

Employers' Encouragement.

The fact that university women have found themselves too often to a narrow choice of professional careers and have neglected the opportunities offered in commerce is recognized by graduates and is being counted on for remedial action on the Continent (says The London Daily Telegraph). In 1924, at the conference of the International Federation of University Women, held at Oslo, it was agreed that the various countries should form business and university women's committees to advise the formation of a world and America have acted on this recommendation, the credit for which must be given to Professor Darnley Naylor and other English delegates, and to Viscountess Rhonda. These ladies came together on their return to England, and last May saw the formation of a Business and University Committee composed of equal numbers of distinguished university and business women.

Three months ago the objects of the committee were defined and it was decided that, in view of the number of societies that help to find employment for university women, it was unnecessary to extend the scope of the new body beyond that of a committee. It will endeavour by all likely means to open up careers for university women in the following industries. It is setting about its work in three ways—by the collection and distribution of information on this matter by writing letters to employers; and by acting in an advisory and consultative capacity with the University Appointments Boards, the Federation of University Women, and similar organizations. In this way any danger of overlapping will be avoided. A representative of the London University Appointments Board is on the committee, as are the heads of the women's colleges. On the business side are women holding responsible positions, among them the managing director of a large advertising company, the advertising manager for an important journal, the editor of a weekly paper, the managing director of a firm of ironworks, a chemist, a chartered accountant, and the director of a well-known firm of engineers.

The committee has now decided to present its case to individual employers, pointing out that it is in a position to put them in touch with the university women who are beginning in business or industry. Previously there has been very little connection between the women's colleges and the industries, and the committee will explain its intention to act as a link between the two. It will, moreover, emphasize the fact that women must realize that if they want to reach the top they must, even though university-trained, start at the bottom of the ladder, and learn in certain cases a probationary year or two to learn the business.

The committee is emphatic on the point that the university women must be prepared to learn her job. In this connection it invited the opinion of a big employer, who replied that the graduates who come to industry as industry was concerned, must look upon herself as so much raw material, and must recognize that she could not hope for any prominence in a firm until she had been trained for some years. On the other hand, the employer is gradually losing the habit of the university women, who are now being trained to do a job, largely because she herself is beginning to realize the possibilities that it holds out.

Hitherto the majority of women who have made their way in business have had influence behind them, and probably in certain occupations, particularly financial and clerical, it is necessary to come to be the only "open sesame" for a university girl. However, it is believed that the women of the future, generally, will be able to win the day. A certain amount of encouragement from employers has already been received, and has been very helpful. In the case of one firm of two big electrical engineering firms, which are prepared to consider taking on a few women, the manager is generally anxious to visit with view to testing their capacities, and it holds out.

SCHOOL OF FORESTRY.

Every State Represented.

MELBOURNE, Monday. (The Minister for Home and Territories, Mr. Pearce, advised today that he had been advised by the Principals of the two Australian Schools of Forestry that the two principals were now attending the Victorian Government Forestry Conference at each State is now represented at the conference in total number of students enrolled is 18.

Lecture by Professor Darnley Naylor.

Professor H. Darnley Naylor, at the fortnightly meeting of the Australian Natives' Association (Adelaide branch), held in Bishop's Cafe, Rundle street, on Monday evening, delivered an interesting lecture on "The delights of the English dictionary."

The lecturer in the first place deplored incorrect pronunciation of the English language. A strong movement, he said, had been made for the introduction of a phonetic spelling, but he emphasized that until there was uniformity in pronunciation it would be impossible to have phonetic spelling—the only hope of making English easy for foreigners to learn. Britons were very conservative in essential matters, and he expected much opposition to any drastic alteration, the same as had been expressed when the introduction of the metric system in regard to quantities, coinage, distances, and so on, had been suggested. That system, however, would come in time. There was no doubt that the English language would be the predominant language of the world. It was its lowest spoken by more than 150 million people: German, by 120 million; Russian, by 90 million; and French, by 60 million. There were two ways of making the language predominant—first, the language should be split reasonably, and secondly, they should have the common sense to have a standard pronunciation. The lecturer explained the origin of many words, and said that so far as the significant words were concerned, 50 per cent. were of Latin origin; 22 per cent. Greek; and the remaining 28 per cent. Germanic. A knowledge of Latin and Greek was essential in spelling and pronunciation of English words, and sufficient of those languages to enable one to understand English could be taught in a month or so. The lecturer traced in humorous and instructive vein the origin of many words in common use, and illustrated how many words, by common usage, had to-day quite different meanings to their original derivation.

THE LATE DR. LEITH NAPIER.
Biographical particulars in The Register on whom appeared on Monday.

