

founded close on half a century ago, and with a particularly brilliant present professorial staff; the Conservatorium of Music; the institutes system, spreading over all the country towns, and admittedly setting an example to other States; an Art Gallery of old foundation and high level—these are some of the things which have enabled Adelaide to take its place in matters of culture with Melbourne and Sydney rather than with Brisbane and Perth. It now has a practical opportunity of showing, by the reception given to Professor MacKail, that its reputation is not undeserved.

Advert 4-6-23

Dr. J. W. MacKail, who is to deliver three lectures on literary subjects in Adelaide this week, and who was formerly Professor of Poetry at the University of Oxford, will arrive by the mail steamer today. He is accompanied by Mrs. MacKail, who is the eldest daughter of the late Sir Edward Burne-Jones, the illustrious English artist. She is a cousin of the Prime Minister of England (Mr. Balfour) and Mr. Rudyard Kipling. Dr. MacKail, who is a Master of Arts and Doctor of Laws of the University of Edinburgh, will have conferred upon him by the Adelaide University on June 11 the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, by the Chancellor (Sir George Murray).

mail 2-6-23

INTELLECT AND CHARM.

These terms do not invariably apply to the same woman. When they do admiration is doubly aroused. Mrs. G. C. Henderson, Ph.D., who lectured under the auspices of the Victoria League this week on "The Monroe Doctrine," is a woman of exceptional mental attainments, and in addition has a personal charm which makes her the most delightful of companions. When you hear her speak you say to yourself "American!" But she isn't. She is an Englishwoman. She has always had a flair for the fascinations of national history, and when she wished to gain a complete knowledge of American history she was unable to delve into the archives of that country unless she became naturalised. This she did, and she pursued her investigations to such purpose that she was appointed professor of history at the Smith College, where she held sway over 2,000 students. Most people who dwell for any time in a country foreign to that of their birth unconsciously adopt the mannerisms and accent of that country in a greater or lesser degree, hence the assumption by many that Mrs. Henderson honored the United States by being born there. But the honor to America was the fact that so brilliant an Englishwoman should give another country the benefit of her intellect.

Advert 5-6-23

CONSERVATORIUM STUDENT CONCERT.

The second Student concert of the season will be given next Monday night. The programme will embrace pianoforte, vocal, violin, organ, cello, and flute solos by advanced students. Apart from the delightful music heard is the interest felt in the advancement of cultured music in the community, which is so manifestly demonstrated at these concerts. Plans open to-day at Savery's, Rundle-street.

Regist 5-6-23

POETRY AND LIFE.

The Classics in Education.

Views of Professor MacKail.

"It is my conviction that, of all the dominions, Australia is the one that possesses the greatest and most assured promise of being really a nation." This is the opinion held by Professor John W. MacKail, M.A.,

LL.D., F.B.A., F.R.S.L., a most learned Englishman, who has come out to the Commonwealth at the invitation of the Universities of Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane, to lecture to the people, and to endeavour to impart to them some of his love for English literature, and his belief in the inestimable value of a classical education.

Among the honourable and unique positions of eminence that Dr. MacKail has held is that from 1906 to 1911 of Professor of Poetry, at Oxford University, the distinction of which office is enhanced by the fact that, out of the 250 or 300 universities in the modern world, Oxford possesses the only Chair of Poetry. The visitor—for the professor arrived in Adelaide on Monday—has been given, by the allied Universities, a wide scope in his choice of subjects. It was known that his interests lay in the direction of both our own English literature, and especially classical literature, and that he had held the Chair of Poetry at Oxford, and these facts made it natural that lectures on those subjects would prevail. "Poetry in modern life," "The study of Poetry," and "Virgil," are the names of the addresses to be given in Adelaide, and the first-named is the subject chosen for to-night, when Dr. MacKail will give his initial lecture in Brookman Hall.

"Well-Stored Australian Minds."

