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FREE EDUCATION THROUGH UNIVERSITY

Urged By Teachers' President At Interstate Conference TO GIVE ALL A CHANCE

"Free education only to the primary standard is wrong," declared the president of the State School Teachers' Association, in his address at the opening of the interstate conference of teachers at the Institute Building last night.

"Free education for every boy and girl to the top of the University is what is wanted," he said. "All should have an equal opportunity. If this were granted the best would attain the summit, irrespective of riches or poverty."

"The idea that the most brilliant children at the top of a primary school are best fitted for advanced education is false. The truth is that the top of the primary standard is not big enough to determine the potential capacity of a child."

"Never has the need for careful and extended education been so pressing as now. Little wonder that those who are less happily situated economically hold to a faith in education as their hope for better times," said the Premier (Mr. Hill) opening the conference.

"The free schools are our contribution to civilisation," he added. "We want to maintain the efficiency of that system but we do not desire that the money voted for it should be squandered."

"Unless unemployment is to be chronic and increasing we will have to develop new occupations for large numbers of people."

NO CAST IRON SYSTEM
The Director of Education (Mr. W. J. Adey) said it was his firm opinion that education of the right sort beyond the age of the primary school was essential to the proper development of the race.

An important feature of the advance in educational methods was the introduction of curricula to suit the children. No longer were students expected to fit into a cast-iron system.

Mr. Corry said teachers felt that their work, pay, and conditions of service were not properly understood and appreciated by the public. Too often they were the first to suffer in times of stringency and the last to benefit when conditions were good.

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EXCHANGE RATES

EFFECT ON SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS

"As a result of the increase of 6 1/2 per cent. in the rate of exchange between England and Australia, there will have to be a corresponding increase in the price of imported school textbooks," said the Director of Education (Mr. W. J. Adey) yesterday.

"The effect on the primary schools, however, will be very slight," added Mr. Adey. "As, with the exception of a few supplementary readers, all the textbooks used in the schools are printed in Australia. The higher exchange rate will affect those books only insofar as the imported paper is concerned."

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IMPERIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Director of Education (Mr. W. J. Adey) has been informed that the Board of Education has decided that it would be inadvisable to hold the next meeting of the Imperial Education Conference in 1931, as was recommended by the conference in 1927. The board understood that a large number of overseas Governments would be unable, for financial or other reasons, to send delegates if the conference were to meet this year. The board proposes to consider further what date would be appropriate for the next meeting of the conference at a meeting to be held in the spring of 1931.

Reg. 13-1-31

Probate has been granted under the will of Mrs. Georgina Maud Dowling, of Esplanade, Glenelg. The estate has been sworn not to exceed £27,700 in value. After the death of the testatrix, the residue of the estate will form a trust to be controlled by the council of the Adelaide University to form the Georgina Dowling Research Fund, for the prosecution of scientific research.

COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

KING APPROVES PREFIX OF "ROYAL"

Lord Moynihan to Present Mace

Advice has been received from the Prime Minister's Department that the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the prefix "Royal" for the College of Surgeons of Australasia, which will, therefore, be known as the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

The chief objects of the college are to improve the standard of surgery, and of surgical training and research. The Royal Australian College of Surgeons has arranged with the Royal College of Surgeons of England that the primary Fellowship examinations of the English college shall be held in Australia, and a cable message states that the examination will begin in Melbourne on August 11. This will be of great benefit to Australasian graduates, who cannot afford the time and expense involved in a visit to England for the purpose.

Design of Mace

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons will shortly possess a material expression of the good fellowship that has always existed between it and the Royal College in England. The English college is to present it with a mace, which will be an exact replica of one given to the English college as a mark of Royal authority. The president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (Lord Moynihan) will visit Australia early in 1932, and will personally present the mace. The mace will bear the arms of the English college, the arms of the Australasian college (which have recently been granted to it by the College of Heralds), the arms of Australia, and the arms of New Zealand. The King has granted special permission for the use of the orb and cross in the design of the mace.

