

STUDY OF HISTORY.
Practical Suggestions by Principal Kiek.

The weekly luncheon of the South Australian branch of the League of Nations Union was held at the Regal Cafe, Grenfell street, on Tuesday. Mr. J. H. Vaughan (Chairman of the Executive) occupied the chair.

Principal E. S. Kiek revealed features of interest in an instructive address on "The study of history." He said the children of to-day were far better taught in that subject than was the last generation. The type of question asked in the public examination showed that an effort was being made to translate and transform history. Middle-aged people entertained painful recollections of history, as it was taught in their own schooldays, when it consisted chiefly of lists of dates, battles, and suchlike. To-day every effort was made to call forth intelligence rather than to encourage parrotlike memorization, and to stimulate a real consciousness of the mighty heritage which was theirs. Modern textbooks laid due stress on social and economic conditions; they helped students to understand the inter-relation of events and to grasp the underlying tendencies which made history what it was. At the same time it would be foolish to deny the importance of outstanding personalities, or even of wars and battles. Even a knowledge of dates was not to be despised, a student who had no idea of the chronological sequence of events could not possibly have an intelligent understanding of history. A certain amount of memory work was as necessary in learning history as in learning Latin or French. He did not believe in making things too easy for the student, the young people of to-day needed to learn lessons of discipline and hard work. As a believer in "the humanities," he hoped that the time would never come when subjects like literature and history would be regarded as "soft options."

To him history was not merely entertaining, instructive, and interesting; it was sacred. As a believer in the providence of God, he regarded history as the larger Bible of the race. If they regarded men as of no more ultimate significance in the universe than ants, or if they regarded the universe as nothing but a mechanism without any moral or spiritual meaning or purpose, then history might be viewed as a depressing study. It was full of horrors and tragedies, but those appeared to them more largely than they should do. They ought to realize that multitudes of seemingly humdrum lives were filled with quiet happiness in the faithful performance of daily duty and in the enjoyment of innocent pleasures. The average person was less affected by political changes and military exploits than a superficial study of history might suggest. He saw in history a record of progress, though he agreed with Dean Inge that that progress was not universal or automatic, it had been won by toil and tears. They should remember with pride and gratitude not only the great pioneers and waymakers, but the humble souls who had followed them and made their triumphs possible.

"A Splendid Corrective."

History, continued the speaker, was a splendid corrective both to fatuous pessimisms and to fatuous optimisms. It helped people "to see life steadily and see it whole." One fallacy which history upset was the idea that human nature could not be changed; the whole story of their moral and spiritual progress showed that that was untrue. The tragedy of the modern situation was that material progress had largely outstripped the other and more important kind of progress. The root of their modern troubles might be discovered in the anarchy which had invaded the world of thought with the decline of the ancient infallibilities. That was a temporary phase such as mankind had experienced on several occasions in the past. He deprecated all attempts to make history the vehicle of propaganda. Just as art suffered when it became the vehicle of self-conscious moralism, so history was bound to suffer when regarded as a quarry for modern controversialists. The idea that history was exclusively determined by economic factors was as false to fact as the idea that man himself was determined by nothing higher than love of ease and gain. Many evil things like slavery, polygamy, war, and religious persecution had had a relative justification in past times, the thing to insist upon now was that those were anachronisms. He urged the importance of studying recent and present-day developments in the light of the past, from which they had sprung. They succeeded in teaching a boy or girl to read the newspaper intelligently—critically—he was not referring to the King intelligence—they had helped to enable that person to continue his or her education. So long as the mass of adults were not keen to continue their own education, they ought not to be satisfied, for true education ended only with the grave, and some of them believed and hoped that it would continue even beyond that. (Applause.)

The director of the Elder Conservatorium of Music (Dr. E. Harold Davies) will leave for London by the Mooltan on Thursday. He expects to return to Adelaide at the end of March. He is visiting London in connection with music and Conservatorium work. He hopes to



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meet many of his friends and hear much music during his short visit. Before the performance of "The Messiah" by the Bach Society at the Town Hall on Saturday evening, which was conducted by Dr. Davies, the members of the choir wished him a pleasant voyage.

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ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

MEETING OF THE SENATE.

ALTERATIONS OF STATUTES.

A meeting of the Senate of the Adelaide University was held on Wednesday afternoon. The chair was occupied by the Warden (Mr. Justice Angus Parsons). The following officers were declared elected unopposed:—Warden, Mr. Justice Angus Parsons; clerk of Senate, Mr. F. W. Eardley; members of the council, the Rev. K. J. F. Blekersteth, Dr. F. S. Hone, Mr. Justice Angus Parsons, Mr. T. E. Barr Smith, and Mr. W. J. Young. Several proposed alterations to the statutes were adopted. It was decided that in the faculty of medicine four subjects, including English, and one other language at the leaving examination, and such of the following subjects as have not been passed at the leaving examination, must have been passed at the intermediate examination:—Latin, one language other than English and Latin, physics, chemistry, and unless mathematics, Part I. has been passed at the leaving standard, mathematics, Part I. and Part II. It was explained that the result of the alteration would be that physics and chemistry would be added at the intermediate examination. It was also agreed that in the faculty of dentistry chemistry might be substituted for an additional language at the intermediate standard. In connection with the Hartley studentship it was agreed that students entering the faculty of dentistry should be made eligible for studentship.

Payment of Fees.