It was hardly a warm welcome that was accorded to the visitor when he arrived at the Outer Harbour by the Orsova on Monday afternoon, for the weather was cold, rainy, and miserable, the passage across the Bight had been anything but pleasant, and there were no signs of the "bright and ever-shining sun," which has provided the theme for so many sonnets relating to the land of the Southern Cross. However, by the time a representative of The Register had found the Professor at the home of His Honour the Chief Justice at Magill—where he is now staying—the greetings of Profs. Darnley Naylor and A. T. Strong, who had met him, and the welcome of his host, had provided an antidote for the murkiness of the weather, and a preliminary impression of the manner in which his tour of the Commonwealth will be appreciated. Following upon his initiatory expression of opinion as to Australia's future, Dr. MacKail said, in explanation, "I base that view partly on account of a natural prejudice that arises in favour of Australia through having kinsfolk out here, and partly through my knowledge of the Australians the Commonwealth has sent home to the Mother Country, and particularly those who belong to my own line of literature and scholarship. I also know that those English and Scottish men, who have been sent to aid the work of higher education in Australia, have found the soil receptive and the minds fresh and alert, and the Australian students who came to England to complete their education brought with them well-stored minds, well-trained intelligences, and were well fitted therefore to receive the best of what the old country could give them beyond that they could receive in their own land."

An Adjunct to Literary Training.

Naturally the Professor is an ardent advocate of the value of what is commonly known as a classical education, and in speaking of this adjunct to literary training, he said, "It is my desire to give at least one lecture at each university on a classical subject. I am really a classical, as well as an English, man—if one can discriminate between them when each is founded on Latin and Greek. I desire to enforce the unity of both branches of study, and the importance of the joint study of literature—our own and that of other countries in other ages—as an extremely necessary element in all higher education, and as part of the machinery for reaching the ideal which the Commonwealth has so justly and rightly set itself out to attain, namely, a white Australia. This result can only be achieved if there is diffused throughout the whole of the nation some knowledge and appreciation of the past, and of what has been thought and said by the human mind. To all of those who follow science or engineering, agriculture or industry, as well as to the few who devote their lives mainly to the subject, literature should be something vital, something they really grasp, for it means an addition to the beauty and strength of their lives. One of the great dangers of the present day is uneducated democracy, for it does not know what things are the best, and therefore is very apt to go off on wrong lines. It is not only for the purpose of lecturing that I am visiting Australia, for I shall take the opportunity, as far as my time allows, to make myself acquainted at first hand,

with the educational system of Australia, for I understand that it is practically the same in all the States. In return I trust I may be able to make suggestions which might prove of value. I cannot speak of the system here, for all I know of it has been gained documentarily, but from what I can gauge from imperfect knowledge, it seems to be conducted on very sound lines. Reverting to the question of classical education, I would point out the significant fact that in England, France, and Italy there has been in recent years, and particularly since the war, a strong reaction against the excessive claims of the physical sciences to be regarded as the main substance of education, and in favour of a reversion to the methods of old literary tradition. For instance, the French Minister of Public Instruction has lately issued regulations under which, in the French academies four years of Latin and two years of Greek are compulsory. This shows that the French Government is of opinion that that amount

of knowledge of the classics is an essential part of the equipment of a man to fit him to take a high place in the national life."

The Classical Association.

People in Adelaide know that connected with the University, there is a body called the Classical Association, but what it does and what it is for, is beyond the ken of most. Dr. MacKail is the right man to explain the matter, however, as he has for many years been a prominent member of the parent body in England. He says that the Classical Association—and that is its full and proper title, without further amplification or explanation—really applies to England and Wales, and that the Australian Association is a sort of branch of it, and in close connection with it. In fact, it is represented on the council. The professor added:—"Part of my mission here is to do what I can to strengthen the position of the Classical Associations of South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales. The object of the association is to promote the study of the classics, to improve further the methods of teaching Latin and Greek, and, more particularly, to create a visible bond of union among classical scholars and those who, without being that, have a real interest in the civilization of the Greek and the Roman, and all that it means to the modern world. The association was formed in England less than 20 years ago, and has been very effective towards reinstating somewhat the prestige of the classics in popular opinion, towards improving the methods of teaching and study, and, as we hope and believe, towards heightening, indirectly, the spiritual and intellectual standard."

