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CANBERRA UNIVERSITY

FIRST COUNCIL MEETING

Canberra, February 9.

Canberra's University College Council held its first meeting yesterday when Mr. L. D. Lyons, M.A., LL.B., B.Sc., was appointed secretary. A sub-committee was appointed to prepare for the next meeting a draft scheme relating to the scholarships and bursaries.

The question of courses of University lectures at Canberra in connection with one or more State Universities was considered and referred to a sub-committee for report.

Communications will be made at once with the Sydney and Melbourne Universities for the purpose of defining their relations with the Canberra institutions.

The council is pressing on with arrangements necessary for providing lectures during the forthcoming academic year. Numbers of intending students have already applied for entrance to the lectures.

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University Session

Attention of intending students of the University of Adelaide is drawn to an advertisement giving particulars of dates of entry and other information for the new session. Courses of night lectures will be provided in the faculties of arts and science. These will be open to matriculated and other qualified students.

All lectures, including those for the diplomas in commerce and public administration, will begin on Monday, March 17. Students must enrol by Saturday, March 1. The calendar for 1930 will be available in a few days, and copies will be obtainable at the University or from the booksellers. Timetables of lectures may be seen at the registrar's office, where all entries and applications will be received.

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Dr. A. J. Schulz, principal of the Teachers' Training College, left for Melbourne yesterday. He is the South Australian delegate to the foundation meeting of the Australian Institute of Educational Research, which will be inaugurated to-day under the auspices of the Carnegie Corporation.

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Authority on Botany

Mr. James McConnell Black is one of the leading botanists in South Australia. Accompanied by his wife he will leave Adelaide tomorrow by the Maloja on a tour abroad. In August he will represent the University of Adelaide at the fifth international botanical congress at Cambridge. Mr. Black is honorary lecturer in botany at the University.

Born at Wigtown, Scotland, in April, 1856, Mr. Black is a son of Mr. George S. Black, Procurator-Fiscal of Wigtown. He was educated at Wigtown Grammar School, the Edinburgh Academy, Taunton College, and Dresdener Handelsschule. He was on the staffs of the British Linen Company's Bank, Edinburgh, and the Oriental Bank, London.

Having come to South Australia in 1877 Mr. Black farmed in the Hundred of Baroota for five years. From 1883 to 1902 he was on the literary staffs of "The Register" and "The Advertiser."

After leaving the press Mr. Black took up his hobby, botany, in earnest. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of South Australia, and was once chairman of the field naturalists' section of that organisation.

gaged in the production of his most important book, "The Flora of South Australia."

The work is one of the scientific handbooks published as a result of an arrangement between the South Australian branch of the British Science Guild and Sir Henry Barwell (then Premier). These manuals are published at Government expense, provided that the letterpress and illustrations are supplied free by the authors.

Mr. Black is an accomplished linguist, being familiar with the French, Latin, Spanish, German, Arabic, and Italian languages.

Botanical nomenclature occupies much of the interest of Mr. Black. Apart from botany gardening is his sole hobby. He lives at Brougham place, North Adelaide.

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SOIL SURVEYS PLANNED FOR THREE STATES

Lake Albert And River Areas To Be Examined

"THE time has come when we should get together to ascertain how co-operation in soil survey can be made more effective," said Professor Prescott, of the Waite Research Institute yesterday, commenting upon a message from Perth that the West Australian Government sought his services to collaborate with Dr. Teakle in completing soil investigations.

He said he had been in touch with Dr. Teakle about the matter for two years. The latter, who was doing good work, wanted to get support. The suggestion was that he (the professor) should visit the West.

Professor Prescott said that he had completed soil surveys of portion of Renmark and Swan Hill areas, and the whole of the River Murray swamps.

Surveys in view included Lake Albert, other irrigation settlements in this State, and the Murrumbidgee irrigation area.

So far as Kangaroo Island was concerned, the professor added, a soil survey would be well worth while when opportunity offered.

Some years ago Dr. Teale made a reconnaissance soil survey of Flinders Chase for the Fauna and Flora Board.

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SOIL RESEARCH

Will Prof. Prescott Go to West?

