

# Man's Intelligence Declared No Higher Than Sheepdog's

## "GUIDED BY BRUTE INSTINCTS"

### Adelaide Doctor's Sweeping Indictment

#### SAYS CONCEPT OF MANKIND IS COLOSSAL

"The average man of today has no higher rate of intelligence than a good sheepdog, and his emotional age is that of a child of 10 years. In spite of our so-called high rate of civilisation, the average person is guided far more by brute instincts than by reasoning. This is one of the causes of our present deplorable industrial position."

Such was the statement made this week by a prominent doctor at the University of Adelaide.

He was referring to a case which came before Adelaide Police Court this week. A Swedish seaman, who had been unemployed for some time, received a writfall of £28 from Sweden, although in receipt of rations, promptly spent a great portion of the money in drink.

"There is no real psychological reason behind such an action," said the doctor. "It is exactly the same as giving a child a sailing and watching it spend the whole amount in a glorious orgy of sweets. Neither has any sense of responsibility for his act, nor does the adult. His responsibility is reflected everywhere at present. In spite of the industrial depression, the streets are packed to the doors with the unemployed. In every second person has a motor car, and people of today are like children in their play, and that is the danger."

"They will be continually entertained until they reach about the terrible time."

"During the past five years there has been much talk of sex complexes and such things, but such phrases are sheer psychological bunkum to cover the animal instincts of mankind."

"Man has come to look upon himself as a purified and defined person, and at a time that he came to realise the true state of affairs," he proceeded.

"His concept is simply colossal, and has been swollen by years of propaganda. And because one person in a century is possessed of sufficient intellect to invent a syphon, the sciences of the industrial revolution, making parts itself, the book and declares itself the lord of creation."

"It forgets that, for hundreds of years, the world has produced only one Erasmus Rembrandt, and one Edison. On the other hand there are hundreds of thousands who live and never contribute a useful day's work to our social system."

"Very few of our modern inventions, our books or our works of art are wholly original. They are either reproductions of ideas or copies. But the average person refuses to face this. It is not too much to say that thousands now living could be removed from this earth and the world would continue exactly the same."

"Their work, for the most part manual, could be done by machinery, and indeed this era is rapidly approaching."

"But mankind loves to imagine itself elevated above all creatures, and shouts down those who attempt to lay the truth in exactly the same way as a spoiled child believes when told for something it knows is wrong."

"It all goes to show that, in spite of our boasted sophistication, the average person has the emotion of a child of 10. And I do not confine this statement to Australia alone. It holds good all over the world. This may sound cynical, but it is my sincere view of a matter which is troubling the world today."

"The doctor's views recall the results of an experiment test held recently at the works of a large Adelaide concern. A number of footmen was set an examination on general knowledge, and the results, it is claimed, revealed that the standard of intelligence was not above that of a boy of 12."

REG. 2-8-29  
**PROF. DUFFIELD DEAD**

**Director At Mt. Stromlo Observatory**

**ADELAIDE SCIENTIST**

**CANBERRA, Thursday**—Professor Walter Geoffrey Duffield, Director of the Commonwealth Solar Observatory at Mount Stromlo, died 2-8-29 p.m. today.

Prof. Duffield some days ago contracted influenza and complications followed.

The Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. Abbott, said Dr. Duffield had made Mount Stromlo known all over the world.

Professor Duffield was a son of the late Mr. D. W. Duffield, of Glenelg. Educated at St. Peter's College, he took his B.Sc. and D.Sc. degrees at the Adelaide University, and then went to Trinity College, where he graduated B.A.

He started scientific work at the National Laboratorv, Tiddington, and thence went to Professor A. Schuster's Laboratory, Manchester, until 1908.

While on a visit to Australia, he discussed the founding of a solar observatory at Canberrra. He returned to England in 1912 as Professor of Physics and Dean of the Faculty of Science at Reading University.

During the war he was engaged on military investigation work at the No. 1 school of instruction for pilots at Reading.

In 1922 he returned to Australia and was appointed to the Commonwealth Observatory which it had been decided to build.

**WORK AT CANBERRA**

Two years later he took up his duties as director of the new solar observatory on Mount Stromlo, Canberra, which possesses a bin. telescope given by Mr. James Odie, of Ballarat, and a 36-in. telescope the gift of Mr. J. H. Reynolds, of Birmingham, also special spectroscopic appliances.

Professor Duffield also conducted extensive work on the gravitation constant, and in 1924, on the invitation of the British Government, Mr. Kenneth Dudley, of Glenelg, is a brother.

REG. 2-8-29  
**GRANTS FOR RESEARCH WORKERS**

**£1,500 Available From Science And Industry Fund**

The trustees of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund (Sir George Julius, Dr. Rivett, and Professor Richards) have decided that during next year £1,500 will be available to assist persons engaged in scientific research work.

