

### JOHN BISHOP'S SUCCESS.

#### Brilliant Recitals in England.

Mr. John Bishop, the promising young Adelaide pianist, who went to London to continue his studies, is justifying the faith of his South Australian well-wishers. He is concluding his term at the Royal Academy of Music for the scholarship ends at the close of July this year. After that, Mr. Bishop hopes to get to the Continent to further enrich his musical experience. Writing to his former instructor at the Elder Conservatorium (Mr. William Silver), MMr. Bishop, with typical diffidence, says little of his achievements, and mostly stresses his interest in his studies. But some clippings from prominent English newspapers are eloquent of the encouraging impression received by his audiences. Mr. Bishop made his first "launch out" away from the aid of the college, in Derby, at the Central Hall in January, before a distinguished audience, and was given an excellent hearing.

In the press report, the critic remarked:—

Mr. Bishop's touch is a wonderful thing, a accomplishment that one admires more and more as its infinite variations are observed. Its capacity and comprehensiveness are remarkable, ranging from powerful staccato hammering to the softness of a caress. Two Chopin preludes served to display his versatility and the A major prelude was one of the most beautiful things heard during the concert, its expressive modulations and rich harmonies gaining loveliness from the sympathy of the rendition. The D minor prelude, which immediately followed, revealed a stormy and brilliant Chopin and the accuracy and dexterity of Mr. Bishop's performance gained him much enthusiastic applause. A simpler work, but one which is full of grace and appeal, Chopin's waltz in C sharp minor, was rendered with a charming daintiness, while the same composer's "Barcarolle" and E major study offered

## CROWN LAW DEPARTMENT.

### Public Solicitor Appointed.

On the recommendation of the Public Service Classification and Efficiency Board, Mr. C. A. Sandery, LL.B., has been appointed public solicitor, and Mr. E. L. Stevens, LL.B., has been selected as a solicitor, class 2, in the Crown Law Department.

The position of public solicitor was created under the legislation passed by Parliament last session to provide for free legal assistance for persons of limited means.



Mr. C. A. SANDERY, LL.B.,  
The Public Solicitor.

There were several applicants for the appointment. Mr. Sandery is a solicitor in the Crown Law Department. He is the youngest son of Mrs. E. E. Sandery, of Glenelg, and is 27 years of age. He was born at Port Pirie. His early education was received at the Strathalbyn Public School, and in 1913 he won two scholarships tenable at State high schools, and went on to the local one at its inception. In 1915 he entered Christian Brothers' College, and later studied law at the Adelaide University. He was articled to Mr. H. G. Alderman, of the firm of Messrs. Smith, Alderman, and Reid, and he was admitted to the Bar in December, 1921. In June of the following year he entered the Crown Law Department, where he has since assisted in the Court work.

Mr. Stevens, who is a member of the firm of Messrs. Vaughan, Kirkman, and Stevens, was admitted to the Bar in 1913. He is a son of the late Mr. C. J. Stevens, who was for many years associated with the literary staff of The Register. Born at Unley Park, he received his early education at the Unley, North Adelaide, and Walkerville Public Schools, and then went to the Adelaide High School and on to the University. In the course of a brilliant academic career, Mr. Stevens, at the University, secured a first-class pass for every subject, except one, for which he sat. In his final year he won the David Murray Scholarship and the Stow Scholarship, and to obtain the latter it was necessary for him to secure the Stow Prize on three occasions. He served his articles to Mr. P. E. Johnstone, of Messrs. Poole & Johnstone. Then he was managing law clerk for Messrs. Symon, Browne, Symon, and Povey for a year. Next he entered partnership with Mr. Kirkman, and after a couple of months they amalgamated with Mr. J. H. Vaughan under the style of Messrs. Vaughan, Kirkman, & Stevens. At present Mr. Stevens is secretary of the South Australian branch of the Forest League, and he was for a time secretary of the University Law Students' Society.

#### Duties of Public Solicitor.

The Attorney-General (Hon. W. J. Denny) explained on Wednesday that the duties of the Public Solicitor are to undertake all civil and matrimonial causes where the party has established his right to sue in forma pauperis, and to undertake the defence of any accused person who the Judge considers ought to be represented by but has not the means to retain counsel. He must also undertake the conduct of appeals under the Criminal Appeals Act, 1924, in any case where the appellant has not sufficient means to retain counsel. In addition to creating the office of Public Solicitor, the Act provides that a person is to be entitled to sue in forma pauperis and to have the benefit of the Public Solicitor's services if he can show he is not worth £100, instead of £25 as required heretofore.

