended, is the finest material among the youth of the world today, and in no way inferior to the elder brothers and parents who shouldered the responsibilitles and dangers of the Great War.

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Schools Need Changes

"I do not think that it is good for any particular school to have the same headmaster for too long." Mr. Bickersteth continued. "I felt that after 14 years I should make a change. I am returning to England not because I am tired of Australia or anxious to leave, but because I feel that I have a contribution to make to English education from my experience in Australia, which may be of value to the old country."

Mr. Bickersteth last visited England in 1931, on the occasion of the golden jubilee of his parents' wedding. During his stay he received an invitation to a garden party at Buckingham Palace and was presented to the King as representing South Australia. His father, Dr. Samuel Bickersteth, Residentiary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral, is honorary chaplain to the King.

Historic English School

Felstead School was founded 1564 by Richard, first Baron Rich, Lord Chancellor of England. situated in a village ten miles from Chelmsford. Four sons of Oliver Cromwell, including Richard (the Protector) were educated there. a distinguished record in the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries, Felsted rose to fame from 1851, when, research having shown that a larger income was really due the foundation, a reorganisation took place by Act of Parliament. Under the new governing body, new buildings on an elaborate scale wers erected, the number of scholars was increased, and Felsted took its place among the well known English public schools. The present chairman of the board is Mr. S. Courtauld. At present Felsted has between three and four hundred students.

Distinguished Career

Mr. Bickersteth was born in 1885 at Ripon. Yorkshire, and was educated at Summer Fields School (Oxford) Rugby, and Christ Church College, After having taken his M.A. degree at Oxford, he travelled extensively in the East before going to Wells Theological College to prepare for ordination.

He served a curacy at Rugby, England, for three years before being appointed chaplain and senior history master at Melbourne Grammar School in 1912. Failing at the outbreak of the wa rto obtain immediate appointment as a chaplain in the A.I.F., Mr. Bickersteth went from Melbourne to England, where he was given a chaplaincy with the British Expeditionary Force in France in 1915. For his services he was awarded the M.C. and was decorated with his brother, J. B. (who had won the same honor with the Royal Dragoons) by the King at Buckingham Palace. One of his brothers, G. L., is senior reader in English at Glasgow University, and is a J. George, who was for some time head noted Italian scholar. The younger master of the Walkerville Public School. brother, J. B., is now warden of Hart House College in Toronto University, Canada,

Sound Administration

Taking charge of St. Peter's in 1919, Mr. Bickersteth reorganised the school in the important post-war years to meet modern educational needs. Success of the students in University examinations and on the athletic field has indicated the soundness of his administration. In the depression, the roll of St. Peters' has dropped only from about 700 four years ago to about 600 this year. During his headmastership, the school buildings were largely augmented, the Memorial Hall having been the most striking addition. From the first, Mr. Bickersteth was eager to retain the chapel as the centre of the life of the school.

Mr. Bickersteth was one of the founders of St. Mark's College. He organised the first Headmasters' Conference for Australian Anglican schools five years ago. Out of this mesters of the chief denominational echools of the Commonwealth, which will mast in Sydney in May.

Mr. Bickersteth is senior chaplain year. He will take charge of Felstead tralia, and has attended many camps. He has been a member of the Adelaide University Council since 1920, serving on the educational committee and various sub-committees, particu-

larly those connected with school examinations. He is president of the

Royal Society of St. George.

Adv. 8-2-33 X Site Of Bonython Hall

From "Country Graduate":- I am sorry to see that the University authorities have decided that the Bonython Hall shall be built on the site between the Elder Hall and the Exhibition Building. It seems to me that there will be a further sad instance of the overcrowding which is a deplorable feature of North terrace. The buildings, with their strikingly various styles of architecture, remind one of a row of specimens in a museum, lined up with a view to the greatest economy of space. In the sketch in "The Advertiser" on Saturday the architect has achieved an effect of spaciousness and has suggested a setting of trees, which the building is not likely to have in reality. There is also the inartistic juntaposition of two large halls-or three, with the Exhibition Buildinginviting comparisons. I know it is proposed to demolish the Exhibition Building some time hence, but probably the building will remain for a good many decades, and then, most likely, it will be reconstructed. I have an idea that the proposed site for Bonython Hall has been chosen because it is "one of the finest sites in Adelaide." Doubtless it is-for a building in frequent use for large public gatherings. But a busy intersection is hardly the place for a "contemplative" building such as Bonython Hall is intended to be. Wilson Hall in Melbourne University, and the Great Hall of Sydney University, are made more impressive by their calm seclusion. I suggest that a better site could be found for the hall down near Frome road, perhaps on the land at present encumbered with those ugly sheds, or perhaps even on the old Exhibition grounds on the eastern side of Frome road. There it would be possible to give it the space it deserves, and it would not "fight" with the Elder

