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Many Attacks On Examination System

By A Medical Correspondent

The examination system is beginning to draw severe criticism from official quarters of late. The current issue of "The Lancet" attacks it, saying that "profound uneasiness is felt today by psychiatrists and educationists alike over the way in which our elaborate examination system is functioning, more particularly as a test of scholarship and fitness to enter a university." It urges that examinations should be supplemented with intelligence tests.

No less a body than the British Association condemned the examination system a few weeks ago, and said that many who fail to gain scholarships show by their subsequent career that they are superior in every way to those who do. A test geometry paper was set to be marked by 116 teachers of mathematics; 69 teachers failed the candidate and 47 passed him!

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Mr. J. M. Garland, lecturer in economics for the last two years at the Adelaide University, has had conferred upon him by the Melbourne University the degree of Master of Commerce, for a thesis dealing with the economic aspects of Australian land taxation. Mr. Garland, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Garland, of Linda crescent, Hawthorn, Victoria, was appointed lecturer in economics in Adelaide in 1932, and has been carrying on the work formerly performed by Professor Melville, pending the appointment of a professor to the commerce chair. He graduated at the Melbourne University, and obtained the degree of Bachelor of Commerce in 1929, and that of Master of Arts in philosophy in 1931. In 1930 and 1931 he held the Kilmany scholarship in political economy, and he divided the Myselaskie scholarship, also in political economy. Mr. Garland is 26.

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The new librarian of the University library (Mr. W. R. Cowan) has taken up his duties. Mr. Cowan obtained his M.A. degree at the Wellington (N.Z.) University with first-class honors in Latin and French in 1929. He was then granted a post-graduate scholarship, and went to England, where he studied at the London University, and took his B.A. degree with honors, obtaining first-class in classics. He also attended several vacation courses at the University of Grenoble, France. For two years before his appointment as librarian of the Adelaide University library he was a master at Wellington College, where he taught Latin and French.

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New Librarian At University



MR. W. R. COWAN, the newly appointed librarian at the University, who has taken up his duties. He was formerly a master at Wellington College (New Zealand).

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Dr. R. W. Cilento, Director of Tropical Hygiene under the Commonwealth Division of Health, and Chief Quarantine Officer for the north-eastern division, celebrates his 40th birthday today. He was born at Jamestown, and educated at Prince Alfred College and the Adelaide University. He took high honors at the London School of Tropical Medicine, and is a diplomate in tropical medicine and hygiene of the University of London. He delivered the Ann MacKenzie oration at Canberra this year, and has published several works dealing with tropical diseases.

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By Our Special Correspondent
MELBOURNE, December 3.

Paid Vice-Chancellor

The wheels of the University machine are turning slowly, with the ultimate aim of providing a paid Vice-Chancellor. For long such a step has been contemplated, and now it has been definitely decided upon. The University has become a huge institution, and it is felt that it requires a manager who can watch over its manifold activities of business as carefully as the faculties watch over its academic side.

There is everything to be said for such a scheme, and only conservatism has hitherto stood in its way. Now names are already being mentioned for the post. One of them is that of Dr. A. C. D. Rivett, a former Rhodes Scholar, who is the chief executive officer of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, and extremely capable. The choice of Dr. Rivett would probably be approved by everyone. The University authorities refuse to be drawn on the subject, however, and suggest that months may elapse before they have sufficient data on which to base a decision.

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BONYTHON HALL AT UNIVERSITY

Foundation Stone To Be Laid Today

The foundation stone of the Bonython Great Hall at the University will be laid at 3.30 p.m. today by Sir Langdon Bonython, who gave £40,000 to the University for the erection of the building. The Chancellor of the University (Sir George Murray) will preside, and the Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven) will be present in his capacity of Visitor to the University. After the Chancellor has delivered an address, he will introduce Sir Langdon Bonython and ask him to lay the stone. Sir Langdon Bonython will then address the assembly, after which he will lay the stone. He will be thanked at the instance of the Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Mitchell), supported by Professor R. W. Chapman. Guests will be admitted through the gates at the new building. Motor cars may be parked in the University grounds.