#### Pending Appointments.

It is expected that during the absence of Mr. Justice Parsons on a trip abroad similar temporary arrangements in the Law Department to those observed during the recent holiday of the Chief Justice will be made. In that case Dr. F. W. Richards, K.C. (Crown Solicitor) will be Acting Judge, Mr. A. J. Hannan (Parliamentary Draftsman) will be Acting Crown Solicitor, and Mr. E. L. Bean (Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman) will be Acting Parliamentary Draftsman.

## INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS.

### Search for Sources of Energy.

The sixth annual meeting of the Institute of Engineers, Adelaide division, was held at the Covent Garden Cafe, on Friday night. There was a large attendance of delegates, and Mr. E. V. Clarke (President) was in the chair. The gathering took the form of a social.

The annual report, which was presented by the secretary (Mr. J. W. Bell) stated:—Five ordinary meetings were held for the reading and discussion of papers prepared for the division. The resignation of Mr. H. H. Cartledge (secretary) was received with regret after nearly three years' meritorious service, and Mr. J. W. Bell took over the secretarial duties. Mr. G. D. Mudie, of the City Engineer's office, was appointed assistant secretary. During the session six associate members, one junior, and five students were elected. Twelve elections were awaiting approval by the council. The present membership was:—Full members, 13; associate members, 103; juniors, 24; students, 89. The financial position was sound, though it showed a falling off from the previous year. Subscriptions reached £294 9/6.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

#### Use of Energy.

The presidential address of Mr. Clarke was entitled, "Mans use of Nature's energy." The Institution of Engineers, said Mr. Clark, was founded in 1818, and incorporated in 1828, and in its charter a civil engineer was defined as "directing great sources of power in Nature for the use and convenience of man." He reviewed man's gradual conquest of the various forces of Nature, such as muscular energy, wind, fire, and water, and their conversion to his own use. One of the greatest problems of the world was to discover fresh sources of energy. The future could not be predicted, but the outlook was hopeful, as there were sources such as wind, tide, and radiant energy from the sun, the development of which was known to be possible to a certain extent. In addition, there were potential sources of energy from waste gases, alcohol, and so on, without considering the limitless capacity of radium. There was enormous scope for the ingenuity of engineers, and they had the assurance that supplies of timber and foodstuffs were more likely to be exhausted than those of power.

The following officers were elected for the 1926-27 session:—Chairman, Mr. D. V. Fleming; Vice-Chairman, Messrs. T. M. Carey, and D. E. McLaren; Secretary, Mr. J. W. Bell; Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Burton; Auditor, Mr. W. C. Esau; Committee, Professor R. W. Chapman, Messrs. H. G. Jenkinson, J. H. O. Eaton, A. A. Watkins, R. M. Scott, and J. Bowman.

The new Chairman (Mr. Fleming) was enthusiastically received, and his health was drunk with musical honours.

#### Work of Institution.

In proposing "The Institution of Engineers, Adelaide Division," Professor A. L. Campbell said engineers stood in the forefront of progress. They made the greatest sacrifices with little promise of reward. The institution justified itself in its domestic training of members. Apart from that, technical committees were doing excellent work in connection with standardization and the preparation of contracts. The institution had faced the problem of securing professional status for engineers, and was to be complimented upon its move in that direction.

In response, the Chairman said the function of the institution was to conserve the interests and improve the status of engineers.

"The retiring committee" was proposed by Mr. J. R. Brookman, and the past Chairman (Mr. E. V. Clarke) replied. Mr. R. M. Scott submitted "Kindred institutions" and "Our guests," and responses were made by Professor Rennie and Mr. N. H. Taylor (Good Roads Association). A presentation of a cigarette case was made to the former secretary (Mr. H. H. Cartledge).

## INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Adelaide division of the Institution of Engineers was held at the Covent Garden Cafe last night. The president (Mr. E. V. Clarke) occupied the chair, and seated with him were Professors Rennie, Chapman, and Campbell, representative of kindred associations.

