

Conference of the
Austriatian Federation of University Women
Held at Adelaide January 1934

"EDUCATION FOR LEISURE"

University Women Discuss New Problem

EXAMINATIONS CRITICISED

"One feels that the schools are becoming large examination machines, examinations are the be all and end all, and they are the bogy to teacher, child, and parent," said Mrs. T. C. B. Osborn (Sydney) at the University last night, when the first public meeting was held in the Lady Symon Hall at the University in connection with the conference of the Australian Federation of University Women. "Education for Leisure" was the subject for discussion.

Mrs. T. C. B. Osborn said that one of the most stirring features of life at the moment was the increase of leisure, which had, however, created a problem. Untrained people were controlling the production of drama, literature, cinema, and broadcasting by their demands. Leisure would increase, but the problem was to prevent the misuse of leisure. To save the finest things a nation could produce a very definite campaign was required. One might ask, "Is our educational system doing its part?" In the general run of schools, children practically submitted to the same routine, no matter what they were going to be, she said. One-tenth or less of those children were going into a profession, which meant that nine-tenths were sacrificed, their curiosity in many cases was killed, and they were not being prepared for that leisure which was coming to them. The school which was not preparing for those nine-tenths was definitely failing in its task.

"How the Problem of Leisure Time had Risen" was spoken of by Miss Mary Frost, an Adelaide delegate. She said that the industries of 200 years ago in England were carried on in a domestic way, and that the people then had little leisure, but invention of machinery has altered this.

"People Do Not Want To Think"

Miss Mabel Hardy, an Adelaide member, said that the increased physical comfort of today, the higher standard of living, and a highly mechanical age, when so much of people's thinking was being done for them, were contributions to the present leisure period.

"Most people don't want to think," she said, "and the examination system has to take some of the blame. The examination has become our master instead of a servant."

Miss Hardy said that educational reforms moved slowly because education dealt with human lives. Constructive work was being done in the form of art, literature, and science, which were not for the clever few. Through them might be evolved a more intellectual and useful citizen.

Miss Weaver (Tasmania) said too much time in schools was given to sport. It was often thought that a boy or a girl who excelled in sport might have done better in other ways in the things that counted had they tried.

"Cinema Dope For The Masses"

Miss E. A. Stoney, a British delegate, spoke of the effort of the B.B.C. to encourage the originality of thought in schools. It seemed as though the cinema was needed as a dope for the masses.

Dr. Marie Bentivoglio said the worker of today who specialised and standardised in his work in his leisure time was going to express himself.

Business Session Opened

The formal sittings of the conference were opened yesterday morning, when, the chair was taken by Mrs. T. C. B. Osborn, of Sydney.

The meeting dealt mainly with the constitutional affairs of the federation. Reports from the various States were read by Dr. Marie Bentivoglio (N.S.W.), Miss D. Archer (Victoria), Miss Freda Bage (Queensland), Miss Armstrong (Western Australia), Miss Mahoney (Tasmania), and Miss Mary Frost (S.A.). The reports dealt with the general trend of the work in connection with the federation of women graduates, educational research scholarships, and travelling fellowship for bringing graduates and graduands more closely together. The holding of a vocation conference, by means of which girls just leaving school could gain some knowledge as to what careers may be open for them, was also mentioned. The Federal report read by Mrs. Sherrard (N.S.W.), summed up the work done through the federation.

Today's Programme

The conference will be continued this morning in the Lady Symon Hall, when business discussion on the A.F.U.W. and its extension work, as well as matters relating to the relations of the State councils to the Federal council will take place.

This afternoon Dr. Bentivoglio will discuss "Value of Educational Broadcasting," and Mrs. C. E. Dolling will speak on the possible technical developments in broadcasting.



'VARSITY WOMEN who addressed the conference yesterday. From left—Miss Bage (Queensland), Miss Archer (Victoria), Mrs. Sherrard (Federal), Miss Frost (S.A.), Miss Armstrong (W.A.), Dr. Bentivoglio (N.S.W.), and Miss Mahoney (Tasmania).

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING BROADCASTS

Resolutions Adopted By Women Graduates

CONFERENCE ENDS

Resolutions embodying suggestions for the improvement of broadcasting in Australia, the use of wireless in education, and for the building up of a service for country listeners, were passed at the final session of the conference of the Australian Federation of University Women at the Adelaide University yesterday. A copy of the resolutions was sent to the chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

A committee was appointed to wait on the commission as soon as possible. It comprises Miss Gladys Marks, Mrs. T. G. B. Osborn, Mrs. Bernard Muscio, Dr. Marie Bentivoglio, and Miss Lorna Byrne, all New South Wales delegates.

The resolutions read:—

That this conference, realising the tremendous importance of broadcasting as a vehicle of instruction and recreation, and knowing that the A.B.C. enjoys a monopoly of listeners' fees, urges that a high standard should be maintained in all programmes.

That this conference fully appreciates the value of the existing system of educational broadcasting, especially as applied to secondary and country schools, but regards the word "educational" in describing talks for adults, as unattractive, and suggests that the actual title of the talk should be substituted.

That all matters of interest to country people should be relayed through an inland station.

That the commission should make a careful survey, in co-operation with rural organisations and other authorities, as to the programmes and times suitable to country dwellers, and that a trained agriculturist be appointed to conduct a permanent rural session.

That as the function of school broadcasting is to widen the experience of children, and to lead them to a wise use of the radio themselves, we urge that the programmes for school children should be independent of school curricula and examination requirements, and should sometimes be given outside school hours.

That this conference asks that speakers be subjected to careful tests of voice, presentation, and air personality, as well as subject matter before being broadcast, and that unsuitable speakers, who do not respond to training, should be dispensed with.

That this conference strongly urges that, since public moneys are involved, when any appointment is to be made to the staff of the commission, the position be extensively advertised, and applications called for through the public press.