Referring to the report that the Western Australian Government wished to have the services of Prof. J. A. Prescott, of Waite Agricultural Research Institute, to conduct certain soil investigations, Senator J. J. Daly (President of the Federal Executive Council) stated this morning that he and the Hon. J. Gunn had discussed the matter with Mr. P. Collier (Premier of Western Australia) Teakle.

The Government of the western State had put forward a scheme for opening up 3,500 farms under the £34,000,000 agreement with Britain, said Senator Daly. A preliminary survey of the land, which is south of Southern Cross, was made by Dr. Teakle, including a soil survey.

Following the report of Dr. Teakle, he added, the Western Australian Government decided to seek the services of Prof. Prescott, who is recognised as the leading authority in Australia on soils. Arrangements would have to be made between the Western Australian Government and Waite Institute.

Dr. A. E. V. Richardson (director of the institute) said that Prof. Prescott was on holidays. No arrangements had yet been made for a transfer of his activities.

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EDUCATION RESEARCH HEAD APPOINTED

Vocational Guidance To Be Considered At Once

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.—At £1,000 a year, Dr. Kenneth S. Cunningham, of the staff of the Melbourne Teachers' College, has been appointed chief executive officer of the Australian Council for Educational Research, established to administer a grant of £50,000 by the Carnegie Corporation (U.S.A.) to assist in developing Australian education.

The first investigations will be into post-primary education and vocational guidance. The co-operation of the Federal statistician and the Educational authorities will be sought in each State in which an Educational Research Institute has been formed.

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IMPROVING EDUCATION

WORK OF RESEARCH COUNCIL

AIMS OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

A grant of £50,000 from the Carnegie Corporation will enable skilled enquiry to be made into educational developments in Australia, and the examination of experiments begun in individual schools to the benefit of the Commonwealth.

Great opportunities for good work are afforded in the study of the psychology of the feeble-minded, and of exceptionally bright children, and the adaptation of the school to the needs of each type.

The grant was made as a result of the visit to Australia of Dr. J. E. Russell, and is payable in instalments of £5,000 per annum, and will also furnish £2,500 per annum to defray the salary of an expert executive officer, and administrative expenses involved in the preparation and printing of reports. No conditions are attached to the grant except that the body administering it shall not be part of any education department, University, or political organisation. It is desired that it shall be free to deal with any educational question in an impartial and scientific spirit.

To initiate a programme of educational enquiries to be financed from the grant, the Australian Council for Educational Research was formally constituted this week at the Melbourne University. The delegates who attended were:—Dr. P. R. Cole (New South Wales), Professor L. J. Wrigley (Victoria), Dr. A. J. Schulz (South Australia), Professor R. G. Cameron (Western Australia), Mr. J. Morris (Queensland), Mr. H. T. Parker (Tasmania), Professors H. T. Lovell and A. Mackie (Sydney), and Mr. Frank Tate, who were selected by the Carnegie Corporation. Dr. Schulz returned to Adelaide on Thursday morning.

Independent Action

To provide representative educational opinion on the council, an institute consisting of those specially interested in the scientific study of educational questions was formed in each State. The constitution of the council provides that there shall be nine members, six being representatives nominated by the respective State institutes, and three other members co-opted by the State representatives.

The objects of the council are:—

- (i.) To promote generally, as far as possible, in co-operation with existing institutions, the cause of research and investigation in education in Australia.
- (ii.) To make grants to assist in carrying out any research or investigation approved by the council.
- (iii.) To publish in suitable form the results of research and investigation approved by the council.
- (iv.) To nominate or to advise upon students of education qualified to carry out research either at home or abroad.
- (v.) To take such action (including grants) as in the opinion of the council may afford suitable and effective assistance to any educational experiment or development.

Difficult Problem

At the first meeting general lines of policy to be followed were discussed, and it was agreed that among the first investigations to be approved should be such as would contribute to a satisfactory solution of the difficult problem of post-primary education, including a satisfactory system of vocational guidance. It was realised that at present it was impossible to ascertain reliable data as to the type of education now being received by Australian children of each age group, and the length of post-primary education given to each individual before passing into employment. Action will be taken to secure the co-operation of the Federal Statistician and the educational authorities, so that, if practicable, use may be made of the impending census to obtain exact data.

