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DR. J. M. ENNIS.

Death of Well-known Musician.

The death occurred on Tuesday morning at a private hospital at Dulwich of Dr. John Matthew Ennis, formerly Elder Professor of Music at the Adelaide University, and Director of the Elder Conservatorium, which appointments he relinquished at the end of 1918 for reasons of health. After his retirement from these important positions, which he had held since 1902, Dr. Ennis went to Victoria to undergo curative treatment, from which he greatly benefited; but the subsequent demise of his wife, almost exactly two years ago, had a distressing effect on his health, and his death was not altogether unexpected, although the end came suddenly from heart failure. The lovable nature of "the Little Doctor," as he was often familiarly called, attracted to, and retained for, him many friends, whose unremitting kindness made the closing years of his life as easy as circumstances would permit.

Choir Boy to Doctor of Music.

The deceased gentleman was born at Dover in 1864, but most of his youth was spent in London, where he was educated at the University College School. He showed at an early age that enthusiasm for music which never deserted him, and, while a London choir boy, "deputed at the organ," as he himself once expressed it. When only 14 years of age he did duty as organist at St. Barnabas Church, London. His parents, however, had not planned for him a musical career, and when he left school he entered the civil service. By this time he was a student of the late Edward Dannreuther for piano-forte playing; and during the years that followed he held several successive appointments as organist and choirmaster. He was at Holy Trinity Church, Knightsbridge, in this capacity from 1887 to 1893, and then held a similar appointment for six years at St. Mary's, Brookfield. He took the degree of Bachelor of Music in 1892, and obtained his Doctor's degree a couple of years later. He was the first to pass the four examinations necessary for the degree of Doctor of Music at the London University in four consecutive years.

Important Work.

When Dr. Ennis left the Civil Service for a musical career his work consisted principally of teaching, although he appeared at a number of concerts. In 1898 he took the initiative in the incorporation of an association of musical graduates, whose object was to prevent trafficking in degrees. The founder of the association, which is known as the Union of Graduates in Music, was Sir John Stainer. Dr. Ennis, who was for a time a member of the council of this union, was also lecturer and examiner at the Virgil Piano School. He was married in 1895.

London, Sydney, Adelaide.

The late Dr. Ennis came to Australia early in 1900, to take up an appointment in Sydney as organist and choirmaster at Christ Church, St. Lawrence; and two years later, in February, 1902, was offered and accepted the Chair of Music at the Adelaide University. In June, 1906, the late Mrs. Ennis, who was at that time sec-



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retary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, paid a visit to England; and some months later her husband also went to London to recruit his health and to accompany Mrs. Ennis on the return voyage to Australia. It is characteristic of the late Dr. Ennis that, although on this occasion he spent only three weeks in London, and was confined to his bed for several days by an attack of influenza, he attended five orchestral concerts, and was present four or five times at Covent Garden. Dr. and Mrs. Ennis returned to South Australia by the Mooltan in February, 1907.

Tribute from Present Elder Professor.

Of the work accomplished by the late Dr. Ennis at the Elder Conservatorium, no one is better able to speak than his successor in the Chair of Music, Professor Harold Davies, Mus. Doc., who said on Tuesday, in conversation with a representative of The Register:—"I met Dr. Ennis first in February, 1902, when he was on board a mail steamer between Sydney and Adelaide, coming to South Australia to take up his appointment as Professor of Music; and my first impression of him, as one of the most gifted of musical men as well as one of the most genial, has never faded; but, on the contrary, has been intensified during the many years of our subsequent association. His gifts were manifold and in some respects extraordinary. He had one of the most unusually retentive memories I have ever known. There was no score in the whole range of current musical literature about which he could not talk intimately. He would often sit down at the piano and play extensive excerpts, especially from the Wagnerian operas, keeping up a running fire of comment about the orchestration employed. His grasp of musical literature, in fact, reminded one of the stories told about the late Professor Prout, of whom it is said that, given only a corner torn off the page of an old score, he could instantly identify it. The late Dr. Ennis's gifts as a pianist and organist were of no mean order, and his many appearances as a recitalist and in chamber music at the Conservatorium will ever be remembered. But, quite apart from his rare professional qualities, one will always remember Dr. Ennis's perfect courtliness and that loveliness, if I may use the word, which was always so characteristic of him."

The Funeral.