That this conference, in the earnest desire that any influence which tends to lower the standard of culture in Australia should be promptly and effectively checked, urges that there be exercised over the B class broadcasting stations control sufficient to prevent their broadcasting such sentimental items as are expressed in very inferior, or ungrammatical English, and such humorous ones as depend for their appeal upon undesirable allusions or suggestions.

Exchange Of Teachers

It was decided to remind graduates throughout Australia that there was a form, available from the secretary of the A.F.U.W., on which teachers desirous of making exchanges with teachers in other States or countries, might state their case. The A.F.U.W. would endeavor to arrange the exchange for them.

Among the officers elected for the ensuing two years are Dr. Ethel McLennan (Melbourne), as president of the Australian Federation of University Women, and Mrs. T. G. B. Osborn (Sydney), as chairman of committees on international relations.

Farewell Luncheon

The Adelaide University Women Graduates' Association entertained about 80 guests at a luncheon in the Refectory. Dr. Helen Mayo (president of the local branch of the A.F.U.W.)

NEED FOR STUDY OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Solving Problems Of Modern Society

WOMEN GRADUATES CONFER

In Australia today trained anthropologists were needed to assist in the administration of aborigines, said Miss Ursula McConnell, of Queensland, when she addressed members yesterday at the conference of the Australian Federation of University Women, in the Lady Symon Hall at the University.

Miss McConnell, who is one of the leading women anthropologists in Australia, has done research work among the Cape York (Q.) aborigines as well as having gained a Rockefeller Foundation Scholarship, which took her to America, where she studied and lived among the American Indians. She said that after having been in America she had gained a richer experience for having studied the aborigines in this country. Anthropology had taken a new lease of life through the study of living people, and there were deliberate attempts to study the customs of the natives. At present, there was hardly a corner of the world where the anthropologist was not busy. It was becoming recognised that it was absolutely necessary for administrators and missionaries to have a knowledge of people with whom they were to work. In America, also in Africa, in studying the problem of the negro, people lived among them, and that was the only way for Australia to study its native problem. The anthropologist was not only engaging himself in other continents in the study of these natives, but they were getting a real knowledge of their society and the laws that governed them.

Light On Modern Society

Anthropology had a definite duty to study, on modern lines, the cause of disintegration in modern society. Two of the things that had held society together were clubs and societies. That had been proved, especially in other parts of the world, by bringing people from different groups together. It had been a help to Australia to have had foreigners come here, and to have helped the country in the things in which they specialised. Troubles of today were direct challenges to anthropologists to get up and assist in solving existing problems.

Women In Engineering

Miss E. A. Stoney, the British delegate attending the conference, addressed members on "Women in Engineering." Miss Stoney, who is an authority on engineering and a lecturer in physics at King's College, London University, spoke mainly on women's engineering work in the war, and dealt with some of the work done by the British Federation of University Women in that war. She said that women engineers had been handicapped by the men, and that the foremen in many of the British workshops would not teach the women how to set their machines.

Miss Stoney said that when the war came there was a great demand for women engineers, but nearly all the women in engineering trades had to be turned out at the end of the war. The women did not object to that, but they were hurt when other engineers who had not seen service, took their jobs. She also mentioned the work of the women engineers in the gun factories and of those who attended to the testing of seaplanes and airships.

The speaker said that now there was a Women's Engineering Society in England, and its members numbered nearly 200, included Miss Amy Johnson. A trade which women were taking up in England today was that of demonstrators of motor cars, and many were employed in large motor firms there for that purpose.

Dr. Helen Mayo (president of the local branch of the A.F.U.W.), in thanking Miss Stoney for her address, said that if women and men worked more together problems of today could be solved.

presided at the top table, at which sat Mrs. T. G. B. Osborn (acting conference president), Dr. Marie Bentivoglio (N.S.W.), Miss P. Armstrong (W.A.) Miss W. P. Walter (president of the Tasmanian Women Graduates' Association), Miss M. Frost (S.A. hostess secretary), Miss M. Shaw, Miss Freda Bage (Q.), Mrs. H. Sherrard (Federal representative), Miss K. Alexander (Vic.), Miss Lorna Byrne (N.S.W.), and Miss Messent (S.A.).

Dr. Mayo, in a short address, said she believed that something would come of the conference. It was the need for education for leisure. She welcomed Dr. Braithwaite, of Melbourne, who passed through Adelaide yesterday on her way to England.

Representatives of each of the visiting States spoke highly of the hospitality of the members of the local branch. Mrs. Osborn said that the conference was one with an unobtrusive organisation behind it. Adelaide was to be congratulated, and she hoped that visiting delegates would go back to their respective associations and carry on the spirit of the conference.

Miss E. A. Stoney, the British delegate, who was unable to be present at the luncheon, sent a letter wishing the Australian Federation success. She enclosed a £5 note, being the first donation towards the A.F.U.W. fellowship fund to assist graduates going abroad. After the luncheon many of the visitors inspected the University buildings.

Late Afternoon Party

As a tribute to the kindness shown towards them, the visitors entertained at a late afternoon party at the Queen Adelaide Club, local members of the A.F.U.W. and their Adelaide hosts and hostesses. Between seventy and eighty guests were present.

Movements Of Delegates

Many of the delegates will stay in Adelaide for several more days. Some will remain here for more than a week. Mrs. Osborn, a Federal delegate, will not leave for a few days. During the conference Mrs. Osborn presided at all the meetings, in the absence of Miss Gladys Marks (president of the A.F.U.W.), who was unable to make the trip from Sydney. Mrs. H. Sherrard, the other Federal delegate, will leave for Sydney by the express today.

