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"SCIENCE ADDICTS"
WANTED

Sir Charles Martin Addresses
Commonwealth Club

Members of the Commonwealth Club found yesterday that in addition to being a distinguished scientist, Sir Charles Martin is a good speaker. He was their guest at a luncheon at the Adelaide Town Hall.

Sir Charles arrived a fortnight ago from London to be the director of the animal nutrition laboratory of the Commonwealth Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, and to take the chair of bio-chemistry and general physiology at the University.

He was welcomed by the president of the Commonwealth Club (Mr. Andrew D. Young), who said the luncheon was a gesture of friendship by the business men of Adelaide.

Pure Science and Discovery

Sir Charles paid a glowing tribute to the extraordinary ability of the late Professor Brailsford Robertson. Sir Charles said the task of wearing the mantle of that Elijah would be difficult, but he would do his best.

He made a plea for the encouragement of what was often called pure science, which was the ascertainment of things out of curiosity.

Persons who had a mania for finding out things, he declared, had been responsible for the big discoveries in history. He appealed for support and interest in such study—in the work of men whom he described as science addicts, just as others might refer to drink addicts.

In illustration of the value of pure science, he mentioned the celebrated Michael Faraday (1791-1867), whose "playing about with magnets and pieces of copper wire" paved the way for the appearance of the dynamo, electric motor, and telephone.

Without researches in the field of pure science, there would be nothing for the scientist to apply to industry.

Help for Producers

"When times are bad and prices are low," said Sir Charles, "the producer wants all the help he can get from the man of science. When wool is 3/ a lb. many can grow it at a profit; but when the price is about 1/ it takes a knowledgeable person to carry on successfully."

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
VISUALISED

Governor-General's First
Speech at Canberra

Canberra, March 23.

A great national university at Canberra, unfettered by territorial limitations and State considerations, and embodying the highest cultural and intellectual ideals, was visualised by the Governor-General (Sir Isaac Isaacs) in his address at the first annual commencement of the Canberra University College to-night.

There was a brilliant gathering. It was Sir Isaac's first public address at the national capital.

Sir Isaac said there were powerful reasons for looking forward to a Canberra University, ultimately providing and guaranteeing the standards by which Australia as a nation would measure up to the intellectual stature of the world.

"I believe I can perceive," said Sir Isaac, "the Canberra University, if eventually established, as the national centre of Australian intellectual thought and training, from which the other great universities, without the least diminution of their status, may seek and find leadership and inspiration."

The Prime Minister (Mr. Scullin) said, "I hope to see Canberra, not only the seat of Government, but a seat of learning and culture from which will emanate knowledge and ideas for the benefit of the nation."

The president of the university college council (Sir Robert Garran) said that the roll had grown from 32 students last year to 50 this year.

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EMPLOYMENT
SCHEME

ENGINEERING GRADUATES

Research Work Suggested

Advice has been received by Adelaide Chamber of Commerce from the Institution of Engineers (Adelaide division) of details of a scheme for the employment of University engineering graduates which will not displace other workers.

The institution states that it is anxious to find employment for a number of engineering graduates who have recently completed their Bachelor of Engineering degree course at Adelaide University and School of Mines.

The institution recognises the many difficulties with which employers are faced at the moment in regard to offering ordinary employment, but it is actuated by a strong desire to place these young men in positions where they would be to all intents and purposes continuing their training, and so preventing that most undesirable break which would render useless the years they have already devoted to the engineering profession.

NOT DISPLACE OTHERS

Under present conditions it is necessary to find work for them which will not displace other workers. The institution suggests that this might be done with benefit to employers by engaging such men on some form of investigation or research in connection with their business, with the object of improving the process of production, or by eliminating waste.

To this end the institution has secured the co-operation of the University and the School of Mines, which have agreed to allow their laboratories and instruments to be used to facilitate any such investigation or research, and the work carried out there would be under the supervision of the teaching staff.

DIFFICULTIES RECOGNISED

The graduates themselves recognise the difficulties of the present industrial situation, and are prepared to accept this work if need be at only a nominal wage.

The committee of the institution suggests that this proposal offers a fine opportunity for any manufacturer to carry out some engineering research or developmental work in which he is particularly interested.

Idle time, due to the present slackness of trade, can hardly be better utilised than by the working out of new developments pending restoration of normal conditions. These can be carried out, if need be, in co-operation with the laboratories of the University and School of Mines at a minimum of cost.

The committee of the Adelaide division of the institution would welcome enquiries, which should be addressed to the secretary, Austral Chambers, Currie street, Adelaide.

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DENTAL HOSPITAL CANNOT
COPE WITH WORK

Additional Staff Appointed

Teeth will ache whether one is employed or not. With the tremendous increase in unemployment the work at the Dental Hospital, on Frome-road, has doubled during the past two years.

The staff has been working at high pressure for months, but has been unable to treat all the patients seeking relief.

To cope with this work the Government last week augmented the staff by appointing a dental house surgeon, four dental mechanics, and additional dental nurses on probation.

Every morning a long queue of men, women, and children waits at the hospital for treatment. During December, 1928, the staff at the hospital gave relief to 796 patients, but last December this number was increased to 1,324. Being a public institution attached to the Adelaide Hospital, only persons in destitute or circumstances which preclude them being able to go to a private dentist, are treated. In addition to the Dental Hospital, the teeth of hundreds of school children, whose parents are unable to pay for treatment, are attended to by the dentists attached to the medical inspection branch of the Education Department.