The remains of the late Dr. Ennis will be interred at West terrace this morning, and his friends have been invited to meet at the cemetery at 10 o'clock.

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ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.

The Elder Conservatorium will not open until 11 a.m. to-day, in order that the teaching staff and students may attend the funeral of the late Professor Ennis.

Register 2/6/21 INTER-VARSITY MATTERS.

PREPARATIONS FOR ADELAIDE CARNIVAL.

BRISBANE, June 1. The second annual meeting of the Inter-Varsity Sports Council was held at the University to-day, when the following delegates were present:—Chairman, Mr. G. Fisher (Q.); Secretary, Mr. A. McCulloch (Q.); Messrs. K. Harbison and T. Barnett (Sydney), D. Gale and C. G. Parker (Melbourne), and K. Dowling and J. Chamberlain (Adelaide). It was decided that a meeting of the council should be held monthly in the various centres, in rotation, beginning with Sydney. It is the intention of the council to arrange contests between combined university teams and various visiting international teams. Dates for the inter-varsity carnivals in Adelaide, in May, 1922. The officers for the year 1922 were elected as follows:—President, Dr. Utz; Secretary, Mr. G. Stuckey; Treasurer, Mr. C. C. Milhn.

Representatives from the Melbourne, Sydney, and Queensland Universities competed in the inter-varsity sports on the Exhibition Grounds to-day. The weather was beautifully fine. The honours went to Melbourne, with 18 points; Sydney secured 11 and Queensland one. T. Dodds, of Melbourne, created a record for hammer throwing—115 ft. 2 in. L. Lesouf, of Melbourne, also put a record by putting the shot 37 ft. 4 in.

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THE LEVEE

A BRILLIANT GATHERING.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Archibald Weigall) at noon on Friday held a levee at Government House in honor of the King's birthday. Adelaide made many manifestations of loyalty, and the principal buildings displayed flags. Following custom established by statute, the holiday in this State in connection with the King's birthday will be on Monday, but official recognition of the great event is rightly given on the day itself, when the people of an Empire embracing one-third of the land of the globe, render homage to their beloved ruler, King George V. The scene at Government House was a brilliant and an animated one. Some time before noon citizens began to arrive. The first levee of his Excellency the Governor, a week after he reached Adelaide last year—and a few days after the King's birthday—probably constituted a record in the number of people who gathered to pay their respects to the representative of the King. Such is the personal popularity of Sir Archibald Weigall that the number this year was larger still, and the great assemblage showed how solid and genuine is the loyalty of the people of this State to the throne and person of his Majesty the King. The weather was dull, but the clouds were not heavy, and occasionally rays of sunshine illuminated the brilliant scene.

On the stroke of noon his Excellency the Governor, who was attended by Captain the Hon. Nigel Somerset, D.S.O., M.C., Major B. S. Connor, Captain Brown, Major N. Clowes, D.S.O., M.C., and Captain S. F. Rowell, stepped from the front entrance of Government House on to the lawn, where an awning covered the dais. The Railways Band, which was in attendance, played the National Anthem, and as the first notes sounded the guns on the parade ground began to thunder the Royal salute. The booming of the artillery reverberated among the buildings of the city and added to the impressiveness of the scene. His Excellency was in full uniform and the military dress of the many officers present vying with the vivid colors of the gowns worn by the members of the Council of the University of Adelaide, made the gathering very spectacular. The Governor was accompanied by the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir George Murray), the Premier (Hon. H. N. Barwell), and others who had right of private entree. Lady Weigall and Miss Priscilla Weigall occupied seats on the lawn at the left of the pavilion.

A novel feature of the levee was the presence, at the express wish of his Excellency, of twenty-four children from 12 metropolitan State Schools, and the naval and military veterans. Sir Archibald Weigall had previously stated that it would be a happy thing to have at the levee the children, who represented the bright hopes of the future, and the veterans, who were the embodiment of the glorious traditions of the Empire. These guests were accommodated with seats at the left of the dais.