None of the Sydney conference members will leave today. Mrs. Bernard Muscio, who is much interested in international affairs, will join the express on Monday. She has several appointments with leading women social welfare workers in South Australia, who are interested in the groups of work with which she was connected in New South Wales. Miss F. Friederich said yesterday that she would stay here indefinitely, as she was having such a good time. Miss Friederich will return to Sydney by way of Mount Gambier. Mrs. Gregory McGirr, who will leave for Sydney by the Karoola tomorrow, will take away with her many South Australian shrubs, a cage of birds, and a quantity of crystallised fruits and nuts, which, she said, were the finest she had ever seen.

Dr. Marie Bentivoglio will probably leave here on Tuesday. Until then she will spend most of her time motoring and sight-seeing. She will also give a broadcast. Miss Lorna Byrne said she would remain in South Australia for a week or so. Last night she left for Mount Pleasant, where she will stay with friends, and on Monday she will return to broadcast an address on "Soil Erosion and National Problems." On Tuesday, Miss Byrne will leave for Victor Harbour. On Friday she will return to Adelaide to give a second broadcast on "The Problem of the Country Boy and Girl." It is not yet certain when Dr. M. Booth will leave.

Woman Anthropologist

Miss Ursula McConnell, a leading Australian woman anthropologist, who is a Queensland delegate, said she hoped before she left to get in touch with people interested in anthropology. The other Queensland delegate, Miss Freda Bage, intends to renew many acquaintances before she returns by motor car on Sunday. Of the two Victorian delegates, Miss E. Archer has already returned to Melbourne. Miss

Exchange Of Teachers

Most of yesterday morning's session was taken up with the receiving of reports of various subcommittees. The subcommittee appointed to investigate the possibility of extending exchange between teachers, recommended that it should be possible for more exchanges to be made between teachers of the various States of Australia and New Zealand, owing to the fact that the academic terms in those places coincide. It was also stated by Miss Berry (S.A.), a member of that subcommittee, that it was simpler for teachers from Australian schools to arrange exchange to schools in English-speaking countries rather than foreign ones. The committee recommended the use of the existing machinery for the exchange of teachers from both Government and non-Government educational institutions. The subcommittee appointed to investigate the constitution also gave its report.

Reception By Lyceum Club

Last night the president (Dr. Allen) and members of the Lyceum Club tendered an informal reception to the visiting delegates from other States, and to Miss E. A. Stoney, the British delegate.

Today's Programme

At the conclusion of the final business session of this morning's conference, the Adelaide University Women Graduates' Association will entertain delegates at luncheon in the refectory. This will officially close the 1934 conference, although at 5 p.m. visiting delegates will entertain local delegates, hosts, and hostesses at the Queen Adelaide Club.

K. Alexander will not leave here until January 29. She will stay at Port Noarlunga, and later with friends in the hills. At present Miss Alexander is the guest of Dr. E. A. Allen, president of the Lyceum Club.

Two of the four Tasmanian delegates—Miss D. Middleton and Miss W. P. Walter (president of the Tasmanian Women Graduates' Association)—left by the express for Melbourne yesterday. The other two, Misses M. W. Weaver and O. Mahoney, will not leave before Monday. None of the eight Western Australian conference members will leave Adelaide until tomorrow, when Dr. Agnes King will board the Karoola for Melbourne, and Miss F. Armstrong will leave on the express for Melbourne on her way to Tasmania. Misses M. and V. Kingston are spending a holiday here. They will leave by the Manunda next Friday. Miss M. E. Wood will also sail on the Manunda. Misses L. Butler and Burgess, who are teachers, will remain here indefinitely.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN TO CONFER

Delegates Arrive In Adelaide

MANY INTERESTS

Many women University graduates, prominent in scientific, social, educational and child welfare work, arrived in Adelaide yesterday to attend the conference of the Australian Federation of University Women, which will open at the University on Monday.

The visitors were met at the railway station by Dr. Helen Mayo (president of the local branch of A.F.U.W.), and many other Adelaide women graduates and hostesses, with whom some of the visitors will stay.

Among those who arrived was Mrs. T. G. B. Osborn (Sydney), who, as chairman of the Committee of International Relations, will preside at the conference meetings in the absence of Miss Gladys H. Marks, of Sydney. Mrs. Osborn is the wife of Professor Osborn, formerly Professor of Botany at the University of Adelaide. As well as being on the board of directors of the Women's Union at the Sydney University, Mrs. Osborn is a member of the committee of the Board of Social Study and Training in Sydney. During her stay in Adelaide Mrs. Osborn will be the guest of Mrs. George Brookman, Barton terrace, North Adelaide.

Place Of Broadcasting in Education

Dr. Marie Bentivoglio, who also arrived yesterday, is a science graduate of the University of Sydney, and a Doctor of Philosophy of Oxford. She is now a lecturer at the Sydney Teachers' College. Dr. Bentivoglio, who will speak on the value of educational broadcasting during the conference, is a member of the geography sub-committee of Educational Broadcasters in New South Wales. Although born in Italy, Dr. Bentivoglio spent her early school years in Australia. She said yesterday that she believed that broadcasting had a definite place in schools in supplementing the teaching of geography, but only when the lecturers had visited the country, about which they talked. Dr. Bentivoglio will also speak on "Education for Leisure." She is particularly interested in the motion for the establishment of an Australian Fellowship Fund to enable graduates to do research work abroad. She suggested that £5,000 should be raised by the State branches of the A.F.U.W.

"It is impossible to hate a country when you have lived in it for a year, and received hospitality," she said. "Contact between educated women of the different countries is one of the greatest factors for world peace."

Child Welfare And Geology

Mrs. Gregory McGirr, also from Sydney, is vice-president of the Catholic Women's Association there, as well as being a convener of hospital work. In 1912, Mrs. McGirr graduated in Arts at the Sydney University. Mrs. McGirr, who has a family of nine, said that her husband, who for a period was Minister of Health in New South Wales, was the first Minister of Motherhood in the world. For the past fourteen years Mrs. McGirr has been on the council of the New South Wales Bush Nursing Association, which was founded by the Countess of Dudley, when her husband was Governor-General of Australia.