Mr. Albert Bussenchutt, whose death occurred at Prospect last week, after a long illness, was a well-known business man in York's Peninsula. Born at Salisbury in 1857, he was the elder son of the late Mr. H. Bussenchutt, a South Australian pioneer. When quite a lad, he was passed with a farmer for 8½ a week. Industrious and thrifty, by the time he arrived at the age of 23, he, in partnership with Mr. John Koch (now of Walkerville) launched out on his own account on a high black soil in the Andrew's Country name. In a few years their partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Bussenchutt invested in a farm near Clinton, which became one of the show holdings of the district. The property which he gave to the Clydesdale stock in the neighbourhood, was considerable. He next removed to Gawler, and successfully farmed for a few years. Eventually he relinquished active agricultural pursuits, and returned to his family to Prospect. Mrs. Bussenchutt (formerly Miss Louisa Weiss, of Port Gawler) died seven years ago. The family consisted of one son, Albert, and three daughters, Misses Louisa and Eliza, also Mrs. H. B. Mayo, all of Prospect.

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.
SUCCESSFUL CONCERT BY STAFF.

There was a large audience in the Elder Hall on Monday evening when the fifth concert of the 1926 season was given by members of the staff. The programme was interesting and attractive. The concert began with an impressive rendering of J. S. Bach's exacting "Locata and Fugue," by Professor Harold Davies, who brought out the character of the composition with a admirable effect. The variety of treatment and volume of sound at the climax was very fine. A group of three Biblical songs by Auto Dourak gave Mr. Clive Carey scope for his accustomed vocal artistry. The organ accompaniment, which was played by Professor Davies, added much to the effect. In "Hear my prayer" the restraint of the treatment and the skill with which the organ accompaniment passages combined to make Mr. Carey's presentation notable. In "God is my Shepherd" the organ accompaniment was with much expression. The group closed with the more vigorous "I will sing your songs," which was rendered with full effect, the organ providing a fitting background to the voice.

The performance of Purcell's "Golden sonata" for two violins and piano, by Miss Sylvia Swinward and Miss Mabel, was a most successful one. This old-world music received just the clear sincerity of treatment for which it is famous. The treatment of the strings and the clear singing quality of the piano part brought out the intrinsic beauty of the composer's art. The treatment of the large was fine, the organ was well handled, and the delicate grace of the canon charmingly brought out. The two movements, grave and allegro, made a good conclusion to a well-rendered composition. Piano solos by Miss Ivy Ayres included two well-contrasted writings. The "Air and variations on an Hungarian air," by Felix Swinward, with its marked individuality, was admirably interpreted, and the quaintness charmingly expressed. The "Rhapsody in F sharp minor" followed, winning well-deserved applause. Mrs. Swinward gave an effective rendering to a charming group of songs. First came Bachmann's "Lilacs," with its delicate and tender atmosphere. "Romance," last, and most expressively rendered, the Rimsky-Korsakov "Chant Indien," which, with its delicate and tender atmosphere. Violin and organ are not often heard together, but the rich quality of the tone of the two instruments, and the depth of effect with which they may be combined, was well illustrated in the interpretation of the "Thema and variations for violin and organ, op. 109" (Rheinberger), given by Miss Sylvia Whittington and Professor Harold Davies. Miss Whittington's playing had the usual sincerity and clearness of handling, while the tonal quality and expression were delightful. Professor Davies continued to give just the right intonation to an outstandingly fine evening.

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CANCER RESEARCH

£100,000 Fund Opened

—SYDNEY, Today. To raise a fund of £100,000 from the public for the purpose of carrying out research and treatment in the cancer of the University of Sydney, already £10,000 has been subscribed.

MR. W. R. KELLY, Mayor of Yorktown.

He started practising as a barrister and solicitor at Yorktown immediately after his admission to the Bar five years ago. For the past four years he has been a member of the town council. He holds numerous public positions in Yorktown, including President of the local branch of the Liberal Federation and Vice-President of the Liberal Federation District Committee, President of the Football and Cricket Peninsula Golf Association, and also of the Vigilance Committee.

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RESEARCH WORK

A SYDNEY UNIVERSITY APPEAL.

Sydney, June 15. The Sydney University is organising a public appeal to raise £100,000 for the purpose of carrying out research and treatment in the cancer of the University of Sydney. The movement is to be known as the University of Sydney Cancer Research and Treatment Fund Appeal, and is to be controlled by a special committee consisting of Sir William Gill (Chairman), of the University, the Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Street), and others.

A general scheme for carrying out a community appeal on a wide scale has been drawn up, and it is desired that as much money as possible may be put to the fund. The expense will be cut to a minimum, and most of the work will be done voluntarily. Sectional committees are to be formed, and these are later to be divided into groups.