

UNIVERSITY INTELLECTUAL INTERCOURSE

Although the imparting of knowledge is the main function of the university, its activities and utilities should not terminate there. Those whose university training transforms them into mere repositories of facts and doctrines do not fulfil the great object of education unless they turn it to some useful account. Otherwise they become counterparts of the steward who buried his five talents. Every possible effort should therefore be made to make effective the learning which is acquired at the university.

Hitherto students have found themselves in a teaching institution where there were no facilities for social and intellectual communing whereby they might exchange ideas and thresh out difficult problems in the light of their individual studies and according to the bent of their own intellectuality.

In Sydney and Melbourne there are residential colleges attached to the universities, where there is a great deal of the social and intellectual life which is essential at a seat of learning.

Adelaide has no such colleges and it is advisable that some steps should be taken to bring about social relations between the students, not only as a means of recreation and relaxation, but to promote the interchange of knowledge and provide for the spread of enlightenment, so that the fruits of erudition may be reaped in abundance.

This most desirable object is now to be achieved. By a generous donation of £10,000 Sir Josiah Symon has made possible the establishment of a University Union for Women. Tonight a meeting will be held in the Adelaide Town Hall to inaugurate a campaign for funds for the establishment of a Men's Union, with a common refectory for both unions.

There should be no doubt about obtaining the required funds, especially when it is remembered that the building is also to embody a memorial for the 470 students who served in the war, and more especially for the 63 whose lives were sacrificed in the conflict.

From the foundation of the union there should grow a fellowship among the students. This is impossible in existing conditions and should prove as beneficial to the students themselves as to the whole community. From the social, intellectual, and cultural standpoints the union must mean a big forward movement in the university life of the State. Indeed, its advantages can scarcely be overestimated.

Many generous donations have been made to the Adelaide University in recent times. This appeal, too, should find a response among those who are anxious to see the efforts for the advancement of education and knowledge made thoroughly and abundantly effective.

News 13-8-27

CANCER CURE

Experiments in Adelaide

LEAD TREATMENT

It is understood that the Council of Adelaide University has appointed a committee to undertake work in the treatment of cancer by the colloid of lead mixed with iodine by Prof. Blair-Bell, of Liverpool, England.

For several years past Prof. Blair-Bell, of Liverpool, has been conducting experiments on the effects of certain preparations of lead upon growths. As the problem involved many special branches it was found necessary to enlist workers in these special fields, so that numerous pitfalls might be more readily avoided. Thus the Liverpool committee on the investigation of cancer came into being, having as its central object the studying of the effects of certain lead preparations.

Severe Method

It seems to have been shown that these lead preparations will in certain instances cause cancer cells to divide in line between the action upon cancer cells and normal cells is not very wide.

It is to be taken in the administration of the treatment, which is severe, and cannot be borne by persons whose vital functions are greatly impaired. More than this, the growth of certain structures of the body cannot be attacked by this method on account of structural peculiarities. It has, however, the advantage that it reaches regions inaccessible to surgical operations.

Nevertheless, the Liverpool committee insists on surgical removal of as much of the growth as possible, and the use of lead to deal with what remains. Although the treatment appears to be in the experimental stage, it shows promise. If the greatest expectations prove well founded the method will be by no means a cure for all cancer. However, it will greatly enlarge the field of the present curability of cancer by surgery.

Apparent Cures Accomplished

At Adelaide Hospital several patients have consented to the treatment. They are cases that have been specially selected, and do not lend themselves to other forms of cure, such as surgical operations.

Questioned regarding the number of patients undergoing the treatment at the hospital, or if a number of beds were reserved for the use of the method, the committee, hospital officials declined to give the information.

Two leading medical men in Adelaide stated that it was premature to pass judgment one way or the other upon the method of apparent cures had been accomplished in Britain it was not until those reports can be obtained from the average span of life that the treatment might be termed a success.

The lecture given by the Prime Minister (Mr. Bruce) under the Joseph Chamberlain Foundation on "The financial and economic position of the world" has been printed, and copies may be obtained gratis on application at the registrar's office at Adelaide University.

REG. 16-8-27 FIFTY YEARS AGO.

From the Register, Wednesday, August 13, 1877. The continuance of dry weather is being borne to tell upon the late crops of the season. Mr. Smyth, P.A., C.E., is to be head master of the new Adelaide School. The Adelaide University has at present only two professors, who represent very fairly the main branches of literature and science. There is only one professor for mathematics and natural science, and the professor of natural science gives instruction in chemistry, physics, and botany. We hope the University will be able to carry the two branches of mathematics and natural science, and to have a laboratory into Agriculture in Victoria, as well as to

REG. 16-8-27 CONSERVATORIUM OPERA GLASS.