Applications for grants will be received until November 1 next, and persons engaged in research that which would otherwise be paid work.

Preference will be given to persons whose careers in research work. It is not intended, for example, to assist persons who are seeking research degrees as avenues to employment, which will not include research.

At the end of the period for which payment is made the investigator will be required to submit to the trustees a report on the progress of his work.

An applicant must state fully the nature of the work which he or she proposes to undertake, the amount of grant which is sought, and, as accurately as may be possible, the manner in which the grant will be spent.

As the total sum available in the coming year is comparatively small, it is obvious that no large grants can be made; but it is believed that there are many successful scientific investigators in Australia to whom small measure of assistance will be very acceptable.

Such aid is intended for workers of proved powers, not for beginners.

PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE  
**The New Headmaster**

MR. J. F. WARD APPOINTED

The council of Prince Alfred College has adopted the recommendation of a committee appointed to consider applications for the position of headmaster, and has decided to appoint Mr. J. F. Ward, M.A., of Wesley College, Perth, to that position.

Owing to the retirement of Mr. W. R. Bayly, B.A., B.Sc. from the position of headmaster of Prince Alfred College, which takes effect at the end of the year, the council was under the necessity of making a new appointment. A selection committee was appointed to receive applications and later to make a recommendation to the executive council. Over 40 applications were received from Otago, Tasmania, New Zealand, and England. The committee made its recommendation to the executive council, which has confirmed Mr. J. F. Ward, M.A., of Perth a gentleman with a brilliant academic record, and an excellent administrator and organising ability.

**An Old Collegian**

The new headmaster was born in Manchester in 1883. Some years later he came to the position of South Australia. He was educated at Prince Alfred College, where he had a brilliant record, winning the Elder Foundation prize, and the Old Collegian's Scholarship. In 1900 he was deputy of the school, and passed the University Science Examination with eight credits, but placed at the head of the examination list. He gained the John Dunn and Hartley studentship prizes, and his B.A. degree with first class honors in classics. He secured the Chancellor's prize. In 1908 he gained his M.A. degree, again with first class honors in classics. In addition to these courses, he took a year's work in philosophy, under Sir William Mitchell, at the University.

**A Wide Experience**

Mr. Ward has been engaged in teaching for over 25 years. In 1904 and 1905 he was on the staff of Prince Alfred College. During the next four years he was second master in the Rockingham Grammar School in Queensland, having special charge of the work in Latin, Greek, and Latin. In 1910 he returned to Prince Alfred College, and remained there until 1915. In 1919 he was selected to open and control Northam College, at Charters Towers, in Queensland, a new boarding-school for boys, under the combined auspices of the Presbyterian and Anglican churches. At the end of 1922 he resigned from that position, owing to the injurious effect of the illness of his wife, to accept the headmastership of the newly-established Wesley College in Perth, which position he has since held. The success of this new school is said to be due to the high scholastic and practical administrative ability of Mr. Ward.

REG. 2-8-29  
**MR. R. W. BENNETT'S MANY LEGACIES**

**Employs And Friends Remembered**

LEAVING an estate sworn not to exceed £15,576, Mr. Richard William Bennett, K.C., who died on May 14, remembered many friends and employees in his will, and left the Adelaide University £200.

The sum provided in the will is to be provided in annual instalments, and a scholarship of £50 on the New School prize list for law students.

Mr. R. W. Bennett

ADV. 1-8-29

**WANTS TO SCIENTIFIC WORKERS**

The trustees of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund have announced that the fund will be available for the assistance of persons engaged in scientific research work. The trustees are inviting applications for grants, and retain the right to obtain what advice they consider necessary, and will not entertain applications for assistance when in their opinion such assistance should be provided by Universities, or other bodies, or less than teaching, should be regarded as a primary function. The assistance will take the form of periodic payments to investigators, grants for the provision of laboratory or clerical assistance, and grant for equipment.

ADV. 1-8-29

**A DOCTOR EXONERATED**

From Miss N. G. SHARPE, secretary Adelaide Theological Society—Information has been received in this State that Dr. J. Francis Cramp, who was found guilty of "infamous conduct in a professional respect" at Sydney in January last, was entirely exonerated when the Medical Board met on July 19 to complete the proceedings.

ADV. 31-7-29

Dr. Harold Davies, director of the New Conservatorium, will leave by Sunday train for Central Australia on Monday. The trustees of the Board of Anthropological Research at the University. He will continue studies in the Territory for the last two years. A grant from the Rockefeller fund has been made for his researches possible. Dr. Davies will be absent for about three months.

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