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**FUTURE OF OBSERVATORY**

Following the article in "The Advertiser" on Tuesday indicating that under the Federal scheme of economy the Adelaide Observatory might be abolished, Professors Kerr Grant and Chapman interviewed the Premier (Mr. Hill) yesterday, and urged that it should be retained. They emphasised the great educational value of the institution and the important part it played in scientific enquiry. The professors promised to furnish the Premier with a report on the matter.

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**INTER-STATE MUSICAL FESTIVAL**

**Conservatorium Director Supports Proposal**

The director of the Elder Conservatorium (Dr. Harold Davies) said yesterday there could be no question of the beneficial effect of competitive musical festivals, such as it was proposed should be conducted in connection with the State carnival in October.

"In the United Kingdom, for many years, they have figured largely, especially in the provinces," he said. "The result has been a spread of sound musical ideas, as well as genuine enthusiasm for good music. They have been a remarkable incentive to musicians, and experience shows that many thousands of people in England and Wales have reaped incalculable advantages from these annual contests."

**Scope For Dramatic Talent**

The organiser of the State Carnival (Mr. R. J. A. Bruce) said the proposed musical festival would be modelled on those of Great Britain, to which Dr. Davies had referred, where the first musicians of the land were secured as adjudicators. There was every reason to suppose that the effect would be the same in Australia as in England, where the popularity of the festivals rested on a sound basis. "This was the steady improvement of musical performances from year to year, and the healthy competitive spirit which the festivals induced among musicians."

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**400 Students In Commerce Faculty**

At the annual meeting of the Commerce Students' Association, in the Union Building at the University, Mr. R. S. Angel, who presided, said many commerce students did not make use of the privileges offered by the University Union. Many went to lectures, and that was all that University life meant to them. The commerce faculty was a large one, comprising 400 students, but they were scattered. Members should assist the new committee in adding to the membership of the association, which was only slightly over 100 strong last year.

Messrs. E. W. Mills and C. C. Brebner, two of the lecturers for the Diploma of Commerce course, gave short addresses. The following officers were elected:—Messrs. R. S. Angel (president), J. D. Searcy (vice-president), G. S. Sinclair (secretary), D. Verco (treasurer), N. S. Todd, M. Garrett, D. J. S. Thomas, G. Bleby, N. Harris, and A. Archibald (committee). Messrs. N. Angel and E. Kesting were elected honorary auditors.

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Sir William Mitchell, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, will leave for Perth on Friday, to attend the opening of the new buildings of the University of Western Australia. He will receive the degree of D. Litt., and will deliver an address.

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Mr. F. W. Eardley, Registrar of the University of Adelaide, leaves today on annual holiday. He will resume duty at the end of the month.

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**International Club At University**

Professor W. K. Hancock presided over the second annual meeting of the University International Club in the Lady Symon Hall yesterday afternoon. He spoke on the value of an International Club, which could play a large part in the University life of students. A programme of the club's meetings for the coming year will be announced soon by the committee. Officers elected:—Professor Hancock (president), Miss J. Gilmore and Mr. C. R. Badger (vice-presidents), Miss Y. Wait and Mr. W. R. Ray (joint secretaries), Miss E. Wells and Mr. J. K. Allison (joint treasurers), Miss R. Sims (joint secretary), and Mr. F. Newman (committee).

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**VARSITY'S PART IN POLITICS**

**Instilling Keeness Into Students**

**YOUTH RESPONDS**

"AUSTRALIAN universities are doing all they can to instil a love of politics in the minds of their students," said Sir Elliott Lewis, Chancellor of the Hobart University, who arrived in Adelaide today.

Sir Elliott, who was twice Premier of Tasmania, and a member of the National Convention which framed the Commonwealth Constitution, said this in comment on the statement of the Tasmanian Lieutenant-Governor (Sir Herbert Nicholls) that it is becoming the duty of citizens to learn the importance of politics. Sir Herbert, who is also Chief Justice of Tasmania, was at the time strongly criticising the Federal Government's new Financial Agreements Enforcement Act.