Endowment Fund

To form a research endowment fund in memory of the late Sir George Syme, first president of the college, Lady Syme and her children have given the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons £2,500. Results achieved in the research work will be presented in an annual memorial oration, to be called the Syme oration, and the first of these will be given by Lord Moynihan on the occasion of the presentation of the mace.

News 14-1-31

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

METHODS CRITICISED

"Proved Ability Should Count"

COMMENTING on examinations conducted by the Public Examination Board of the University of Adelaide, Mr. H. J. Humby said that it was unfortunate that due consideration was withheld from students of proved all-round ability who may not have complied with certain rigid rules which, after all, had little to commend them.

Mr. Humby, who has been associated with State school committees, referred particularly to a condition which required a candidate to pass at the outset at least four of six subjects to be eligible to sit for the remaining subjects and qualify for a certificate.

FORTUNATE PASSES

He said that a student who was fortunate enough to succeed in six subjects at one sitting rightly received a certificate conveying a recognised standard of education. Others, however, with 12 or more passes, may not be considered.

Certificates issued for six passes, continued Mr. Humby, were held to be the hall mark of learning—an award for educational attainment to a certain standard. What, then, was to be said for the candidate who had passed a dozen or more subjects, but was still not eligible for a certificate because of the inflexibility of an obnoxious rule? Was it the mere possession of the parchment or the fact of having passed a larger number of subjects that counted? As an example, Mr. Humby quoted the case of a student who had passed in eight subjects for the intermediate examination and in five for the leaving test. He was not eligible for the certificate of the former (lower) standard. Furthermore, the student was debarred from sitting for the

supplementary examination to complete the course.

CERTIFICATES DISCOUNTED

"Surely where clearly merited, say with 10 subjects to his credit, a student could be subject to the discretion of members of the board who might issue a certificate," he continued. "It is little wonder that certificates are being discounted and not necessarily required for entry to the State Civil Service."

"To the University authorities are entrusted the efforts of practically the whole of the senior students of the State's educational system, as well as of those of private institutions. There is room to accord more moderate treatment to ambitious pupils of proved general capacity who, from the anxiety and environment of the examination room, may not at the moment fulfil the requirement of a too-exacting rule, and thus have ambition repressed and throttled at the threshold of life."

Mr. Humby added that the welfare of the bulk of such students was still in the keeping of the State, and the Government should not relax its interest. He did not suggest that examinations be regarded lightly, but thought that additional facilities should be extended where merited.

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EXAMINATION PAPERS

Complaints have been made in Victoria that parents of children who sat for public examinations have been unable to obtain information from the authorities why children failed. There are no difficulties in this direction in Adelaide. The Board of Public Examinations of the University has made provision for a report on his work being obtained by a candidate desiring it. The regulation governing such matter is:—"Upon application to the board, a report on the work of any candidate who has failed may be supplied on payment of a fee of ten shillings for each subject in which the report is requested. Such application must be made within two months of the date of publication of the results." In addition to a statement of the marks gained in each question, such reports contain an analytical survey of each question, showing why the answer failed to come up to the standard required for a pass.

News 19-1-31

MEDICAL RESEARCH

BEQUESTS TO UNIVERSITY

Large Gifts From Women

When the attention of Prof. Sir William Mitchell (Vice-Chancellor of Adelaide University) was drawn to the bequest of the late Mrs. Georgina Maud Dowling, of Glenelg, he stated that it was a welcome addition to the revenues of the medical school devoted to research.

The estate of Mrs. Dowling was sworn not to exceed £27,700. After the death of the testatrix by trust, the then residue of the estate will form a trust to be controlled by the council of Adelaide University, to constitute the Georgina Dowling Research Fund for scientific research into human diseases.

When the last Act of Parliament dealing with Adelaide Hospital converted it into a teaching school, it became the duty of the University not merely to teach students there, but to use the cases to the best advantage, following up cause and treatment, said Sir William.

