News 29-8-31

MARKETING GOODS

Australian Methods Criticised

DR. M. I. Oliphant, after four years of research work at Cambridge University, has returned to Adelaide disgusted and pleased. He is disgusted at the way in which Australian fruit and other products are marketed in England, but pleased that the depression in Australia, of which he had heard much, is not so bad as in parts of England.

"There could never exist here," he said. "The abject misery and rant—even of the necessaries of life—experienced by the unemployed in some parts abroad. England is a manufacturing country, and unfortunately many of its markets have vanished as other countries are manufacturing articles and have erected tariff walls against British goods.

"The undermining of British trade is a much more permanent thing than any depression which threatens Australian primary industries. There will always be a market for wheat and wool. Bread, for instance, is no cheaper now in England than in the days before the wheat glut, but the market for England's cotton goods and manufactured articles is, I believe, gone for ever."

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THE reason for the disgust expressed by Dr. Oliphant in regard to the fruit trade is that he and his wife tried to boost Australian goods, but found that salesmen had had costly lessons in handling our produce.

Dr. Oliphant quoted a case. A suburban grocer went to Australia House, was shown beautiful apples, purchased some, and sold them at a profit to himself and to the satisfaction of his patrons. But when he ordered further supplies the quality was far different from the original consignment.

"That is the position," said Dr. Oliphant. "The first purchaser may be up to sample, but after that anything may happen—and it does happen. Trades men cannot depend on uniform quality and quantity.

"Butter is another example. The first lot may be choice, the second rancid. On the other hand, New Zealand butter has reached a standard of uniform quality. In Cambridge there is as much of it sold as of any other butter."

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WITH his wife, Dr. Oliphant went to Australia House in London to ask a few questions.

"Either it is badly run or the employees are lax in the information they give to enquirers," he said. "I was disgusted with the place. They had currants, raisins, and sultanas, but no dried apricots, peaches, or nectarines.

"Official investigators do not see the real thing. Like visitors to Russia, they are taken in hand on arrival and are shown only the bright spots. Let them interview the suburban traders who have patronised to push Australian produce, and they will find many weaknesses in organisation and the quality of the goods. I do not know anything of wheat and wool, but in the marketing of fresh fruit, and preserved fruits and butter there is ground for great improvement."

News 1-9-31

PUBLIC EXAMINATION FEES

N.S.W. May Follow Adelaide in Making Charge

The charging of fees to sit for the intermediate and leaving examination, as is now proposed by the New South Wales Government, is not new to Adelaide. The practice has been in force for a number of years. Last year the fees received for the public examination, with the exception of those for music, amounted to £6,986. The greater proportion of this sum, which was received by Adelaide University, was expended in examiners' fees.

Under arrangement with the Education Department those sitting for teachers by who are already teachers, are exempted from the payment of the fees.

For the intermediate examination the fee is 7/6 for each subject up to a total of £1 10/. If a candidate enters for eight subjects an additional fee of 15/ for each subject exceeding seven is made. For the leaving examination the cost is 10/ each subject up to five. An additional fee of 10/ is made for each subject over seven.

News 2-9-31

Dr. Brian Macgraith, South Australian Rhodes scholar, has been appointed assistant surgeon on the Hobsons Bay, which will leave Melbourne for London on Saturday. He is going to Oxford to continue his studies.

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Professor L. G. Melville, Professor of Economics at the Adelaide University, is acting as economic adviser to the Commonwealth Bank, is attending the meetings of the Loan Council and Premiers' Conference.

Adv. 4-9-31

Mr. Horner's Recitals At Elder Hall

Mr. John Horner, the Conservatorium organist, finished his season of 20 mid-day organ recitals at the Elder Hall yesterday. There was a large audience one of the best for the year. At the close of the recital there was long and vigorous applause—an expression of thanks from those who have been refreshed by Mr. Horner's playing of excellent music for months past. There are many who will scarcely know what to do with Thursday lunch hours in future, such a pleasant institution had the recitals become.

Yesterday the programme comprised "Pantasia and fugue (Great) in G minor" (Bach), "Andante" (Schubert's Unfinished Symphony), "Overture to Magic Flute" (Mozart), "Allegretto" (Wolstenhalme), "Choral Improvisation on Nun Danket" (Karg-Elert). Mr. Horner upheld his reputation in them all.

The vocalist was Miss Marjorie Hill (contralto), who sang richly in a Kodbay arl song, "Ov'er the Forests Rain Clouds Lower."

Adv. 4-9-31

SIR GEORGE MURRAY PRIZE

For the Sir George Murray essay prize, two entries have been received from members and seven from associate members of the Institute of Public Administration. They will be forwarded to the Judge, Professor Mac-Kellar Stewart, today. The subjects chosen include "Radio and Education," "The Administrative System of France and Australia," "Empire Enterprise," "Principles of Promotion, and Administrative Control under the South Australian Government, and some suggestions for more efficient administration." A prize of £5/5/ for the best essay in each section has been donated by the Chief Justice (Sir George Murray), who is patron of the institute.

News 4-9-31

HIGH MEDICAL HONOR

Alvarenga Prize to Melbourne Doctor

MELBOURNE, Today.

The Alvarenga Prize, given by the College of Physicians of Philadelphia (United States of America), and one of the most distinguished of medical honors, has been awarded for 1930 to Dr. L. S. S. King, who is Stuart lecturer in pathology at the Melbourne University.