Professor MacKail, who is accompanied by his wife, will spend as much time as possible in Melbourne, where they have a married daughter. He will remain in Adelaide for 10 days, and will lecture in Melbourne on June 18, 22, and 26. He will spend July in New South Wales, and will then go to Queensland. He has to be back in England by the end of October.

BIRTHDAY LEEVEE.

Sir John Bice Honoured.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Tom Bridges) held a levee at Government House at noon on Saturday in honour of the anniversary of the birthday of King George V. About 350 citizens were received by His Excellency, who was attended by Capt. H. A. Hambeton (A.D.C.), Mr. Legh Winsor (Private Secretary), Major N. Clowes (Hon. A.D.C.), Capt. R. L. Bennett, and Messrs. C. M. L. Elliott and A. R. Garratt. After an inspection of the guard of honour (which was drawn from the 27th Battalion Cadets) and the taking of the salute, His Excellency took the opportunity of congratulating Sir John Bice on his knighthood.

A Distinguished Cornishman.

Sir Tom Bridges said:—I wish to say a word as to the honour which His Majesty the King has been pleased to confer upon the Chief Secretary. Sir John Bice, as he will henceforth be known, is a familiar figure in the public life of South Australia. He has been a member of the Legislative Council for close upon 30 years, and has been in the Cabinet intermittently since 1908. By his wisdom, courage, honesty, and dignity, and unselfish devotion to

public service he has earned for himself a unique position in the respect and affection of his fellow-citizens, and the crowning glory of his splendid record by this high and appropriate honour will, I feel sure, give general satisfaction throughout the State. Sir John is a Cornishman, and man of the people, a worthy chip off the good old pioneer block, and a fine example for emulation by the youth of the present generation. The King's choice could not have fallen more happily. We heartily congratulate Sir John, and hope that he may long live to grace his new title.

Others Present.

At the levee, which was held in the ballroom, those with the right of private entree included the Lord Mayor (Mr. Lewis Cohen), the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir George Murray), the Premier (Sir Henry Barwell), the Chief Secretary (Sir John Bice), the Treasurer (Hon. W. Hague), the Commissioner of Crown Lands (Hon. G. R. Latfer), the Commissioner of Public Works (Hon. T. Pascoe), the Minister for Agriculture (Hon. G. F. Jenkins), the President of the Legislative Council (Sir Lance lot Stirling), the Speaker (Sir Richard Butler), His Honor Sir John Gordon, Mr. Justice Poole, Mr. Justice Angus Parsons, the Hons. W. B. Rounsevell, L. O'Loughlin, J. V. O'Loughlin, R. W. Foster, J. Verran, C. Vaughan, H. Homburg, F. W. Coneybeer, and G. Ritchie, A. A. Kirkpatrick, the Naval Commandant (Lieut. Commander F. J. Young), the Naval A.A.G. (Commissioned Instructor George H. Carter), the Military Commandant (Major O. V. Hoad), the D.A.A.G. (Capt. R. J. Dowden), The Bishop of Adelaide (Rev. Dr. A. N. Thomas), the Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly (Rev. J. McDougall Forsyth), the Roman Catholic Archbishop (Most Rev. Dr. Spence), the Chairman of the Congregational Union (Rev. G. H. Wright), the President of the Methodist Conference (Rev. W. T. Shapley), the President of the Baptist Union (Rev. A. C. Hill), the Rabbi (Rev. I. A. Bernstein), the Commanding Officer of the Salvation Army (Lieut.-Col. Sharp) and the representative of the Unitarian Church (Rev. G. E. Hale). Others who attended included members of Parliament, suburban mayors and councillors, professors of the University of Adelaide, and many other prominent citizens. The Police Band played musical selections.