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Mr. William Mallinson, of the Melbourne University Conservatorium, has been appointed an examiner for the public examinations in music conducted by the Australian Music Examinations Board.

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DR. M. GEORGE DIES AT SEA

PERTH, Thursday, - Dr. Mildred George, a well-known Adelaide doctor. who was for some years a resident doctor at the Adelaide Hospital, died suddenly while between Fremantle and Durban on the steamer Ascanius.

Dr. George was a graduate of the Adelaide University, and after serving several years at the Adelaide Hospital, went to Perth, where she opened a successful practice. She returned to Adelaide last March on a vacation. She had been in ill health for some time, and was then advised by her cousin Mrs. S. L. Dawkins to take a sea voyage.

The doctor was the daughter of Mr. W.

Hav. 13-2-33

MELBOURNE, February 12. Setback to Research

One unexpected result of recent economic conditions is the announcement that the staff of the Baker Medical Research Institute has received notice. The institute is conducted in association with the Alfred Hospital. and it was established and financed by Mr. Thomas Baker, of Kodak, Last year it spent £7,126, including £5,564 in salaries and wages. Of its income of £7,581, nearly £3,000 had been carried forward from the previous year, and £4,000 came from the Baker benefactions. Recent years have been difficult for trusts, and this time, it is said, an adequate sum will not be available for the institute. An attempt will be made to carry on with at least a skeleton staff.

It is an unfortunate situation. The institute, directed by Dr. W. J. Penhas grown a conference of the head- fold, former director of the Commonwealth serum laboratories, has done admirable research work. Only last week it was announced that important results of investigations into the cause of diseases of infants were about to be described by two of its workers. If the work of the institute is to be largely curtailed, as at present seems inevitable, it will be a serious setback to research in Australia,

Adv. 13-2-33 FIFTY YEARS AGO

From "The Advertiser," February 13, 1883

WHILE our chief educational institution located in inconvenient hired chambers among the lawyers offices in Victoria square, with no proper laboratory or library, it was hardly to be expected that its progress would be very rapid. Since the University building on North terrace was opened on April 5, 1882, the primary examination, which was no part of the University course, has been replaced by a junior examination covers much the same ground as matriculation. Preliminary arrangements have been made for the establishment of a faculty of law.

News 16-2-33

The Executive Council also confirmed the appointment of Mr. K. H. Kirkham LL.B., S.M., as Deputy Master of the Supreme Court and Deputy Registrar in Admiralty. He had been acting in those positions since the promotion of Mr. F. B. McBryde to Master of the Supreme Court and Registrar in Admiralty.

1/ews 17-2-33 NOTHING LIKE HARD WORK

Famous Singers No Exception

"Never forget that work, relentless work, makes good artists," said the famous singing master. Each Gilly, to the South Australian Harry Wotton as he left London.

Mr. Wotton today entered his rooms at Elder Conservatorium, to the teaching staff of which he has been appointed. He intends to put M. Gilly's precept into practice with his South Australian pupils. He studied under Gilly for four years, and for two years taught London professionais.

"Work is the only 'divine spark' for the singer," said Mr. Wotton this afternoon. "A pleasing singing voice can be developed in anyone who has a healthy larynx,



MR. H. WOTTON

a normal shaped mouth, musical intelligence, and character.

"Few realise how important is the correct sounding of the five vowels, a. c. i. o, u.. The Australian tendency is to make them diphthongs-o becomes aow, and so on. It would be an interesting experiment to teach a child to speak correctly, and then to see how in later years his singing voice is helped thereby."

Mr. Wotton will make correct speech an integral part of his pupil's training. "Not only does proper pronunciation of the five vowels help their English singing. but it enables them to sing in almost any language, subject to certain modifications.

as in French and German," he said. His teacher. Dinh Gilly, sang to him in 10 different languages one night to emphasise this point.