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St. Mark's College Has Record Number Of Students

St. Mark's College has started the year with a record number of students, which has necessitated extensive alterations being made to the college property to accommodate them.

At a meeting of the council of the college, the following appointments were made for 1930:—Chairman of Council, Sir Henry Newland; Deputy Chairman, Mr. C. A. S. Hawker; House and Finance Committee, Sir Henry Newland, Messrs. H. W. Hodgetts, D. C. Turner, and H. Thomson; Education Committee, the Rev. K. J. F. Bickersteth, the Rev. H. P. Finnis, Messrs. H. W. Hodgetts, and P. E. Johnstone.

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CHOOSING NEW PROFESSOR OF BIO-CHEMISTRY

Late Prof. Robertson's Successor From Abroad?

The appointment of a successor to Professor Brailsford Robertson, in the Chair of Bio-Chemistry and Physiology at the Adelaide University, is expected to be made shortly.

Senator Daly, Vice-President of the Federal Executive Council, has been in conference with the Chancellor of the University (Sir George Murray), Professor A. E. V. Richardson, of the Waite Research Institute, and Mr. W. J. Young, of the Council of the University, and a man of outstanding attainments is said to have been selected from abroad to carry on the work that the late Professor Robertson had in hand.

Senator Daly said last night that a recommendation had been made.

He added that he was anxious not to delay the appointment longer than necessary, because of the importance to the Commonwealth of the animal nutrition research work which Professor Robertson had been carrying on.

Senator Daly said he would leave for Melbourne on Sunday night to meet the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. He would go on to Canberra, and the matter would be brought before the Federal Cabinet.

He expected that an announcement concerning the appointment would be made within a fortnight.

WORK OF EDUCATION RESEARCH COUNCIL

To Begin At Once, Says Dr. A. J. Schulz

The Principal of the Adelaide Teachers' Training College (Dr. A. J. Schulz), who returned from Melbourne yesterday, after having attended a meeting of the Australian Council of Educational Research, said the council would at once begin a programme of educational enquiries, aided by funds supplied by the Carnegie Corporation.

The council, Dr. Schulz said, was constituted to promote research and investigation in education in Australia, to make grants to assist research and investigations approved by the council, and to nominate, or to advise upon, students of education qualified to undertake research, either at home or abroad.

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ELDER CHAIR OF ANATOMY AND HISTOLOGY

The Council of the University has appointed Dr. H. J. Wilkinson Elder Professor of Anatomy and Histology. Dr. Wilkinson, who is a native of Adelaide, and graduated B.A. in this University in 1914, has held since 1927 the position of senior lecturer and demonstrator in anatomy at the University of Sydney, where he graduated M.B., Ch.M., with honors, in 1925. He is at present on leave studying at the North-western University, Chicago, where he has a research fellowship, and is engaged upon comparative embryological studies of the innervation of muscles, and sensory end-organs. He was appointed Fellow of the Rockefeller Foundation during 1929-30, and received the Peter Bancroft prize (University of Sydney) for the best research in medicine. His studies have been mainly in the field of peripheral neurology, and the thesis for his M.D. degree based on these researches was published in the Medical Journal of Australia in November last, and has aroused great interest in scientific circles. Dr. Wilkinson resigned his position as science master in the Adelaide High School in 1914, and continued in similar work until he was appointed successively demonstrator in histology, demonstrator in anatomy, and finally lecturer in anatomy and histology in the University of Sydney. As a Fellow of the Rockefeller Foundation he has worked with distinguished embryologists in Utrecht, Upsala, Berlin, London, and Chicago. It is expected that Professor Wilkinson will be able to take up his duties early in the academic year.

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Sydney's New Professor Of Surgery

SYDNEY, Friday.—Dr. Harold Dew, who has been appointed Professor of Surgery at Sydney University, won the medal and prize of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1926 for an essay on certain diseases.

Next year he was appointed as a complete Royal Commission in himself to visit the South Sea Islands and investigate certain fungoid diseases. The possibility that these mystery maladies might spread to Australia was one of the points to be considered.

Serving in the R.A.M.C., Dr. Dew rose to be major, and won his Military Cross.