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EXTENSION LECTURES AT SEMAPHORE.

A series of three interesting lectures, under the auspices of the University of Adelaide, are to be given at the Semaphore on June 17, 24, and July 1, by Professor Jethro Brown. The lecturer will deal with the underlying principles of modern legislation, his subjects being "The ideal of modern democracy," "Illustrations from life and thought in the nineteenth century," and "Fundamental legislative principles." A carefully-prepared syllabus has come to hand, which indicates that the lectures should prove an intellectual treat. Professor Brown has not yet delivered any extension lectures in Adelaide, and so the people of the Semaphore are to be congratulated upon being so favored.

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PRESIDENT JORDAN'S LECTURES.

At the University this evening President Jordan, of Leland Stanford University, who has been lecturing in Sydney, Brisbane, and Melbourne, will deliver a lecture on "The Methods and Ideals of American Universities." Judging by the reports of the Sydney papers this lecture appeals to the "man in the street" as well as to those directly concerned with education. Tickets may be obtained from the registrar of the University.

POPULAR UNIVERSITY LECTURES.

Since the inauguration of extension lectures by the professors of the Adelaide University and by other authorities the various series have greatly grown in public favour. The popularity of these winter engagements reached its height in connection with the trio of lectures by Professor Henderson on "Hamlet and the Shakspearean drama," the first of which was given on Tuesday night. Since the series was arranged to be given in the Prince of Wales lecture theatre attached to the University, the carrying capacity of which is 300 people, the registrar was compelled to close the issue of admission tickets three days before the opening night. Of all those that were taken none was for separate lectures, but all were for the complete course. Professor Henderson has consented to repeat each of his lectures, the first on Monday night, and the remaining two on the Thursdays following the original presentations. To-night and Friday night, in the Elder Hall, Dr. David Starr Jordan, principal of the famous Leland Stanford Junior University of California, will give two lectures. The subjects are "The methods and ideals of American Universities" and "Japan." That on Japan will be illustrated by lantern slides. President Jordan is a man of fine presence, with a powerful voice and distinct enunciation, and he is one of the most popular lecturers in the United States, as well as one of the most strenuous and successful of its University Presidents. His addresses will appeal not only to educationists, but strongly to the general public as well. Last week Professor Henderson returned from Western Australia, where he lectured in Perth, Fremantle, and Kalgoolie. In the same vacation Professor Darnley Naylor journeyed to Broken Hill, and gave a course on "Life in classic times." During the present month and July Professors Jethro Brown and Henderson will each conduct a series at the Semaphore. Special interest attaches to that of the former, upon "The underlying principles of modern legislation." For several years a number of disinterested ladies in the vicinity of the Semaphore have successfully arranged for the holding of extension lectures at the seaside. Their efforts in the cause of education deserve the recognition of large audiences at the addresses. Professor Jethro Brown's syllabus promises something of exceptional interest, if not of inspiration. The series is entirely new, since the professor has not delivered any extension lectures in Adelaide. During next month Professor Henderson will visit Strathalbyn, and in August Narracoorte, Mount Gambier, and Millicent. Courses in other country centres are being arranged.

PROFESSOR JORDAN IN ADELAIDE.

AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA COMPARED.

Professor Jordan, President of Leland Stanford Junior University, California, arrived in Adelaide on Thursday morning, and proposes to spend a couple of days in the city. The professor came to Australia a month ago, under engagement to the Sydney University, to deliver a course of lectures on the methods and ideals of American Universities. Having completed that course and having also lectured in Brisbane, he has undertaken to lecture before the Adelaide and Melbourne Universities. To-morrow he leaves Adelaide for Melbourne, and after fulfilling his engagement there he will return to Sydney and embark for New Zealand, with a view to lecturing before University students at Auckland and Wellington.

Conversing with a representative of "The Advertiser," Professor Jordan expressed unwillingness to discuss Australian politics, as he is visiting this country in the capacity of a guest. He said, however, there was one thing that had struck him forcibly, and that was the difference between the duration of the Parliamentary sessions in this country and in America. In most of the American States there is only one session in two years and it does not last more than ten weeks. Members are paid so much a day, and if the session is prolonged beyond the limit their salaries cease. Under this system, the professor asserts, it is possible to get first-class men to give their time to politics, for a member need not relinquish his other occupations. With respect to American affairs, Professor Jordan states that political and municipal progress is retarded by the foreign population of the large cities. Whereas immigrants from North Europe settle down and become desirable citizens, those from South Europe are frequently lacking in the elements of good citizenship, and the professor thinks a mistake is made in conferring the franchise upon elements of American population incapable of exercising it wisely. When they settle in large cities, he says, these weaker elements of American population invariably degenerate, but when they settle down on the land they are apt to become more robust specimens of humanity. Another point remarked upon by Professor Jordan is the small sum spent upon education by Australian Governments, as compared with that spent in the United States. "Some of our States," he said, "spend one-third of their revenue on education in one way or another, instead of from one-tenth to one-thirteenth, which appears to be the proportion in Australia. Scientific investigation into all that affects industries and the means of production is most liberally provided for. Another thing that strikes one is the number of University students we have, as compared with you. California, with about the same population as New South Wales, has five times the number of University students. If a man is idle or stupid at our universities we send him away. About one in five of the men who enter are rejected as unfitted for a University course. I have been struck by the good tone of the daily papers of Australia. The information they supply is accurate and the editorials are well written."

LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY.

At the Adelaide University last night Professor Jordan lectured on "The methods and ideals of American universities." The Governor, the Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way), and the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Barlow) were present. The lecturer, who leavened his discourse with entertaining flashes of humor, stated that there were in the United States 250 institutions which reached the definition of "college" laid down by the laws of New York and by the Carnegie Foundation. To meet this definition the school must require four years of secondary study for admission, and four years more for graduation; it must have at least six professors engaged wholly in collegiate work, and its income from endowments must not be less than £2,000.