Following is an official list of those who attended, apart from those having the right of private entree:—

- Mr. P. Allen, Mr. J. Ashton, Mr. E. Anthony, Rev. J. H. Ashton, Rev. J. Hall Angus, Mr. R. K. S. Adams, Mr. W. Astley, Mr. G. J. Abernethy, Mr. M. G. Anderson.
- Mr. S. R. Booth, Mr. I. Buttrose, Mr. R. L. Butler, Mr. F. W. Birrell, Lieut. Col. T. A. Brinkworth, Col. C. P. Butler, Lieut.-Col. M. F. Beevor, Mr. A. Balloch, Cr. W. E. C. Baudinet, Mr. G. Braund, Inspector R. G. Birt, Canon Bleby, Mr. J. E. Brandwood, Mr. John Barker, Mr. H. Brown, Inspector Bond, Col. S. F. Burston, Mr. A. J. Blakeway, Mr. F. Bierwirth, Capt. H. J. Butler, Mr. C. J. Bayly, Mr. H. Boucaut, Ald. E. Bendal, Mr. A. Burchell, Mr. H. Blinman, Mr. C. A. Bayer, Mr. T. R. Bright, Mr. T. A. Brock, Mr. L. W. Bakewell, Lieut.-Col. E. K. Baker, Sir Langdon Bonython, S. George Brookman, Mr. W. R. Bayly, Lieut.-Col. J. Brooks, Mr. H. C. J. Bachelor, Sgt. W. Banning, Mr. H. J. Braham, Mr. F. B. Bryde.
- Dr. W. T. Cooke, Mr. H. B. Cross, Mr. C. T. Coles, Capt. A. L. Chamberlain, Mr. Gordon Campbell, Lieut.-Col. E. Lucas, Mr. J. H. Chapman, Mr. R. Caldicott, Mr. B. D. Colvin, Mr. E. Collins, Hon. J. H. Cooke, Mr. W. Carr, Major H. J. Copley, Mr. J. Crewell, Mr. E. Crozier, Mr. Way Campbell, Mr. W. J. Cowell, Ald. J. H. Clouston, Mr. A. H. Champion, Major J. E. Calder, Mr. J. F. Clark, Capt. A. C. Catt, Mr. J. D. Collins, Mr. H. C. Cave.
- Hon. W. G. Duncan, Major W. Devonshire, Capt. K. A. Duncan, Capt. A. E. Dean, Mr. W. J. Denny, Mr. C. Degenhardt, Mr. E. P. Dancker, Professor H. Davies, Col. M. H. Downey, Mr. Alde man Downs, Mr. S. W. Dickson, Mr. E. Devonport, Rev. R. Dempster, Mr. Fran H. Downer, Dr. J. B. Dawson, Professor W. G. Duffield.
- Mr. M. Egan, Mr. F. W. Eardley, Mr. Alderman Entwistle, Mr. T. F. Fairbrother, Lieut.-Col. Fowler-Brownworth, Mr. C. H. Fowles, Mr. E. W. Fosber, Mr. Richard Fosbery, Cpl. M. F. more, Mr. Alderman Farwood, Mr. W. H. Foote, Commander Fowler, Mr. M. A. Fotheringham, Mr. M. H. Forbes, Mr. R. Owen Fox, Mr. T. Fisher, Mr. F. R. Field, Rev. H. P. Finn, Mr. W. G. T. Goodman, Mr. J. Gun, Mr. H. O'H. Giles, Dr. Thorald Gray, Dr. H. Gilbert, Mr. J. F. Godfree, Mr. V. J. Gunson, Mr. W. J. P. Giddings, Mr. N. M. G. Gratton, Mr. Councillor Gloyd, Mr. Thomas Gill, Mr. W. Gill, Mr. Fran Goode, Dr. Anstey Giles, Hon. P. Mc Glynn, Mr. W. W. Goodhart, Mr. H. V.