An interesting event to lovers of music in Adelaide should be the first performance in Australia of the fairy opera "Hansel and Gretel," at the King's Theatre on August 23 and 27 by the Elder Conservatorium, under the direction of Mr. Clive Carey, with Mr. Winslow Hall as musical director. The libretto was adapted by the sister of the composer from "Grimm's Fairy Tales" of the same name, so that from an entertainment as well as musical aspect the performance should appeal to the younger generation. As the Conservatorium is in vacation, the young people should be given an opportunity of seeing and hearing the best work of the opera, which first produced at Munich in 1880, and immediately brought fame to its composer. Shortly afterwards it was produced in London (as matinee only) at the Savoy Theatre, with Jeanne and Louisa Douste in the named parts, and David Bispham and Edith Miller as the broom-maker and the witch respectively. Its success was such that it was promptly placed in the repertoire at Covent Garden Opera House. On the same evening as the opera, the first act of the play "Prunella," by Housman and Barker, will be staged. The comedienne under the supervision of Mr. Harold Davies and Madame Delmar Hall, Mr. Rae Walsh is to be stage manager, and the business arrangements are in the hands of Mr. G. C. Cuthbert. Tickets and plans at Carverthorne's.

REG. 19-8-27

Dr. A. E. V. Richardson (director of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute) arrived in Adelaide from Melbourne on Thursday morning, and left again this afternoon on the Comcon for London, where he will attend an Imperial agricultural research conference, convened by the Imperial Government. Discussions will take place as to the best methods of co-ordinating agricultural research in the self-governing dominions, Crown colonies, and Great Britain. The organization of the conference is one of the results of the Imperial Conference in London. Australia will be represented by Mr. G. A. Julius, who is already in Johannesburg, and Dr. S. S. Cameron (Director of the Department of Agriculture in Victoria), as well as to

REG. 16-8-27 ELDER CONSERVATORIUM ASSOCIATION.

ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS BY MEMBERS.

There was a good attendance at the Elder Hall on Monday evening, when an attractive programme of original compositions by the Elder Conservatorium Association was given. The influence of the modern school was noticeable in many of the works. The programme included "Variations" and there was much of interest in this musical self-expression. Mr. Horace Perkins was heard to advantage in his own composition "Belled in Gold," which opened with a tone of earnestness through which echoes of old-world themes emerged, giving way to the waltz strain.

Later Mr. Perkins accompanied three of his compositions for the violin, which were charmingly played by Miss Helena Fisher. These were "Waltz," "Intermezzo," and "Elves." Another writing for the piano was a group of six by Miss Evelyn Hyde, which was particularly well received and touched with melody, and artistically played by Miss Hyde, who has an expressive touch. Mr. Alec Burnett gave a forcible rendering of his "Variations on Somerset folk-tune" (The watchet sailor). Among the vocal writings a group of songs by Mr. Clive Carey was particularly well received. These included "Three songs of fancy" from Algernon Blackwood's fairy play "The staff and the serpent," "The gardener's song," and "The gardener's song." Others were "Spring" (William Masson), "Lullaby" (Doris Johnson), and "Roses" (Doris Johnson). (Rosedale Kipling), and all were artistically sung. The accompaniments are particularly distinctive and were played expertly by Miss Maud Wood. Miss Linda Wald sang three songs by Miss Ivy Ayres (accompanied by the composer). These were "Strains of a Song" (Miss Ayres), "A Song of a Gentle" (W. B. Yeats), and "A Fairy Land are we" (Alfred Noyes). Two songs composed by Mr. H. Winslow Hall, "The Song of the Weaver" and "Autumn" (Anon) were sung by Miss Valda Harvey, accompanied by Miss Alice Mearns, Miss Miss Ivy Watson.

The programme was heard to good advantage in a song group by Mr. A. R. Wood "Song" (Ben Jonson), "Auntie's soft voices die" (Shelley), and "Poppy" (Browning). The whole programme was particularly interesting and the audience deeply appreciative.



DR. ANGAS JOHNSON

the late T. G. Elvey, for many years town clerk of Adelaide, the doctor will be long remembered for the important part he played in establishing a number of the municipal gardens in and around Adelaide.

In addition to presenting rare plants to the Botanic Garden, and the city gardens, Dr. Angus Johnson has from his unique collection of historic and other relics given a number of valuable records to the Adelaide City Council Museum, which he helped to found. Liberal and generous-hearted, no one knows the extent of his kindness and charity.

For more than 20 years the versatile doctor was a city councillor, and for a great portion of that time chairman of the Adelaide Local Board of Health. He is now medical officer of health for the City of Adelaide and Metropolitan Council Board, consulting physician to Adelaide Hospital, and Government representative on the Central Board of Health.

Musician's Birthday

Mr. W. H. Foote, a popular Adelaide musician, will celebrate his forty-seventh birthday tomorrow, born in Dorset, England, he went to Wimbome Minister School and to the Royal College of Music,



MR. W. H. FOOTE

London, of which he is an Associate. As a conductor of band and orchestra there is no one in Adelaide so capable. Apart from his professional skill Mr. Foote has a charm of manner that contributes to the success of any performance under his direction. He is conductor of the Elder Conservatorium Orchestra, and of the South Australian Orchestra, and of Adelaide Glee Club.

Archibald Adams

Yen. Archibald Adams, M.A., rector of Jamesstown, who is visiting England, was three days last Wednesday. He is the father of Rev. R. K. S. Adams, M.A., University of Adelaide, and of Dr. Archibald Adams of the Edinburgh Department. The Archibalds have been prominent in the past 17 years, and present year will receive of Mount Pleasant for 18th year.