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**NOTES AND QUERIES.**

**MEDICAL STUDENTS AND THE WAR.**

From "A Student."—"I should like to inform your correspondent 'Helpful' that all the students of the third, fourth, and fifth years volunteered in a body for active service, on the outbreak of war. While they were informed that those who were individually anxious to go to the front would be accepted, they were advised by lecturers and graduates to remain until their course was completed. The University has given every encouragement to those students who were accepted for active service. All had special examinations before leaving for the front, and no one has sacrificed his past years' work by leaving before the end of the term. It is much more necessary that examinations should be held, and the men fitted to perform useful work in the field, rather than that examinations should be postponed to allow the unqualified students to go out as dressers. I quote from St. Bartholomew's Hospital Journal. 'It is necessary for us to remember that this is not a dream; that the world rolls on; that men and women are dying of vulgar diseases; that babies are entering upon their maelstrom careers in the East-end and May-fair. If we all spring to attention and march to the rolling drums, who will be left to do the daily round, the necessary common task. Service is required of us all, but the manner and place should be most carefully considered.'

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Under the provisions of the University Act the term of office of the following members of the Council ended on Monday:—Dr. William Barlow, C.M.G., Rev. Dr. James Jefferis, Professor Ennis, Dr. Benjamin Poulton, and Professor Mitchell. The Warden of the Senate (Mr. Frederic Chapple) and the clerk (Mr. Thomas Ainslie Caterer) will hold office until November 25. Nominations for the positions are due by November 14, and the Senate meeting will be held on November 25.

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**ARRESTED IN GERMANY.**

**SOUTH AUSTRALIANS IN THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY.**

The announcement that the German Government have ordered the arrest of all British subjects in Germany has naturally caused much interest in the Commonwealth, since there are a number of Australians in that country. Germany explains that this step has been taken in retaliation for the action of the British Government in arresting German subjects in the United Kingdom, where a widespread system of espionage had been organised by the agents of the Berlin Foreign Office.

Amongst the Australians who were unable to escape from Germany when the war broke out were several former residents of Adelaide, including Mr. Houghton Swift, a son of Dr. Swift; Mr. Arthur Howard, a son of the Rev. Henry Howard; Mr. Gordon Short, a former teacher of music in Adelaide; and Mr. H. L. Brose, the Rhodes scholar for 1912. Mr. Swift has been in Germany since July, 1913. He went there to finish his course in electrical engineering, which previously he had studied at the Adelaide University. At the outbreak of the war he was employed by the well-known electrical firm of Siemens, and at the same time he was studying the German language. After the war broke out he had two unpleasant experiences through being taken for a spy. First he was accused of espionage on behalf of Russia, and he had hardly cleared himself on that charge when he was apprehended as an English spy. Apart from these annoyances, he has been fairly well treated, that is if the insults which hysterical and over-patriotic Germans hurl at all foreign frequenters of the Berlin cafes are excepted. Mr.



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Mr. Houghton Swift.

Swift, however, has not escaped the embarrassment experienced by every other subject of the Allies in Berlin, namely, the need of money. According to a letter he managed to smuggle through Holland to his father in London, he had only 24/6 when he wrote. That was on August 26. To make matters worse, he lost his employment, his firm having closed down to allow the works to be turned into a hospital. The Germans commandeered his motor bicycle, and the only means of relief, the American Consulate, could do nothing more than provide an occasional meal. Except for a telegram received last month, reporting that all was well, no word has been received from Mr. Swift since the letter referred to.

Mr. Howard was holiday-making in Germany when he was caught in the meshes of the war. He is an undergraduate at Queen's College, Oxford, and was spending the long vacation in the Fatherland when hostilities began. He was cut off from all



Mr. Arthur Howard.

communication with his relatives, who knew nothing concerning him until a few weeks ago. Then he managed to get a letter through to England notifying that he was a prisoner of war, but otherwise well.

It is just over two years since Mr. Short went to Germany. He had a large musical connection in Adelaide, and went to Berlin to continue his studies. He spent a long period there studying under a daughter of Madame Carreno, and latterly was under Carreno herself. Ordinarily he would have returned to Adelaide at the end of this year, but it is now problematical when he will get away. Mr. Short is 27 years old, and has had a distinguished musical career. He gained an Elder scholarship at the Conservatorium, which gave him three years' tuition under Mr. Reimann, and on account of the progress he made the term was extended for another year.

Mr. Brose is another distinguished young South Australian. As already mentioned, he was the Rhodes scholar for 1912, a promising pianist, and a winner of several





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Mr. H. L. Bross.

scholarships. He is a Bachelor of Science of the Adelaide University, and he has a creditable record in the athletic arena.

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Miss Clara Kleinschmidt, A.R.C.M., will return to Adelaide by the Mongolia to-day. She won the Elder Scholarship at the Conservatorium in 1908, and took her A.R.C.M. degree at the Royal College of Music, London, in 1913. During her stay in London she studied under the well-known masters, Blower and Vicetti for singing, and their reports on her voice and ability were excellent. Since leaving the Royal College of Music Miss Kleinschmidt, who has adopted the name of Serena, has been studying for grand opera on the Continent under Professors Schulz-Doenburg and Bloch, who were most enthusiastic in their praise of her ability. In fact, she had reached the stage of being coached to sing before Director Redmond at an early date, as ready to take her place in grand opera. Unfortunately, however, the declaration of war stopped this, and Miss Kleinschmidt is now visiting her parents. Her voice is described as phenomenal both in power and range, which easily includes the high A and the low D.