Designed in Gothic style to harmonize with the present University building and the Elder Conservatorium, the new hall will form the eastern wall of a three-sided group of buildings. It will be 156 feet long by 70 feet wide, and is being constructed of Murray Bridge freestone. The roof will be of Willunga slate.

The front of the building will be flanked by two octagonal towers rising 74 feet above the ground, and will face down Pulteney street. The entrance will be through an enriched portico, containing three doorways and approached by a short flight of steps. The doorways will lead to an ample vestibule, and thence into the main hall. Above the vestibule will be a spectators' gallery, approached by two masonry stairways in the octagonal towers.

Fine Main Hall

The main hall, which will be used for important ceremonial occasions, such as the annual Commemoration, will be 122 feet long and 45 feet wide, and will be panelled to a height of 12 feet with Australian hardwood. There will be an ambulatory on each side of the hall, with a gallery, which will hold 150 persons, above each. The hall itself will provide seating accommodation for 1,000 persons. At the northern end will be a raised dais on which will be the Chancellor's canopied chair. Above the panelling, the walls will be finished in stone colored stucco, with dressings of synthetic stone. The floor will be of polished jarrah and will be sloped.

The architects are Messrs. Woods, Bagot, Laybourne-Smith, and Irwin, and the contractor is Mr. H. S. C. Jarvis, of Croydon Park.

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SALARIED VICE-CHANCELLORS

No suggestion for the appointment of a paid Vice-Chancellor, as proposed for the Melbourne University, has been submitted to the University of Adelaide, but it was stated yesterday that the opinion was generally held that the position demanded a salary, because the Vice-Chancellor was in very much the same position as the manager of a large business institution. The Vice-Chancellors of the Sydney University and the University of Western Australia receive salaries, the latter under a provision of the will of the late Sir Winthrop Hackett.

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CEREMONY AT UNIVERSITY

Foundation Stone At New Hall Laid

Many people were present at the University, this afternoon when the foundation stone of the Bonython Hall was laid by Sir Langdon Bonython, who gave £40,000 for the erection of the building.

The ceremony was presided over by the Chancellor of the University (Sir George Murray). The Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven) attended.

Sir Langdon was thanked for his gift by the vice-chancellor (Sir William Mitchell), who was supported in his remarks by Prof. R. W. Chapman. Sir Langdon was introduced by the chancellor, and addressed the assembly before placing the stone in position.

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BRILLIANT BOY PIANIST

Examiner's Praise Of Allan Giles

Allan Giles, who at 11 has, this year, won the exhibition for piano in Grade III, of the Australian Universities' musical examinations, is a South Australian boy hailed by his examiners as showing amazing musical promise.



Allan Giles

Professor W. A. Laver predicted a great future for him. Dr. Harold Davies was equally impressed — the more so as Allan played two pianoforte pieces of his own composition. "The boy," Dr. Davies declared, "undoubtedly possesses that rarest of musical gifts—creative imagination of a high order."

Up to now, Allan Giles has been taught entirely by Miss E. M. Tuckwell. His father is a member of the Fire Brigade, and his mother a singer in the Flinders street Baptist Church choir.

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Many Degrees To Be Conferred

At the annual ceremony of the conferring of degrees, which is to take place at the University on December 13, more than 30 women students will take out their degrees.

This is a very big increase on last year, when degrees were conferred upon only 11 women.

Sixteen women will take out the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, three will obtain their law degrees, five will have the degree of master of arts conferred, one will take out a degree in medicine, one in dental science, and several in commerce and science.

Not all the women graduates will be present for the conferring of their degrees. Several names are among those who will have degrees conferred in absentia. Some graduates are country students, coming from the River Murray district, Renmark, Mount Gambier, Moonta, and Kooringa.

Those who will have their bachelor of arts degree conferred will be Gwendoline Mary Anderson, Berenice Betts, Leila Mavis Farnell, Helen Fletcher, Marjory Mead, Gladys Ruth, Pank, Zillah Daisy Maschredt, Elizabeth Ellen Reid, Roxy Sims, Vera Joyce Ternan, Mary Vaudrey, Joan Whittington, and Joan Mary Yelland.