The Dental Hospital came into existence as a result of a donation of £15,000 secured from the British Red Cross Society by Sir Joseph Verco. This sum was augmented by the Government.

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CONDITIONS IN EUROPE

Return of Prof. W. K. Hancock

AUSTRIANS RETAIN PRIDE

After having been absent from Adelaide since November, 1929, Prof. W. K. Hancock (professor of modern history) returned today by the liner Orford from a holiday trip to Europe. He was accompanied by his wife. He will resume duty at Adelaide University on Monday.

"I enjoyed the last year of my fellowship at my old college, All Souls, Oxford," he said, "and both in England and on the Continent studied hard."

"We stayed with families in Germany and Austria, and had opportunities to observe the effect of years of depression resulting from the war and now from economic reasons. In Austria particularly there was dire poverty among people who formerly were well to do. I was greatly impressed by the way in which those who felt the pinch strove to keep up appearances."

"They took great pains to look nice, and although they were hungry, retained their good manners. In Vienna a brave struggle is being maintained to preserve everything on which they prided themselves, such as the taste for music and dress."

"I returned to Britain after an absence of four years and noticed numerous changes since the slump. Temporarily the country is waging a great struggle."

"Most people in Britain appear to retain open minds regarding Australia and the likely solutions of its problems," said Prof. Hancock. "The general opinion was that the Commonwealth was peopled by Britons who would not let themselves down."

The book on Australia which Prof. Hancock had published, and which has been acclaimed as a brilliant analysis of life in the Commonwealth, was written before he left Adelaide. It depicted affairs to the end of 1929. Reading between the lines of it, he said, people could envisage the coming of depression, but possibly not so severe as actually had resulted.

While in the Austrian Tyrol Prof. and Mrs. Hancock engaged in snow sports. They brought back skis with them, and hope to use them in Australia.



Prof. W. K. Hancock

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CONSERVATORIUM MUSIC

1931 Programme Announced

Elder Conservatorium concerts for 1931 have been arranged. They will include two recitals by members of the teaching staff, four chamber music recitals by the Conservatorium String Quartet, and four concerts by students.

In Norwood Town Hall during the third term there will be performances by the Conservatorium Opera Class of "King Arthur" (Purcell). The opera will be directed by Messrs. Winlock Hall and Harold S. Denton.

Dates for the concerts are as follows:—April 20 (chamber music), May 18 (students' concert), June 1 (chamber music), June 15 (staff concert), June 29 (students' concert), July 27 (chamber music), August 17 (students' concert), September 14 (staff concert), October 19 (chamber music), December 7 (final students' concert). The two performances of "King Arthur" will be given between August 17 and September 14.

The plan for the season will be opened at Allan's Limited, Rundle street, on Monday, April 13.

At the largely attended annual general meeting of the University Men's Union yesterday afternoon at the University, it was decided that students should endeavor to take a greater interest in the political, economic, and social problems of Australia. It was suggested that students should form branches of the Citizens' League, the Political Reform League, and Toc H.

An urgent telegram was sent to the former Postmaster-General and Acting Treasurer (Mr. Lyons) early in the week inviting him to speak to students at the University, but a reply has not yet been received.

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UNIVERSITY NOTES

Interest In Politics

The ballot for the University Union and the Men's Union resulted as follows:—University Union committee, Messrs. C. B. Sangster (Med.), R. L. S. Muecke (Med.), A. H. Finlayson (Eng.), I. H. Seppelt (Sc.), G. T. Colebatch (Eng.), R. D. Duncan (Eng.), A. M. Bills (Arts), W. C. Beerworth (Law). Men's Union committee, C. E. Gregory (Eng.), A. M. Bills (Arts), J. L. Hayward (Med.), W. D. Padman (Law), G. K. Hughes (Sc.), J. Thomas (Sc.), K. A. MacDonald (Law), R. J. O'Connor (Med.), and L. J. T. Pellew (Med.).

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Perth University

Enrolments at the University, where lectures have just begun, total nearly 700, and show an increase of 76 over last year's figures. The diplo-

ma of commerce and the faculty of science have the largest proportionate increases in their new buildings at Crawley, where they have a whole block, instead of a couple of rooms, devoted to their uses.

The student bodies are settling down with the high seriousness and gravity of youth to manage their affairs and their recreations. A political club is the latest student body to be mooted.

Beginning on Thursday, April 9, Mr. John Horner will give a series of weekly midday organ recitals at Elder Conservatorium. Designed for the pleasure and recreation of business people and University students, the concerts are a welcome interlude in the daily round. They were inaugurated seven years ago.

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LUNCH HOUR MUSIC

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NEW VARSITY BLAZER

Unanimous desire for a change in the design of the Adelaide University blazer was expressed at the annual meeting of the University Sports Association on Wednesday night. Three new designs were considered, and one was finally chosen. It comprises vertical stripes of black and white, and is much more striking than the old type, which was plain black with a white edging, and was regarded by many members as being too sombre. It is probable that university "blues" will have a new type of blazer also.

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