Miss F. Friederich, a Bachelor of Science, was also a passenger, and she is staying with Mrs. W. Siefert, College Park.

With the Sydney delegates was Mrs. K. Sherrard, who is secretary of the A.F.U.W. She is interested in research work in geology in the Yass district of New South Wales, as well as being a representative of the Victorian Women Graduates' Association.

Others who arrived with the Sydney delegates were Miss Ursula McConnell, who will discuss anthropology during the conference, and Miss Weaver, of Tasmania, the secretary of the Women Graduates' Association.

A reception to the visitors will be given by the Lord Mayor at the Town Hall this morning, and this afternoon they will be taken for a motor drive through the foothills.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE TODAY

Wide Range Of Subjects For Discussion

DELEGATE FROM ENGLAND

University women graduates from other States and from Britain, have assembled in Adelaide for the conference of the Australian Federation of University Women, which will begin at the Adelaide University this morning. The delegates include graduates prominent in scientific, social, educational, and child welfare work, and a diversity of subjects will be considered before the conference concludes next Thursday.

During the week-end several delegates to the conference arrived. Among them was Miss E. A. Stoney, a passenger from England on the Mongolla. She will attend as a delegate from the British Federation of University Women Graduates. Miss Stoney is a graduate of the Dublin University. During the war she was in charge of the X-ray apparatus in the tent hospitals at Salonika.

Another arrival was Miss Middleton, a Tasmanian representative. She is an accountant in Hobart. This is her first visit to Adelaide, where she will be the guest of Mrs. J. C. Newbold, Port-rush road, Glen Osmond.

Arriving this morning by the Manunda from Perth is Miss Wood, librarian of the Perth University. She will stay with Miss Margaret Sorrell, librarian at the Barr Smith Library.

Social And Business

On Saturday afternoon about fifty women were motored round the foothills from Belair to Kingston Park, where they were entertained at afternoon tea by the Adelaide University Graduates' Association. Yesterday, after lunch, women from other States and a few members of the local branch of the A.F.U.W. were motored to Mount Pleasant, where they were the guests of Mr. Robert Melrose, of "Rosebank."

This morning, in the Lady Symon Hall at the University, the general conference will begin, when Federal and State reports, Federal treasurer's reports, and other business will be transacted. Tonight, in the same building, a series of short addresses will be given by various members, developing the subject, "Education for Leisure." These addresses will take the place of the presidential address, which was to have been given by Miss Gladys Marks (president of the A.F.U.W.), who, because of illness, was unable to come to Adelaide.

Matters which will be discussed at the conference will include the possible extension of the activities of the federation, and also the technical and educational aspects of broadcasting. Among papers to be delivered will be one on "Engineering as a Career for Women," and another on "Anthropology." At the end of the conference on Thursday, visiting delegates will be tendered a farewell luncheon by the Adelaide women graduates.

WOMAN ELECTRICIAN AND MATHEMATICIAN

Miss Edith Stoney To Address Conference

Frail, gentle and altogether charming is Miss Edith Stoney, who is to represent the British Federation of University Women at the conference. Miss Stoney's voyage to Australia was primarily a health trip and a visit to relatives in the eastern States; but in response to a cable message, received on the way, she decided to break her journey at Adelaide to speak on "Electricity in the Home" at the University Women's Conference.

Miss Stoney is an expert electrician and an expert mathematician and, before her recent retirement, was lecturer in physics at King's College for Women (London University), and assistant lecturer in mathematics at Newnham College, Cambridge. Her calculations were used to assist in the building of the Parsons turbine, and in the construction of searchlights during the war; she was also instrumental in helping with the early diagnosis of

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All States To Be Represented

Women delegates from all States in Australia are now arriving in Adelaide to attend the 1934 conference of the Australian Federation of University Women, which will begin on Monday at the Lady Symon Hall, University. There will be nine women from New South Wales, eight from Western Australia, four from Tasmania, and two each from Victoria and Queensland. Forty-eight South Australian members will also attend.

Although the conference will not begin until 10 a.m. on Monday, several social fixtures have been arranged for this week-end. On Friday evening, Dr. Helen Mayo (president of the Adelaide branch of the conference committee) will hold a reception at her home, Brougham place, North Adelaide. A reception will be given at the Town Hall, Adelaide, by the Lord Mayor (Mr. Cain) on Saturday morning, and that afternoon the Adelaide University Graduates' Union will entertain delegates at afternoon tea, after a short drive through the foothills. A motor drive has been arranged for Sunday afternoon, under the direction of the Women Graduates' Association, when afternoon tea will be served at the home of Mr. Robert Melrose, "Rosebank," Mount Pleasant.

On Monday morning, Federal and State reports, Federal treasurer's report, and other business will be transacted. That evening a public meeting will be held, when the presidential address will be given. This will be followed by a supper in the University Refectory.

Tuesday morning's business will include a discussion on the A.F.U.W. and its extension of work, and the relations of State committees to the Federal council. That afternoon a discussion on broadcasting will follow a paper to be given by Mrs. Couchman, "Value of Educational Broadcasting," by Dr. Marie Bentivoglio, and "Possible Technical Developments in Broadcasting," by Mrs. C. E. Dolling. At this meeting speakers from each State will answer the question, "Is broadcasting in your State fulfilling its function, and what improvements, if any, can you suggest?"

A second business meeting will take place on Wednesday morning, and in the afternoon a discussion on anthropology will be opened by Miss Ursula McConnell, followed by a talk on art and the community. The Women Graduates' Association will entertain delegates at luncheon that day. The next morning the conference will conclude.

Arrangements for the conference have been made by a sub-committee from the Women Graduates' Association, the members of whom are Dr. Helen Mayo (president), Mesdames W. H. Lewis, C. E. Dolling, Miss Mary Frost, Mrs. J. C. McKail, Misses Anna Menz, Hilda Walter, Esther Messent, and Lois Allen.

