

SCIENTISTS BACK FROM INTERIOR

Nearly 200 Natives Examined

VALUABLE DATA

By Our Special Staff Representative With The Party.

Sunburnt, fit and satisfied with the work accomplished during their 13 days' camp at Ernabella Soak, in the Musgrave Ranges, 10 members of the University and Museum anthropological party returned to Adelaide on the train from Alice Springs last night. One member, Dr. J. H. Gray, left the train at Orroroo to visit his parents. Despite baths, shaves and haircuts at Oodnadatta, several members still bore traces of their midnight wrestle with the mud and slush of the rain-soaked plains on Monday night when their lorry was bogged, for the Central Australia mud has a clinging quality.

As tangible evidence of their sojourn in the interior, Mr. N. B. Tindale, ethnologist at the Museum, and Dr. C. Hackett, who made a six weeks' camel tour through the Musgrave and Mann Ranges and the sand dune country to the south before the arrival of the main party, returned with beards and moustaches worthy of Antarctic explorers. Mr. Tindale also brought for the Museum a dingo pup, which held impromptu receptions at wayside stopping places when taken from his crate for exercise.

New Ground Broken

Despite several overcast and wet days, which interfered with work, the party achieved nearly all that it hoped for, and in some departments exceeded it. Including the preliminary work of Mr. Tindale and Dr. Hackett, more than 180 natives were examined, and the full routine of observations was taken of most of them. The Director of the Museum (Mr. H. M. Hale) obtained a record number of plaster casts of faces and busts, and in addition broke new ground by taking casts of native hand-work, principally toys. Physiological observation and tests, anthropometrical work, blood grouping and investigation of aboriginal social organisation, customs and language will add to the body of knowledge gathered on previous expeditions and provide a valuable check on earlier results.

Cinema records were obtained both at the base camp and on the preliminary trip, which will illustrate phases of native life in a remarkably graphic way. The natives at Ernabella, who were chiefly of the Pitjanjara and Yankunjarra tribes, inhabiting the Musgrave and Mann Ranges, staged three daylight corroborees for the party, and there were several sing-songs in the native camps.

News 19-8-33

PROF. W. A. Laver, examiner for the Australian Music Examinations Board for Adelaide, Melbourne, and Hobart, will be 67 years old tomorrow. He will visit Adelaide next month to assist in the examinations here. After studying under many musical celebrities in Germany, Prof. Laver became Ormond Professor of Music and Director of the Melbourne Conservatorium, with which he has been connected since its inception.

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The council of the University yesterday awarded the League of Nations prize for 1933 to Mr. N. F. Goss, who is doing an arts course at the University. His essay was entitled "The Attitude of the League of Nations to the Sino-Japanese Dispute."

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Survey of Libraries.—The Vice-Chancellor of the Adelaide University (Sir William Mitchell), who returned yesterday after having attended a meeting of the standing advisory committee of Australian universities in Melbourne, said that the committee decided to invite the president of the Carnegie Foundation (Dr. F. P. Keppel) to make a survey of Australian libraries.

Valuable Work By Expedition

WELFARE HINTS

Several suggestions for the welfare of the Central Australian natives are likely to be made in a report to the Government by the Chief Protector of Aborigines (Mr. McLean), who accompanied the University and Museum scientific expedition, which returned to Adelaide last night.

"The aborigines seem to be in good conditions, and appeared to be a happy, carefree people, always laughing. I did not hear any evidence of ill-treatment by white people," said Mr. McLean today.

To members of the party, the ethnologist at the Museum (Mr. Tindale) and Dr. Cecil Hackett, were out of touch with civilisation for two and a half months, working in the farthest corner of South Australia. The eight other members of the expedition arrived at Ernabella, which is 300 miles north of Oodnadatta, early this month.



Mr. N. B. Tindale in the Mann Ranges, north-west of Oodnadatta, who have not come into contact with white men, have retained all their old vigor and independence," Mr. Tindale said.

"It is to these regions where the natives live in apparent security that we must look for their preservation for the instruction of future generations.

SERIOUS BIRTH DECLINE

"On the borders between the pastoral areas of the unsettled country it seems inevitable that the superior attraction of the stations will lead to a modification in the life most suitable for such primitive people—a total hunting existence.