Sir Elliott Lewis

"The commerce course at the Universities teaches elementary politics," said Sir Elliott. "Public administration brings students into contact with economics, political science, and history. These are the fundamentals on which a proper understanding of one's country is built."

Sir Elliott said that there was every opportunity for University trained students to succeed in the political world.

**W.E.A.'S GOOD WORK**

"The Workers' Educational Association is also doing great work in training the young people to take an interest in politics," said Sir Elliott. "While they hold their classes, it would be wrong to say that the young people are remaining uninterested."

"Young people nowadays take greater interest in politics than they did 10 years ago. They live much more seriously and feel their responsibilities more keenly. They took a keen interest in the last Federal elections, and they are facing the depression nobly."

Sir Elliott is in Adelaide on a pleasure trip. He will leave on Friday for Perth, where he will attend the opening of the Winthrop Hall at the Perth University.

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**FIFTY YEARS AGO**

From "The Advertiser," April 5, 1882.

TODAY the new University building on North terrace will be opened by the Governor (Sir William Jervois). With all proper academic pomp, Council, Senate, and students will march in procession from the room that is to form the museum up the grand staircase to the library. Five B.A. degrees will be conferred. It would have been more pleasing had the number been greater, but the University authorities have wisely made these degrees well worth having.

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**FIFTY YEARS AGO**

From "The Advertiser," April 6, 1882.

AT the opening of the new University building on North terrace yesterday, B.A. degrees were conferred upon Messrs. A. Gill, S. E. Holder, R. S. Rogers, G. Donaldson, and E. C. Moore. Mr. Donaldson was congratulated by the Vice-Chancellor (Hon. S. J. Way) on being the first holder of the engineering scholarship founded by the munificence of Mr. J. H. Angas, tenable for three years, and accompanied by an emolument of £300 a year.

**EDUCATION COST £170,000 LESS**

**Last Year's Economies**

**MORE SCHOLARS**

Marked reductions in the cost of State education in the past two years, despite the fact that an increasing number of children had to be educated, are revealed in figures made available yesterday by the Premier (Mr. Hill), as Minister of Education.

In 1929 education cost the State £1,088,412; last year the expenditure was £917,233.

**The Chief Factors**

The factors chiefly responsible for this result were:—

Reductions in salaries of all officers and teachers in 1930, and by a further 10 per cent. last year.

An almost complete suspension of building activities, resulting in a reduction in expense in this direction from £112,195 to £30,494.

Grouping of positions, and a reduction in the cost of administration from £54,345 in 1929 to £42,947 last year.

Reduction of medical branch costs, and general office expenses.

Saving in cost of training teachers from £55,619 to £32,300 and the complete suspension of probationary studentships.

Reductions in grants to country technical schools from £7,097 to £5,294, to the School of Mines from £25,220 to £22,075, and to the University from £80,625 to £60,567.

Suspension of subsidies to circulating libraries.

The cost of the Observatory last year was £1,966—£490 less than in 1929.

**More Children To Teach**

"The result of the general economy," said Mr. Hill, "is all the more noteworthy in view of the fact that costs in some directions increased unavoidably as financial stringency in the community became greater—such as the increase from £2,087 to £4,447 in the cost of books for children of parents who could not afford to buy their own, and the increase from £11,372 to £14,492 in the amount necessary to pay conveyance costs of children living more than three miles from the nearest school."

"How well the Education Department has managed on its greatly reduced allowance is shown by the fact that last year State schools educated a daily average of 78,808 children—1,587 a day more than in 1930. Altogether, 90,150 children received instruction last year—1,597 more than in 1930."

**Correspondence School Extension**

Considerable economy followed a re-organisation of the compulsory branch, resulting in much more of the work being done by correspondence. The high average attendance was maintained, and there were only 13 prosecutions last year.

The percentage of attendance to enrolments in 1931 was 92.6 in super primary schools, and 91.4 in primary—a total for all schools of 91.5. At the end of last year 1,074 schools of all classes were in operation—or one more than in 1930.

The valuable work of the correspondence school, particularly for delicate and afflicted children, was shown by the fact that 1,470 children received instruction through it last year. Altogether 4,312 children have been educated by correspondence since the school was established in 1920.