EDUCATION BY RADIO

Suggestions At University Women's Conference TESTS FOR SPEAKERS

Broadcasters should not be tried out either on children or adults, but should first be subjected to careful studio tests for voice, manner, and general delivery, said Dr. Marie Bentivoglio (N.S.W.), in an address on "Educational Broadcasting" yesterday, to the conference of the Australian Federation of University Women.

Dr. Bentivoglio said she objected to the word "educational," as it was inclined to create the impression immediately that the speaker concerned was desirous of being dogmatic. To overcome that difficulty in New South Wales, the term "popular education" had been adopted, and that appeared to attract a bigger listening public. Where child education was concerned she considered that, under the age of 12 scope was very limited, except for story-telling. In secondary education there was much scope for the use of the radio in supplementing the ordinary lessons. Nothing should be broadcast that was needed for examinations.

Dr. Bentivoglio considered that foreign languages and music should find a big place in the educational broadcast. She was in favor of a continuity of talks on any one subject, instead of a variety of speakers on the same subject, who would probably overlap or leave gaps in the series of talks.

Dr. Bentivoglio said the wrong people did the broadcasting, and in many cases people were chosen because of their knowledge of the subject, and not because of their ability for speaking over the air. She was a great believer in travel or other exceptional experiences being broadcast, but always in the first person, again remembering that the person broadcasting must have ability.

Technical Development

Mrs. C. E. Dolling dealt with the technical side of broadcasting. She said the research on television had proved most expensive, especially as it seemed to be more of a scientific curiosity than something having practical possibilities.

The speaker described the present system of wireless communication used by the Australian Inland Mission, and the difficulties it presented. She said if the spread of the frequency band of one broadcasting station could be reduced there could be many more stations without any interference.

"Listeners Must Be Interested"

Mrs. E. M. R. Couchman (Sydney), one of the members of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, who was unable to attend the conference, sent the text of her address to Adelaide, and it was read by Miss M. E. Wood, of Perth. In the address she said that broadcasting should help its audience to feel happier or wiser for every hour of listening. The taste of listeners could not be raised unless they were first interested. During last year more provision was made for talks to keep the busy, mentally-alert housewife up to date in women's doings at home and abroad, and doubtless that service would develop. In some departments of broadcasting there was a tremendous field for improvement, such as in methods of presentation of dramatic productions, so that they might make enough appeal to the ear to compensate for the absence of visual attractions.

Sub-Committee Formed

After the addresses had been given, six speakers spoke on "Is broadcasting in your State fulfilling its function, and what improvements, if any, can you suggest?" Arising out of that a sub-committee, consisting of Dr. Marie Bentivoglio (N.S.W.), Miss M. F. Wood (W.A.), Mrs. C. E. Dolling (S.A.), Misses Lorna Byrne (N.S.W.), K. Alexander (Vic.), L. Kingston (W.A.), P. Bage (Tas.), and Mesdames W. H. Lewis (S.A.), T. G. B. Osborn (N.S.W.), and H. W. Sherrard (N.S.W.), was formed to frame resolutions, which will be put to a later session of the conference, and then to the Broadcasting Commission.

Reports On Activities Of
I.F.U.W.

At the morning session the work of the International Federation of University Women was dealt with. Mrs. Bernard Muscio, who in 1930 attended a conference at Prague, said a scheme had been proposed for the management of international fellowships by means of which graduates of various Universities might travel for the purposes of research. Most of the work of the I.F.U.W. had been educational but many of the countries had concentrated on philanthropic work for their less fortunate members. A number of committees were founded, some of which were, the committee on intellectual co-operation, which arranged for exchanges of librarians, medical women, &c.; a committee on the award of international fellowships, committees on standards, the interchange of secondary teachers, on international travel, which arranged for tours of University women in various countries, and a committee on the legal status of University women.

Helping Needy Students

Mrs. Muscio said Estonia made a keen study of child welfare, and had established an extensive library on feminism. Mexico arranged vocational schools for unemployed women, and Ireland and Yugo-Slavia had established unemployed bureaus for women. She said the United States had established nursery schools and clinics of various kinds, and almost all countries were assisting needy students.

Miss Freda Bage (Queensland) spoke of the founding of the International Fellowship Trust. She said there was a capital fund contributed to by various national associations, and many of the countries arranged for special fellowships to be given to their own students. The I.F.U.W. had made a keen study of the nationality of married women, and had an associate member on the disarmament committee on the League of Nations.

Dr. Bentivoglio spoke to a resolution which had been unanimously passed by the council of the A.F.U.W. to the effect that an Australian Fellowship for University Women be established, that the objective capital fund be £5,000, and that the interest be used either annually or bi-annually for the provision of a fellowship for a travelling representative.

Miss Berry and Mrs. Dollard (S.A.), Misses Freda Bage and Ursula McConnell (Q.), and Miss D. Archib (Victoria) also spoke.

Today's Sessions

The third day of the conference will begin this morning with a second business meeting. Reports from sub-committees will be received, and matters pertaining to the travelling fund for Federal officers will be discussed. Other business will include the Victorian committee's request re interstate travelling and the question of the compilation of historical records. This afternoon a discussion on anthropology will be opened by Miss Ursula McConnell (Queensland), after which a discussion on art and the community will be held.

Miss Freda Bage's Work

Miss Freda Bage, a Brisbane delegate attending the Australian Federation of University Women's conference, is the only woman member on the Senate of the University of Queensland.

Miss Bage, who motored over with friends from Brisbane, represented Australian women graduates at the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva in 1926. Despite her work as principal of the Women's College, University of Queensland, Miss Bage finds time to interest herself in social activities in Brisbane, the most important of these being the League of Nations Union, for which she is treasurer. She is also past president of the Lyceum Club and of the Brisbane Women's Club.