The annual report presented by the secretary (Mr. J. W. Bell) stated that five meetings were held last session for the reading of the papers and other business, and the average attendance was 55. Mr. H. H. Cartledge, who had been secretary for three years, tendered his resignation, and Mr. Bell was appointed in his stead. Mr. G. D. Mudie accepted the office of assistant secretary. The number of new members elected during the session was:—associate members, 6; juniors, 1; students, 3. Twelve elections were awaiting approval by the council. The present membership was:—Members, 13; associate members, 103; juniors, 24; students, 89. The financial position was sound, though it showed a falling off from the previous year. Subscriptions reached £294 9/6.

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The following officers were appointed:—Messrs. D. V. Fleming (chairman), T. M. Carey and L. E. McLaren (vice-chairman), J. W. Bell (secretary), W. L. Burton (treasurer), W. C. Esau (auditor), Professor Chapman, Messrs. H. G. Jenkinson, J. H. O. Eaton, A. A. Watkins, R. M. Scott and J. Bowman (committee). Mr. Fleming was introduced to the meeting by the retiring chairman, and returned thanks for his election.

In proposing "The Institution of Engineers," Professor Campbell said engineers were in the forefront of human progress and it was only when they cleared the way that humanity was able to go forward. Members of the profession often worked at a sacrifice to themselves for the welfare of others. The engineer was just as much a professional man as the lawyer, the doctor, and the dentist, who were recognised and protected by law, and it was essential that he should have equal safeguards. The chairman, in reply, asked members to support the institution, which was endeavoring to serve their interest and to secure recognition of their status, which was long overdue. A great deal of the development of the Commonwealth had been and would be in the hands of the engineers.

The retiring committee was toasted at the instance of Mr. J. R. Brookman, and Mr. Clark responded. Other toasts honored were "Kindred Institutions," and "Our Guests," proposed by Mr. R. M. Scott and responded to by Professor Rennie and Mr. N. H. Taylor, of the National Roads Association. In recognition of his services as secretary Mr. Cartledge was presented with a cigarette case by Mr. Clark on behalf of the members.

Dr. F. W. Richards, K.C. (Crown Solicitor) was appointed by Executive Council on Wednesday to be Acting Judge of the Supreme Court during the absence on leave of Mr. Justice Angus Parsons, who will sail to-day on a trip to England. Dr. Richards was sworn in and took his place on the Bench during the morning. After having taken his seat, he was greeted by his colleagues. In behalf of the Bar, Mr. F. V. Smith, K.C., extended felicitations to His Honor upon his resumption of the office. The Parliamentary Draftsman (Mr. A. J. Hannan) will be Acting Crown Solicitor, and Mr. E. L. Bean (Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman) will be Acting Parliamentary Draftsman.

Dr. Eric Gartrell, a son of Mr. F. G. Gartrell, of Prospect, and who graduated M.B., B.S. in Adelaide in 1921, was married in London last month to Miss Ridpath. For the last three years Dr. Gartrell has been gaining wider experience in London, where he qualified as a member of the Royal College of Physicians. During the past 12 months he has held the position of R.M.O. at the British National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart.

The members of the Elder Conservatorium String Quartet played before His Excellency and Lady Bridges at Government House last night.



MR. JOHN BISHOP.

welcome contrast. Later in the evening Mr. Bishop gave excerpts from Scriabine, Ravel, Debussy, Albeniz, Schuman, and Liszt. The brilliant intricacies of Ravel's "Jeux de'eau" were skillfully dealt with and the effect of the rising and falling notes limned a clear picture of leaping waters flashing in joyous sunlight. Mr. Bishop is an artist of quite extraordinary ability who brings to the concert platform individuality and keen understanding.

Another eminent writer remarks of John Bishop's work:—"Australia has given as musicians in the past, some of whom have attained to the highest pinnacle of fame; and, unless appearances very much belie themselves, the latest recruit from the antipodes should have little difficulty in adding his name to the roll of those who have shed lustre on the land of their birth. Mr. John Bishop is the individual referred to."

Further praise was bestowed upon this artist by another musical authority who, having heard him play, wrote:—"Mr. John Bishop proved himself a pianist of very considerable merit. Indeed, I am tempted to use the term, 'He has arrived.' His programme was well chosen and widely varied, ranging from Bach to Debussy. His performance was always sound, musically, technically correct, but full of individuality; vigorous where demanded, but avoiding the mere making of noise; his quieter passages were well conceived, but the extreme tendency towards sentimentality was always avoided."