Some of the most eminent physicians and scientists have won the Alvarenga Prize since it was established in 1890. It has been twice held by Edinburgh University, once by a German University, and twice by the Melbourne University. The remaining twelve have been won in the United States.

This is the second distinction won by Dr. King this year. Recently he was awarded the Jacksonian Prize for 1929, given annually by the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

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Sir Douglas Mawson's geological and geographical exploration work will be recognised by the Royal Society of South Australia, by the presentation, at its next meeting, of the Sir Joseph Verco medal to the famous Antarctic expedition leader. The Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven), who is patron of the society, will attend, and the presentation will be made by the president (Prof. T. Harvey Johnston). The medal, which has been awarded on only two previous occasions, is for special research work by members of the society.

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Dr. Marcus L. E. Oliphant will sail for England today on the Hobson's Bay. He left Adelaide four years ago when he won a scientific research scholarship tenable at Cambridge University. He has been awarded the Messel Research Fellowship by the Royal Society, and is returning to Cambridge to continue research work in physics. Before he left Adelaide he was assistant to Professor Kerr-Grant.

News 7-9-31

VALUE OF UNIVERSITY

"Not Appreciated by the People"

PEOPLE in South Australia do not appreciate the value of the University. That is the view of Sir William Mitchell (Vice-Chancellor). He was asked to comment on the connection between life and the University, and the part the latter is playing.

"Poverty will make us cut out the lower services," he said. "We must maintain as high as possible the quality of the men holding chairs.

"There is no scope in business here for university people. In England a large number of graduates of Oxford and Cambridge, and in America half of the university graduates go into business, and they are the ones who make the money. Here there is no such avenue.

"With few exceptions the undergraduates who come to Adelaide University know the profession which they intend to enter. Those who favor business take the diploma in commerce or in public administration. There were 417 such students at the University last year. They were already in business, and attended classes held at night. Usually the diploma course takes four years. That has been in existence for 26 or 27 years. The public administration course was established about three years ago.

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THERE is a great deal of difference between a small and a large country. The duty of the Adelaide University is to provide professional men—doctors, teachers, and so on. There is called college work in America. It means work up to a bachelor's degree. Beyond that it is called university or post-graduate work. Most of that is done in Adelaide at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute, where there are more than 20 graduates conducting investigations. At the University (North terrace) there are usually about 120 bachelors engaged in further work.

"You will find in Australia two divisions, which for comparison we must range alongside the work of such correspondingly small countries as Holland, Denmark, Sweden, and Switzerland. Compared with our level in the two divisions, professional or undergraduate one will be ahead for a long time, owing to the higher standard of their students at entrance. The higher start does not shorten the later time, which is not very different from ours, for I shall ignore the number of years which they say Stockholm imposes on a medical student before the Swedes will let him practise. But the start at entrance makes all the difference at the end.

"At the higher division of work we are not in sight of their level. They have distinguished themselves in the crucial test of the Nobel Prize—one of the winners in Holland has just gone, I see, to be professor in the University of Berlin. A man would be thought a visionary who foresaw a Nobel Prize coming to Australia. Not that there is anything to prevent it for either letters or science; India has already succeeded in both.

"No," he concluded, "the University here is for South Australia, and there is no supply in excess of the demand."

News 5-9-31

"PASSED ON THE TORCH"

Memorial to Prof. Robertson

TABLET UNVEILED

"The grand object he had in view was to solve the mystery of physical life. He sank on the threshold of success, but he has passed on the torch, which lighted his path, to be used by other hands."

This tribute was paid to the late Prof. T. Brailsford Robertson, of the Adelaide University, who was chief of the animal nutrition division of the Commonwealth Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, by Sir George Murray (chancellor of the Adelaide University), when unveiling a tablet to his memory this morning.

The memorial, which is situated in the entrance hall of the Animal Nutrition building on Victoria Drive, is of bronze. It depicts a figure symbolising the contribution of science to progress.

Sir George said that the professor had shown extraordinary ability, and an inexhaustible capacity for taking pains, and had applied himself with unflagging industry to his task.

Those present at the ceremony included Prof. J. A. Gilruth, Sir Charles Martin, Sir William Mitchell (vice-chancellor of Adelaide University), Mrs. Thorburn Robertson (mother of the late professor), Mrs. Brailsford Robertson (widow), and Mrs. Thorburn Robertson, E. T. Richardson (director of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute), Prof. J. A. Prescott (professor of agricultural chemistry), and Mr. H. B. Gill (officer in charge of the animal nutrition department).

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In returning thanks for the welcome Brother Purton said that there were many unknown faces before him. The Public Prosecutor (Mr. C. A. Sanders), who presided, had come before him on former times as a defendant, and he came admitted to other eminent legal lights at the table. He desired to see the Vice-Chancellor (Sir Mitchell), Sir William Mitchell, who in his opinion, had the University the foremost place in the affairs of South Australia. He maintained that his 10 years of experience here had confirmed him in the opinion that Adelaide was eminently the City of Culture of Australia and New Zealand. There was something in the atmosphere that was not to be found anywhere else. In his experience as a teacher he had had wonderful correspondence. He had had the unformed characters of youth to work on, and his task was to bring out the best in them.