Principal Endowment

"The principal endowments for this purpose were the bequests of Mrs. A. M. Simpson and Miss Keith Sheridan," he proceeded. "One main reason why the University joined with the Commonwealth Council for Scientific and Industrial Research in inviting Sir Charles Martin to become professor in succession to the late Prof. T. Brailsford Robertson was that he laid down a permanent scheme for the prosecution of such research."

"As director of Lister Institute for so many years, Sir Charles is familiar with all the difficulties and advantages. He will not have time to conduct such work himself, but the medical faculty urged his appointment upon the council on the ground of his experience."

Chair of Obstetrics

Medical research could be usefully conducted only under the best direction, continued Sir William. That meant much cost. It was significant that the large gifts to the medical school had all been from women, the other, apart from Mrs. Simpson, Miss Sheridan, and Mrs. Dowling, being Mrs. George Marks. Another valuable claim, which he hoped would appeal, especially when the new women's hospital promised on Frome road,

had been established, was an endowment for a chair of obstetrics.

All these equipments added to the medical school would have the most profound effect throughout the State, because the medical student benefited to a far greater extent by thorough treatment of cases than by books and lectures.

Sir William added that the cost to establish a chair of obstetrics varied, but when Sir Langdon Bonython endowed the last chair—that of law—the cost was £20,000.

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Mr. Malcolm W. Fletcher, who was second on the credit list in the third-year examination in medicine of the University, has been awarded a scholarship for 1931 by the council of St. Andrew's College.

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Application is being made by Elder's Trustee and Executor Company Limited for letters of administration of the estate of Sir Archibald Thomas Strong, formerly a professor at the University of Adelaide, who died on September 2. The estate is sworn not to exceed in gross value £533. In addition deceased had assets out of South Australia of the gross value of £13,407.

Adv. 21-1-31

Fifteen years ago yesterday Sir George J. R. Murray was appointed Chief Justice of South Australia in succession to the late Sir Samuel Way. It is interesting to recall that Sir



George was at one time associate to Sir Samuel Way, and was the first graduate of the Adelaide University to be appointed a K.C. His Honor has had a distinguished scholastic career. Born at Magill 68 years ago, he was educated at St. Peter's College, where he won four scholarships. Proceeding to the University, he annexed the South Australian scholarship, and he went to Cambridge, where he was bracketed senior in the law trips of 1877, and took the B.A. and LL.B. degrees. He was called to the bar of the Inner Temple in 1888, and later was admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Courts of South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales. In May, 1912, he was appointed a judge in this State. He has been a member of the Council of the University since 1891, and has been Chancellor since February 25, 1916. Possessed of a charming courtesy, Sir George Murray, who is Lieutenant-Governor of the State, is held in the highest esteem by all who enjoy the honor of his friendship.

News 21-1-31

Prof. R. L. Dunbabin (professor of classics at the University of Tasmania) arrived in Adelaide by the express from Melbourne this morning for a brief holiday. Prof. Dunbabin was acting professor of classic at Adelaide University 25 years ago.

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ASSOCIATE TO JUDGE

Mr. D. R. Downey Mentioned

It is understood that Mr. Donnell Raymond Downey will be appointed associate to Mr. Justice Angus Parsons consequent upon the promotion of Mr. R. N. Irwin as Clerk of Arraigns and associate to Sir George Murray (Chief Justice).

It is expected that Mr. Downey will begin his new duties early next month.

Mr. Downey, who is 23 years of age and a son of Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Downey, of Parkside, was admitted to the Bar last December. He was educated at St. Peter's College. In 1923 he passed the intermediate examination, and the following year obtained his leaving certificate. In 1925 he was articled to Mr. D. R. Downey

Mr. Collier Cudmore, of the legal firm of Symon, Murray, and Cudmore

Mr. Downey is prominent in Repertory Theatre work. He plays golf with Royal Adelaide Club at Seston, and took part in inter-university club tournaments. Since 1926 he has kept wickets for University in A Grade cricket. Mr. Downey also is a keen swimmer and footballer.