Mrs. Muscio's Varied Interests

Mrs. Bernard Muscio, an extremely active social worker in Sydney, arrived here yesterday to attend the conference of the Australian Federation of University women, which will begin at the Adelaide University on Monday. Mrs. Muscio, a Sydney University graduate, visited Adelaide in 1927 to attend the Federal conference of the National Councils of Women, and again in 1928 as a member of the Federal Royal Commission on Child Endowment. In N.S.W., Mrs. Muscio is president of the National Councils of Women, president of the Lyceum Club, vice-president of the Mental Hygiene Council, vice-president of the Institute of Industrial Psychology, and an ex-president of the Sydney University Women Graduates' Association.

Crippled Children

In addition to this she is interested in the work of the Crippled Children's Society of N.S.W., in which she is president of the women's central council. The Rotary Club founded this society, and during the past two years the women's council had built up 23 auxiliaries of branches in or near Sydney. The auxiliaries gave individual attention to 1,300 crippled boys and girls, said Mrs. Muscio, and every child was visited once a month by a member to see that he or she was receiving education and all the surgical help possible.



Mrs. Muscio

When the children were old enough the society gave them vocational training, to enable them to be self-supporting. There was a special commission called the placement committee, composed of leading business men, who tried to find position for those young people. Similar work had been inaugurated by the Rotary clubs of Newcastle and Wollongong.

Training Social Workers

Mrs. Muscio is also interested in training for social workers. The National Councils of Women of N.S.W., she said, had founded the Board of Social Study and Training. Professor Lovell (Professor of Psychology at the Sydney University) was chairman and Mrs. Muscio vice-chairman. In conjunction with the University of Sydney, it gave a diploma to social workers after two years of theoretical and practical training. The board also provided for a special course for nursery school teachers, and next year there would be courses for hospital almoners and for social workers in child guidance. Two hospitals in Sydney—the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, and the Rachel Forster Hospital for women and children had each sent to England a social worker, to be specially trained in almoner's work. It was expected that those two—Misses Stella Davies and Kate Ogilvie—would be the forerunners of trained medical social workers in all the leading Sydney hospitals.

The almoner is the link between the patients' home and the hospital.

she was also instrumental in helping with the early diagnosis of gangrene in soldiers.

She was met at the Outer Harbor by her nephew, Dr. Gerald Stoney, of Wilmington, who will go on with her (at the end of the week) to Melbourne, where a general meeting of all the relatives will take place.

Miss Stoney belongs to a particularly brilliant family. Her sister, Miss Florence Stoney, who died in England last year, was a celebrated radiologist, one brother is a professor of mathematics at the Manchester University, and another is a distinguished doctor. In Australia one of her nephews is a doctor and another is the Assistant Professor of Engineering at the Brisbane University.

Mayoral Reception To Delegates

Interstate university women graduates and many Adelaide University women graduates, who will attend the conference were tendered a reception on Saturday morning by the Lord Mayor (Mr. Cain) in the Lady Mayoress's room, Town Hall, Adelaide. The Lord Mayor specially welcomed Miss Stoney, who had arrived in Adelaide that morning from England by the Mongolia.

Dr. Helen Mayo (president of the local branch of the A.F.U.W.) thanked Mr. and Mrs. Cain for their welcome. Mrs. T. G. B. Osborn (Sydney), who will preside at the conference, spoke on behalf of the interstate women graduates, and Dr. Marie Bentivoglio (Sydney) also spoke.

In the reception at the Town Hall, a wealth of flowers decorated the Lady Mayoress's room, great bowls of blue and white agapanthus and petunia foliage predominating. Smaller bowls were filled with mauve and white sweet sultans and rose colored carnations. Gladioli also were charmingly used in the floral scheme.

The Lord Mayor's secretary (Mr. R. N. Hammant) announced the guests, and, in the absence of the Lady Mayoress through ill-health, the Lord Mayor was assisted in receiving the guests by his daughter, Mrs. H. Dunstan, whose black and white patterned frock had a double collar of white organdie piped with black. The becoming hat which accompanied it was of black straw, the crown banded with white.

Tea was served, and the speeches of welcome and replies that followed were unusually entertaining.

The president of the Adelaide Women Graduates' Association (Dr. Helen Mayo) wore a grey tweed coat and skirt and small black hat with a red striped scarf for color contrast. Mrs. T. G. B. Osborn was in black with a rim of white edging the cape effect on the sleeves. With it was worn a large white hat. Miss Storey wore black and a fur-edge-cape. Her large black hat had a pink and green patterned brim. Miss F. Armstrong (W.A.) wore a suit of navy blue matt silk and a navy straw hat. Miss Eileen Bowley (W.A.) was in a grey and white fleck tweed suit worn with a red hat. A vermilion red suit and a small white hat was becomingly worn by Dr. Marie Bentivoglio.

Mrs. J. Lavington Bonython was in black with a black and white check blouse and small black hat. Dr. Violet Plummer's fawn silk coat and skirt was worn with a brown hat banded in fawn. Mrs. T. Flint's brown and white patterned silk frock with a tiny touch of green was worn with a beige hat. Dr. C. M. Davey was in black marocain and a black hat with white motif against the crown. A big black hat with a small flower wreath round the crown was becomingly worn by Mrs. C. E. Dolling, whose silk coat and skirt was in a rose-red tone.

Many Silk Frocks

Miss Penelope Mayo wore a striped silk frock in red, ivory and beige, and with it a small hat of brown straw. Miss Beryl Hornburg was in a black and white check frock with matching cap. Dr. Eleanor Allen's frock of figured silk was worn with a brown straw hat, a touch of red on the band. Dr. R. Moccatta was in blue patterned silk with matching straw hat. Mrs. George

Ritchie was in patterned silk with a touch of yellow and with it was worn a big black hat.