It was agreed that in addition to the annual fees payable for lectures, every student taking any course for a degree or a diploma shall, unless exempted by the council, pay an annual fee of twenty-five shillings, which shall be paid at the same time as the lecture fees for the first term; such fee to be used to provide for the proper maintenance of the union under such authority and management as shall be determined by the council. A student who, in the opinion of the professor or lecturer concerned, is unable to profit by a course of lectures, may be reported to the faculty. The faculty, after consideration of the student's record, shall furnish a report to the council, who may thereupon require the student to withdraw for the remainder of the academic year from one, or in special cases from more than one course of lectures, not necessarily including that for which he has been reported.

With reference to the David Murray Scholarships it was decided that if for any reason the full amount of £25 be not awarded in any one year by any faculty having the disposal of it, any amount so unawarded shall be disposed of as the council shall determine.

Affiliation with the University was granted to St. Mark's College, and to the college at "Strathspoy," Mitcham, made available through the generosity of the Duncan family, and to be known as St. Andrew's College.

The regulations were amended to allow masters or doctors in other faculties to proceed to the degree of doctor of letters.

The regulations governing the degree of bachelors of science were altered to allow of a special course for students desirous of studying physiology and psychology and sciences relating thereto. The regulations covering the degree of bachelor of laws was amended so that the intermediate examination may be passed in one year, and a paragraph was added to provide that a candidate who omits to present himself for examination, or fails to pass in any subject, shall again attend lectures in that subject to the satisfaction of the professor and lecturer, unless exempted by the faculty of law.

For the degree of bachelor of medicine and bachelor of surgery the fees were increased from £30 to £40 per annum. The fee for the course of six years, including the ordinary examinations and degree fees will now be £240, payable in advance.

Dental Surgery and Dental Science.

Regulations with regard to the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery and the degree of Bachelor of Dental Science were revised. Sir Joseph Verco explained that to obtain the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery a student, after matriculation, must complete five years. Before obtaining the degree of Doctor of Dental Science candidates must have been admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery in the University of Adelaide.

For the degree of Bachelor of Music it was decided that the regulations be amended to provide that an additional language may be selected as the fourth subject at the leaving for matriculation. It was agreed that before the diploma of Associate in Music can be granted all candidates must either have passed the leaving examination, or have passed in the following subjects at the leaving examination:—English literature, history, one language other than English, and one other subject, or produce evidence of having passed such examinations in at this or any other University as may, in the opinion of the council, be equivalent.

Diploma of Commerce.

It was decided to establish a diploma of commerce to obtain which candidates shall attend a course of instruction in English composition during two years. Students who have passed the leaving examination in English literature may be exempted from this course.

In connection with public examinations it was agreed that the subject of "agricultural science" be added.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the proposal that postal voting be adopted in the election of members of the council was submitted by the Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Mitchell), who said the committee did not recommend the senate to ask for an alteration of the Act which would be necessary to allow of the adoption of the proposal. Some relaxation, he said, might be sought if, and when, a new University Act was in contemplation. The committee thought that the advantage of postal voting to members of the senate who lived at a distance was not at all equal to the disadvantage to the University, and was even repugnant to the spirit of the Act, which put the government of the University in the hands of the senate. The committee recommended that no action be taken at present to alter the method of voting. The recommendation was unanimously adopted.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS, NOVEMBER, 1927.

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY.

- FIRST YEAR.**
Passed with credit—None.
Passed—Hannon, Thomas Dennis.
- SECOND YEAR.**
Passed with credit—None.
Passed (in alphabetical order)—Evans, Mervyn Wyke; Thomson, Sydney William.
- THIRD YEAR.**
Passed with credit (in order of merit)—Forder, Charles Rex; Wilson, Harry Max; Evans, Walter Alfred Wyke. Passed (in alphabetical order)—Bateman, Albert; Burns, Chester Arnold; Chapman, Ernest Stirling; Taylor, Robert Herbert George.
- FOURTH YEAR.**
Passed with credit—None.
Passed (in alphabetical order)—Christopher sen, Jack Vivian; George, Adalbert James; McEachern, Mervyn; Preedy, Winifred Edna.

This afternoon, the Director of the Elder Conservatorium (Professor E. Harold Davies, Mus. Doc.) will leave for a brief trip to England and the Continent, in the Mooltan. On Wednesday afternoon Dr. Davies entertained the members of the staff in his own sanctum to afternoon tea. Mr. I. G. Reimann, in behalf of the assemblage, bade the director a safe and pleasant voyage, and trusted that he would benefit in every way from the trip. Mr. Reimann then



PROFESSOR E. HAROLD DAVIES, Mus. Doc. who, to-day, will leave for England.

handed to Dr. Davies various smoker's requisites, for use on the journey, including a case of pipes, ash tray, tobacco pouch, and case of cigarettes. The recipient, in acknowledging the useful gifts, referred to the cordial relations that existed between them all—they were one happy family—and it tended to make duty a pleasure. Dr. Davies then referred to the approaching marriage of Mr. George Pearce and Miss Sylvia Whittington, and, wishing them every happiness, handed gifts, jointly, from himself and the members of the staff. A case of cutlery and an electric kettle were tangible mementoes of the occasion, and Mr. Pearce returned thanks in behalf of Miss Whiting and himself.

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UNIVERSITY STUDIES.

Statutes and Regulations Amended.

A meeting of the Senate of the University was held on Wednesday afternoon. The Warden (Mr. Justice Angus Parsons) occupied the chair. A number of amendments and additions to the statutes and regulations were adopted.

In dealing with the statute governing matriculation, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (Dr. W. Ray) stated that for all students beginning their course in medicine in and after 1930, physics and chemistry would be substituted for a language at the intermediate examination, and mathematics (part ii.) at the leaving examination would not be required.

For the dentistry course the Dean of the Faculty (Sir Joseph Verco) indicated that for students beginning their course in and after 1930, chemistry would be substituted for an additional language