Prior to receiving the citizens, his Excellency presented medals as follows:—To Miss Anna M. Cliffe (formerly of the Sheriff's Department), Imperial Service Medal; to Captain Auguste J. C. de Bavy, Officer of the Order of the British Empire; to Captain J. R. Campbell and Mr. W. R. Poole, medals of Members of the Order of the British Empire; and to Mr. H. D. Gell, S.M., the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

When the levee began the private secretary (Mr. Legh Winsor) announced the names and the Governor shook hands with all. Those who had right of private entree were the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir George Murray, K.C.M.G.), the Premier (Hon. H. N. Barwell), the Chief Secretary (Hon. J. G. Bice), the Treasurer (Hon. G. Riecke), the Commissioner of Crown Lands (Hon. G. R. Laffer), the Commissioner of Public Works (Hon. W. Hague), the Minister of Agriculture (Hon. T. Pascoe), the President of the Legislative Council (Sir Lancelot Stirling, O.B.E.), Mr. Justice Gordon, Mr. Justice Poole, Mr.

Justice Angus Parsons, the Hon. W. B. Rounsevell, L. O'Loughlin, J. V. O'Loughlin, R. W. Foster, Sir Richard Butler, J. Verran, A. A. Kirkpatrick, H. Homburg, and F. W. Conybeare, the sub-district Naval Officer (Lieutenant J. D. Turner), the Military Base Commandant (Major F. W. Page, O.B.E.), the D.A.A.G. (Lieutenant J. Moran, M.C.), the Lord Mayor (Mr. F. B. Moulden), the Bishop of Adelaide (Right Rev. Dr. Thomas), the Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly (Rev. H. Morris), the chairman of the Congregational Union (Mr. C. W. Rutt), the president of the Methodist Conference (Rev. J. H. Nield), the president of the Baptist Union (Rev. H. E. Hughes), the acting rabbi of the Hebrew congregation (Rev. I. A. Bernstein), the commanding officer of the Salvation Army (Lieutenant-Colonel Sharp), and the minister of the Unitarian Church (Rev. G. E. Hele, B.A.). The Lord Mayor and town clerk and members of the Adelaide City Council were first received, and were followed by the Vice-Chancellor, members of the council, and professors of the University of Adelaide. For exactly half an hour the citizens filed past his Excellency and paid their respects. They included members of the Federal and State Parliaments, Government officials, military officers in large number, mayors, aldermen, and councillors of metropolitan, municipal, and district councils, the Commissioner of Police and his chief officers, and representatives of the various Churches. The president and members of the council of the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League were afterwards received by his Excellency. A good deal of interest was caused by the curious spectacle of one lady in the long

file of men. The lady was Mrs. S. Grace Benny, a councillor in the municipality of Brighton.

Subsequently the Governor inspected the guard of honor, which was composed of 50 senior cadets from St. Peter's College, under Lieutenant Hills. The guard looked particularly smart, and their drill was faultless. His Excellency congratulated them on their appearance on parade and said he could not give them higher praise than to say they were worthy of their college. His Excellency and Lady Weigall displayed a lively interest in the veterans and the children, shaking hands with all and chatting brightly with them. Of one boy his Excellency enquired his age and school and what he intended to be when he grew up. "A doctor, sir," said the lad, who is about 12 years old. A little farther along the line the Governor addressed the same question to one of the smallest in the group and, much to his amusement, received the same reply. The medical profession appears to be very popular. The names of the school children, who were in charge of Mr. G. S. Berriman, are:—Curriestreet—Lily Hunt and Lewis Humphries; Startstreet, Thelma Wallace and Ross Manning; Flindersstreet, Peggy Gillespie and Jack O'Connell; Gillesstreet, Edna Powell and Leonard Moody; North Adelaide, Elsie Dutton and Walter Baker; Hindmarsh, Thelma Johnson and Claud Harrison; East Adelaide, Madge Birt and Bert Rasch; Rose Park, Mary Vincent and Vaughan Mitchell; Thebarton, Gwenneth Richmond and Jack Miller; Unley, Mavis Walsh and Jack McCulloch; Norwood, Bessie Francis and Walter Williams; Goodwood, Jean Palmer and Rupert Sims. The children and the veterans were provided with refreshments in the ballroom of Government House.

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THE PARADOX OF DISEASE.

In his University extension lectures, which begin to-morrow, Professor J. B. Cleland will consider the protective value to the individual concerned of many of the processes associated with disease, and will indicate how the body tries to limit injuries and repair the damage. These reactions constitute an important part of the manifestations of many diseases. This is the bright side of the subject, because were it not for these reactions the continuance of each individual's life would soon be impossible. The second lecture will deal with some of the ways by which germs may pass from one person to another, constituting community diseases. Mosquitoes, Australian flies, and rats will receive consideration in the third lecture.