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**'Varsity Students Want Library Open At Night**

At the third annual general meeting of the University Men's Union, held in the refectory last night, it was decided to support the University Women's Union in a protest against the closing of the Barr-Smith library in the evenings.

This action was the outcome of a letter received from the women's union and read by the chairman (Mr. J. L. Hayward). Mr. T. S. Dorsch said the Art Students' Association supported the women in their protest. The library was at present open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., but many students could go to the library only at night.

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Mr. Charles Jury, son of Mr. G. A. Jury, who died on Saturday, was offered first occupancy of the Jury professorship of English literature at the University of Adelaide, but declined it.

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A midday organ recital was given by Mr. John Horner at the Elder Conservatorium this afternoon. His programme included "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" (Brahms), five short pieces by Percy Whitlock, and selections from "The New World Symphony" (Dvorak). Dr. P. Ray Newling was vocalist.

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**LUNCH HOUR MUSIC**

**Conservatorium Organ Recitals Begin**

Musicians and music lovers thronged the Elder Conservatorium Hall during the lunch hour yesterday for the first of Mr. John Horner's series of 20 organ recitals. Opening with a brilliant rendering of the Brahms G minor prelude and fugue, five short pieces by Percy Whitlock were played. An attractive allegretto movement was followed by a folk tune boldly treated. A feeble andante made the succeeding sparkling scherzo particularly welcome, the virile paeon finale again revealing the composer at his best.

Violin playing of a high order marked Mr. Harry Hutchins's treatment of the Kriesler "Liebesfreude." Mr. Horner's pianoforte accompaniment enhanced the excellent effect.

In the Dvorak "New World" symphony largo and finale, Mr. Horner created a deep impression. With resourceful registrations, delightful phrasing, and technical skill, he brought out the beauties of this superb music, from the simple, poignant pathos of its beginning to the majesty of its ending.

Mr. Horner's programme on April 14 will include the St. Anne fugue of Bach, a Rheinberger sonata, and Dr. Eaglefield Hull's arrangement of the Volga boatmen's song.

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**DEATH OF MR. G. A. JURY**

**Prominent Business Man**

Mr. George Arthur Jury, who died in a private hospital on Saturday, was a well-known business man, having been a partner in G. & R. Wills & Company, Limited, at one time, and a director in many companies.

He was born at Adelaide in 1851, his father, Mr. R. H. Jury, having a business in Hindley street. Mr. Jury was educated at Whinham College, North Adelaide, and entered the employ of G. & R. Wills in 1873. After having risen to the position of accountant, he was admitted to partnership in 1885. When the firm was formed into a limited liability company, Mr. Jury became managing director.

After the war Mr. Jury sold his home in Moseley street, Glenelg, to the Commonwealth Government for an Anzac Hostel, accepting a comparatively small sum for the property. He was one of the founders and guarantors of the Glenelg Oval, a trustee of Glenelg Bowling Club, and a life member of the Holdfast Bay Yacht Club. He took a keen interest in the activities of the Employers' Federation, the Commercial Travellers' and Warehousemen's Association, and the Liberal Union. He married Miss E. S. Rischbieth. One of his sons, Lieutenant G. R. Jury, was killed in the Great War. The other son, Mr. Charles Jury, was the first occupant of the Chair of English Literature at the Adelaide University, which was endowed by Mrs. Jury in 1921 on the understanding that it should bear her husband's name.

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**College Of Surgeons**

The Ministry has succeeded in finding a use for one idle area of land. That is the site of the old Melbourne High School in Spring street, which has been leased to the Royal College of Surgeons of Australasia. The school building has been condemned. It was because of its dilapidated condition that the girl pupils who recently occupied it were transferred to Federal Government House in the Domain.

The college will demolish most of the building and erect in its place imposing premises for use as its headquarters. Any land which is not required will be used as gardens to which the public will be admitted. The building will include lecture rooms, a library, administrative offices, and laboratories. Important research work will be carried out there, and it is hoped that graduates will be attracted from all parts of Australia and New Zealand.

The enterprise of the college solves one of the problems of the Ministry, but it has yet to find a use for another site, that of the old western market, between Collins street and Flinders street, which is still unoccupied.