"In regions where white men have not influenced the natives there is a normal number of children, but among those on the border of civilisation fewer babies are born.

"This serious aspect in the vital statistics of the natives is not noticeable to the casual observer, but it appears to be revealed by the detailed family data, which was one of the objects of the expedition."

During the preliminary work for the main party Mr. Tindale and Dr. Hackett conducted research among the Pitjanjara natives in the Mann Ranges, and the Yankunjarra natives in the Musgrave Ranges. About 500 aborigines were seen altogether.

"The Pitjanjara natives are the normal inhabitants of the South Australian reserve, and they also enter the Northern Territory reserve," Mr. Tindale said.

"The Yankunjarra natives, who have been somewhat affected by association with white men, spend most of their time on the borders or outside the protected areas.

"Their grain food has been reduced to a minimum through lack of opportunity in the less fertile areas of the western desert. They live on euros, wallabies, dogs, kangaroos, rabbits, and smaller animals. Practically all are obtained through spearing, although the women supplement the supply by digging up puppets, rabbits, and small sandhill animals.

"These natives occasionally meet doggers and gold prospectors. These rare visitors comprise their only association with civilisation."

SPECIES OBTAINED

Mr. Tindale conducted sociological enquiries and general ethnological research, and Dr. Hackett concentrated on physical anthropology. They left for Central Australia as an advance party in May.

Under the guidance of Mr. Alan Brumby, a camel expert and pastoral leaseholder, Mr. Tindale and Dr. Hackett went to the Musgrave Ranges and spent two months away from civilisation travelling and working among the natives. Many specimens of animal life which were obtained will arrive in Adelaide within a fortnight.

The expedition was led by Prof. J. B. Cleland, professor of pathology at the University, who conducted blood grouping tests with the assistance of Prof. Harvey Johnston, Prof. Hicks, professor of physiology and pharmacology at the University, and his assistant, Mr. W. J. O'Connor, worked on the physiology of the natives; Dr. K. Fry recorded sensations and intelligence; and Drs. Gray and Hackett took physical measurements.

The director of the Museum (Mr. Hale) secured many castes of native faces and busts, and also of their models in clay.

FIRST TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Pioneers Of The Art

By E. H. WALLACE PACKER, President, Musical Association

South Australia's first Music Week calls to mind and memory those members of the musical profession who in the past did such yeoman service for the art of music. It is interesting to notice that an organisation was established in 1906 for the mutual benefit of teachers of music, named the South Australian Music Teachers' Association.

The movement was initiated by Mr. E. E. Mitchell, who was elected the first secretary, the other officers being the late Mr. C. J. Stevens, president; Mr. E. H. Wallace Packer, treasurer; members of the council, Dr. Harold Davies, Messrs. John Dunn, W. R. Pybus, and Miss Tilly. Regular meetings were held monthly.

It was Mr. Reimann, founder of the Adelaide College of Music, to whose enterprise in obtaining the services of Continental teachers of repute we owe much of the present success in Adelaide's musical activities. The college was a flourishing concern, and Mr. Reimann deliberated long before allowing it to be merged in what is now the city's chief musical centre, the Elder Conservatorium.

Mr. Charles Stevens was conductor of the Adelaide Choral Society. He founded the Orpheus Society, was organist of Christ Church, North Adelaide, for five years, was a notable conductor of oratorios, and brought many prominent English artists to Adelaide.

Mr. Thomas Henry Jones was well known as an organist, and in 1898 was appointed a lecturer in harmony at the Conservatorium, and acted many times as city organist.

Mr. William Pybus was a well-known teacher and organist at various city churches, and city organist for many years.

Dr. John Matthew Ennis, of the University of London, in 1901 was appointed Professor of Music at the University of Adelaide and Director of the Elder Conservatorium of Music. He was an eminent pianist and brilliant organist. In March, 1905, Dr. Ennis composed an inaugural ode, to celebrate the opening of the quinquennial South Australian Exhibition, which was much admired. He did much for the progress and cause of music in Adelaide, and proved the wisdom of his selection as the second musician appointed to occupy the chair of music at the University.