Interstate guests were Misses Freda Bage and Ursula McConnell (Q.), Dr. Marie Bentivoglio, Dr. Mary Borth, Mrs. H. W. Sherrard, Mrs. Muscio, Mrs. G. McGirr, Misses Lorna Byrne and F. Frederick (N.S.W.), Misses K. Alexander and E. Archer (Vic.), Dr. Agnes King, Mrs. V. Kingston, Misses Kingston, M. L. Wood, Lucy Bulter and E. Burgess (W.A.), Mrs. D. Middleton, Misses Weaver, Walter, C. Mahony (Tas.).

The aldermen, councillors and their wives, the town clerk and Mrs. H. P. Beaver, and Miss Beaver, the deputy town clerk (Mr. A. Morison), Mrs. B. P. Morison, and Miss Morison were invited to meet the interstate guests, as were also the following Adelaide graduates:—

Dr. C. Finlayson, Dr. Marjorie Smith, Dr. A. Benham, Dr. R. Davy, Dr. R. Hubbe, Mesdames J. C. McKail, F. W. Eardley, R. A. Want, F. R. Hone, Tenison Woods, A. K. Newbery, H. Sanders, H. Redmond, R. Healy, C. Leslie, W. H. Lewis, and Angove, Misses A. Menz, K. H. Shaw, H. Walter, K. Magarey, M. Sorrell, M. Brown, A. B. Whitlam, A. Burgess, V. Fricker, L. Allen, E. Watkins, E. Holder, D. Featherstone, K. Powell, W. Preedy, J. Hassell, M. Hardy, S. Pitt, F. W. Berry, M. Burgess, E. Sharman, H. George, E. Messent, A. M. Shaw, J. Murray, P. Rountree, M. M. Frost, M. Powell, E. Robertson, C. T. Law, and Y. Wait.

Adelaide being, according to Foster Fraser's well-worn saying, the "city of culture," its selection for this year's conference of the Australian Federation of University Women must be regarded as specially appropriate. Certainly from none of the other five capitals of the Commonwealth could the visitors have been assured of a more cordial welcome than they have received in Adelaide, whose own University was one of the first in the Empire to include women among its graduates, anticipating by many years the grant of a corresponding privilege by the two oldest and most famous of universities in the Motherland. It is curious to turn to the records of the long and acrimonious controversy which preceded even the admission of women as students at Oxford and Cambridge, which long antedated the recognition of their right to degrees. Feminine incapacity for study, unsexing influences of the classics and of science, deterioration of morals by admixture of the sexes in classrooms; all these big guns had to be silenced before the citadels were captured. It was even brought against the gentler sex, that to concede their claim to membership of either of the two seats of learning mentioned, would be a violation of the "founders' intentions," the institutions being originally designed solely for men; and there was talk of "plunder," "theft," and "spoliation," till the objectors were silenced by a reminder that the earlier foundations were intended mainly for the training of the clergy of the Church, and that the founders never contemplated the use to which the universities would be put, in the education of persons of all creeds, and indeed of none.

In Australia, our universities have had no troubles of this kind. Youths and maidens sit together, are examined in their studies at the same time, and classed together when the results are published. They are members of the same social, sporting, and literary societies, and in the later and larger field of the learned professions are competitors. Gone are the days of the "womanly woman," as the phrase was interpreted by those who used it, and as it is used today under the new dispensation in Germany, as meaning the woman of the clinging-vine variety, whose place was in the kitchen or nursery, or ministering to the requirements of her lord and master. Experience has silenced the old objection that the higher learning must necessarily be fatal to home attachments and duties, and create a distaste for them; rather, an ability to answer a stiff examination paper, involving some sharpening of the wits, should render the acquisition of home science all the easier. Culture, when the mind is not unduly strained, makes for sanity; and it was not mere gallantry which drew from Chesterton his description of women as "the custodians of the common sense of the world." The masculine mind may go wool-gathering, incidentally lighting on the potentialities of steam or electricity, or discovering the laws of evolution or the behavior of the ether, but it is the characteristic of the feminine intellect that it stands for order, method, and routine, which, according to a just-published essay by Dr. Cyril Burt, explains the almost universal preference for women in occupations demanding patience, application, and a ready memory. When was the higher learning fatal to the acquisition or retention of these qualities?



FROM MANY PARTS of Australia, and from overseas, have come these delegates to the University Women's Conference, which began in Adelaide yesterday. A photograph taken after the morning session.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN MAY APPEAL FOR £5,000

Fund for Travelling Fellowship

An appeal to the public for £5,000 to establish an Australian travelling fellowship for university women may soon be launched in all States.

The question was debated today at the conference of the Australian Federation of University Women in the Lady Symon Hall at Adelaide University.

Dr. Marie Bentivoglio (N.S.W.) spoke to a resolution which had been unanimously adopted by the federation's council. It was thought that the public would respond more readily to an appeal which would provide for a travelling studentship to be established on the interest, rather than on the capital, of the fund.

Several women graduates spoke in favor of the resolution, including Miss Freda Bage, Miss U. McConnell (Queensland), and Miss D. Archer (Victoria).

Other business discussed today dealt with the work of the International Federation of University Women, and its operations in many countries. Miss Bage pointed out that some countries had their

own special fellowships for women students. Estonia had made a keen study of child welfare and had established a library on feminism.

Mexico had schools for unemployed women, Ireland and Yugo-Slavia had both established unemployment bureaus for women, and America, always keen on educational work, had established nursery schools and clinics of various kinds.

This afternoon Mrs. C. E. Dolling (South Australia) and Dr. Bentivoglio led a discussion on broadcasting. Tomorrow morning the meeting in the Lady Symon Hall will be a purely business session, and in the afternoon Miss McConnell will open a discussion on anthropology, which will be followed by a talk on art and the community.

Other speakers today included Mrs. B. Muscio (New South Wales), who gave a brief talk on the history of the International Federation of University Women, which had been founded in 1920 to promote international feeling among women graduates of all nations.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Delegates Arriving In Adelaide

Many University women graduates from the eastern States will arrive in Adelaide this morning by the express, to attend the conference of the Australian Federation of University Women, which is to begin at the University on Monday morning.