The nuns who will graduate in arts are Elma Marie Bourke, of the Convent of Mercy, Angus street, Mary P. Carroll, of the Dominican Convent, Cabra, and Mary Murphy, of the Dominican Convent, Franklin street.

The law graduates will be Vivienne Judell, Beryl Eileen Lynn, and Shirley Morris, and Beryl Bowering will take out her degree in medicine. M.A. degrees will be taken out by Mrs. Marjorie Clode, Beryl Dunstan, Mary Teresa Graham, Christina Jewett, and Agnes Cecilia Minihan.

Kathleen Day will take out in absentia an honors degree of bachelor of science in zoology, and Betty Cleland is eligible for a similar degree. Margaret Ethel McKay will have a degree of bachelor of science conferred. A degree in dental science will be taken out by Mina Packer.

The women graduating in the faculty of commerce will be Kathleen Malcolm, Olive Cera Prior, Joan Moncrieff, and Larline Mitchell.

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NO LIQUOR AT DANCES

Melbourne University Ban

MELBOURNE, December 4. The council of Melbourne University today approved of a set of conditions governing dances held at the University, and among them is a ban on the drinking of liquor. The council announces that every precaution will be taken to see that the prohibition will be effective.

"Drinking at dances is an abominable habit," said the Chancellor (Sir John Macfarland), "and is done by only a few degenerates. Any Australian boy or girl who cannot have a dance without a few stimulants is not worthy of the name."

The conditions provide that no intoxicating drink must be brought into the University grounds, privately in motor cars or in flasks, or left in motor cars outside the grounds to be consumed by guests at the dance. If any guest should violate this rule, it should be the duty of the committee managing the dance to refuse that guest further admission to the dance.

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NO LIQUOR AT ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

When shown the report in "The Advertiser" yesterday concerning the ban on the drinking of liquor at the Melbourne University, Mr. P. O. Greenland, secretary of the Adelaide University Students' Union, said that an Adelaide University Union regulation mentioned that no intoxicating liquor shall be brought to, supplied, sold, or consumed on the University Union premises, including the grounds. That regulation had been in force since the union premises were completed in 1929. About four years ago a suggestion that wines should be allowed at annual dinners of societies or faculties of the union was discussed, but the committee did not alter its regulation. Mr. W. Calter, president of the Adelaide University branch of the Australian Student Christian Movement, said that any fellow of normal intelligence should be able to enjoy himself at any social function without any stimulant. It was not generally appreciated that most girls objected to dancing with a partner who was suffering from the partial loss of the controlling centres of his brain through alcohol. On Friday night the Adelaide University Dance Club will hold a carnival cabaret, which will be the largest social entertainment that the club has ever arranged. As president of the dance club, Dr. Rex Matters said yesterday that the club would abide by the Adelaide University Union regulation.

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Students Give Final Concert

A varied programme was provided by students of the Elder Conservatorium at their tenth and final concert at the Elder Hall last night. Vocal, violin, cello, piano, and organ numbers were given. Before the performance the Director of the Conservatorium (Dr. E. Harold Davies) received and congratulated the following scholars of the year:—

Elder Scholars—D. V. Cox (organ), Miss L. V. Horgan (piano), and Miss P. M. Hyde (singing). Public Music Examinations Scholars—Miss T. J. Sumner and L. W. Vick (equal, practice), and Miss P. M. Goyder (theory).

In the playing of Liszt's 12th Rhapsody Miss Vina Barnden proved herself a consummate artist, and loud applause greeted the final note of her performance. Miss Kathleen Ashton sang the famous "Caro Nome" aria from Verdi's "Rigoletto." Miss Teresa Commans showed herself to be a promising violinist in "Allegro Brillant." Other performers were Misses Enid Petrie and Gweneth Thompson, Phillip Wood, Sydney Morrell, Miss Winifred Fisher, Ronald Porter, Miss Fay Pateron, Max Worthley, Misses Dorothea Angus, Lyndall Hendrickson, and Beryl Kekwick.

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In response to requests, an illustrated account of the anthropological work done by the Museum and University at Mount Liebig last year will be repeated at the anatomical theatre, Adelaide University on Monday at 8 p.m. Several members of the expedition will speak.