Reimann's College Of Music

Herr Reimann, the late principal teacher of the pianoforte at the Conservatorium, was the first elected president of the Musical Association of South Australia. Among his many musical activities, some years ago he founded and established what was known as the Adelaide College of Music in Wakefield street. This institution was an important factor in the musical life of the community, and in 1896 the number of students totalled 250, among the masters being Messrs. Heincke, Vollmar, Noessel, Fairbairn, and Kugelberg. Herr Reimann had also held the position of organist at Christ Church, North Adelaide, and his last position in a similar capacity was held at the German Lutheran Church, Flinders street. We shall all, I am sure, have him in our thoughts during this big festival, as we know he would have wished it every success.

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ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR UNIVERSITY

Further Conference To Be Held With Headmasters

Entrance examinations for Australian universities were one of the principal subjects discussed at the meeting of the standing advisory committee of Australian universities, held in Melbourne this week, said the Vice-Chancellor of the Adelaide University (Sir William Mitchell), who returned yesterday. He added that negotiations had been proceeding for some time between the universities and educational authorities with a view to arranging an entrance examination that would be suitable to both parties.

Sir William Mitchell said that Mr. J. R. Darling, of the Geelong Grammar School, had asked the conference on behalf of the Headmasters' Conference of Australia, if the universities could arrange a common matriculation examination. It was then decided that a further conference of Vice-Chancellors and the Headmasters' Conference should be held soon. University opinion in Adelaide coincided with that of Mr. Darling, but general unanimity on the subject had not yet been reached. One

idea was that the brightest pupils from the schools, who desired to enter the University, should have a general examination when about 15, and that other subjects should be added later. The main consideration was that an entrance examination should be instituted by the universities, and be confined to subjects which the candidates wished to study at a university.

The Director of Education (Mr. W. J. Adey) said yesterday that he was hopeful that an understanding would be reached in which the matriculation examination would not dominate the whole position.

News 30-8-33

Sir Joseph Verco's Bequests

Apart from bequests to Lady Verco and the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery, the estate of the late Sir Joseph Verco, of Adelaide, will go to charity. Sir Joseph, who was a distinguished medical scientist, died last month.

In the application made by the Executor Trustee & Agency Co. for probate of the will, the gross estate is sworn not to exceed £53,800.

The bequests to the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery consist of two watercolor paintings, "Queen City of the South," by W. Follen Bishop, and "The Grass Market, Edinburgh," by Louise Rayner.

Who Will Benefit

Subject to Lady Verco's life interest, the estate will be divided among the following charities and institutions:—

- Minda Home, S.A. Institution for the Blind and Deaf and Dumb, Royal Institution for the Blind, Cottage Homes, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., University of Adelaide for purposes of medical school, University of Adelaide for purposes of dental school, British and Foreign Bible Society (S.A. Auxiliary), Mission to Lepers (Australian Auxiliary), Tynholm Orphanage, London, Adelaide Children's Hospital, S.A. Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission and Angus Home, Queen's Home, Medical Benevolent Association of S.A., District Trained Nursing Society of S.A., School for Mothers' Institute and Baby Health Centre, South Australian committee of Sudan United Mission (Australian and New Zealand branch), Foreign Missions Committee of Churches of Christ (Great Britain), Foreign Missions Committee of Churches of Christ (South Australia), Royal Society of South Australia, Dr. Barnardo's Homes National Incorporated Association, Shaftesbury Society and Ragged School Union, England.

- Poona and Indian Village Mission, Pandharpur Hospital, Babies' Hospital Association in South Australia, Adelaide Rescue Society, South Adelaide Cresche, Women's Christian Temperance Union of South Australia, St. Margaret's Convalescent Hospital, Semaphore, Adelaide Benevolent and Strangers' Friend Society, Adelaide City Mission, Boys' Brigade, South Australia, South Australian Sunday School Union, St. John's Ambulance Association, Adelaide, Port Adelaide Seamen's Mission, Our Boys' Institute, South Australia, Hindmarsh Town Mission, James Brown Memorial Trust, Kalyra Sanatorium, Belair, South Australian Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Zenana Bible Mission and Medical Mission, Australasian Council, Home for Incurables.

Adv. 28-8-33

Sir William Mitchell, Vice-Chancellor of the University, will preside tonight in the Institute, North terrace, at a meeting which will be addressed by Professor L. Mander, Professor of Political Science at the University of Washington, on the subject of Australia and problems of the Pacific.