Mrs. Sherrard (Sydney), who is secretary of the A.F.U.W., will arrive by car, and be the guest of Mrs. R. R. P. Barbour, at St. Andrew's College, Lower Mitcham. Miss Weaver the secretary of the Tasmanian Women Graduates' Association, also coming by car, will be the guest of Mrs. Harvey Johnston, wife of Professor Johnston.

Others who will arrive are:—Mrs. T. B. Osborn (Sydney), who is chairman of the School of International Relations, and during the conference will stay with friends; Dr. Bentivoglio (Sydney), who is to speak on Tuesday afternoon in the Lady Symon Hall on "Value of Educational Broadcasting," will be the guest of Mrs. A. H. Menz, at Beulah road, Norwood. Another Sydney delegate will be Mrs. Muscio, who is one of the most active social workers in that city. Miss Ursula McConnell (Brisbane), known to many Adelaide women, and one who will speak on anthropology during the conference, will stay with Miss P. Mayo. Another arrival this morning will be the treasurer of the Victorian branch of the A.F.U.W., Mrs. Archer.

The Western Australian members of the conference, who have already arrived by ship from Fremantle, are Dr. Agnes King, Mrs. Florence Armstrong (vice-president of the W.A. Women Graduates' Association), Misses M. and V. Kingston, and Miss Eileen Bowley. Other members are also attending from Perth. Tomorrow morning Miss E. A. Stoney, an international delegate will arrive by the Mongolia from London. She will stay at an Adelaide hotel. A few members coming by motor car from the eastern States will also arrive tomorrow. The first social entertainment for the visitors will be given tonight, when Dr. Helen Mayo (president of the Adelaide branch of the A.F.U.W.) will give a reception at her home, Brougham place, North Adelaide.

WOMEN MEET IN ADELAIDE

Spirit of University Federation

CIVIC RECEPTION

Delegates and associates to the sixth conference of the Australian Federation of University Women, to be held in Adelaide next week, were given a civic reception by the Lord Mayor (Mr. Cain) today.

In welcoming the delegates, Mr. Cain said that the Adelaide University possessed a standard of education that was high in the world and was accepted everywhere. He hoped that the delegates would have a happy time in Adelaide and that their deliberations would be successful. The Lord Mayor was supported by Ald. J. Rees.

Replying on behalf of those present, the president of the South Australian branch of the federation (Dr. Helen Mayo) said that many people who were educated in Adelaide, were to be found in high positions in London.

FIRST VISIT FOR SIX YEARS

Mrs. T. G. B. Osborn, the acting president, replied on behalf of the federation. She said that this was her first visit to Adelaide since she had left about six years ago. Her husband, Prof. T. G. B. Osborn, was professor of botany at the University of Adelaide before he accepted a similar appointment at the Sydney University.

"It is unfortunate that the president of the federation (Miss G. Marks) is unable to be present at the conference," Mrs. Osborn said. "When the question of holding the conference in Adelaide was discussed it was stated that Adelaide weather in January would be too hot, and that there would be a small attendance. But this year's meeting will be bigger than ever before."

"The federation is an amalgamation of women graduates' associations in Australia. There is a British federation, with which we are linked, and international conferences are held yearly."

OBJECTS OF FEDERATION

"The objects of the federation are to inculcate a spirit of helpfulness, goodwill, and friendship. When the president of

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Graduates From Universities

WORK REVIEWED

Seventy women graduates from six States attended the opening of the sixth conference of the Australian Federation of University Women in the Lady Symon Hall at Adelaide University today.

General satisfaction was expressed by the acting president (Mrs. T. G. B. Osborn, New South Wales) at the quantity of work accomplished during the past year by the women graduates' associations in the various States.

Every State presented annual reports, which were read by Dr. Marie Bentivoglio (New South Wales), Miss D. Archer (Victoria), Miss F. Armstrong (Western Australia), Miss Freda Bage (Queensland), Miss C. Mahony (Tasmania), and Dr. Helen Mayo (South Australia).

The reports showed a wide range of operations. Research fellowships and scholarships, including a Rockefeller Foundation prize, had been won by women graduates during the year.

The reports touched on the holding of vocation conferences at which graduates made available information on the openings for women in various channels, endeavors made to obtain better films, and the deputation to the Federal Government to request the lowering of duties on books.

MEETING TONIGHT

The Federal report was read by Mrs. H. W. Sherrard. For more than two hours delegates wrestled with questions arising out of the constitution, and shortly after 1 p.m. adjourned for luncheon in the refectory. They will meet again tonight at a public meeting, when representatives of the States will read papers prepared at two days' notice to take the place of the paper which was to have been given by the president (Miss G. Marks). Miss Marks is prevented from attending by illness.

A newcomer who arrived today was Miss M. E. Wood, librarian of the West Australian University, who is probably the only university woman librarian in Australia. She was the first secretary of the Women's College Fund in the University, and is now the treasurer and a trustee of the fund.

WOMAN LIBRARIAN

"We have many women undergraduates from country districts, and out-of-town students, who would welcome an under-graduate women's college," said Miss Wood. "It is expected that the University authorities will erect the building and lease it to the women. The first section, on which work will probably begin soon, will cost £10,000. We hope to race Adelaide in building a woman's college."

Miss Wood has been University librarian for the past six years, and has 30,000 books in her charge. Most of the library additions during this period have come from the bequest of Sir Winthrop Hackett.

Speakers tonight on "Education for Leisure" will be Dr. Helen Mayo (S.A.), Dr. Marie Bentivoglio (N.S.W.), Mrs. Osborn (N.S.W.), Misses Mary Frost, and Mabel Hardy (S.A.), M. Weaver (Tasmania), and Edith Stoney (England).