

JERVOIS SKULL IS MODERN

Professor Rebukes Scientist

MANY SMALLER

PROF. Wood-Jones, of Melbourne, has revived the Jervois skull again in a London scientific journal. In the sober language of a scientist he says in so many words that Sir Colin MacKenzie, director of the Australian Institute of Anatomy at Canberra, should confine himself to subjects that he understands.

Unknown to Sir Colin MacKenzie, Prof. Wood-Jones has secured a cast of the Jervois skull from the finder, and has made measurements of it, which now prove beyond doubt that all the claims to its antiquity are entirely unfounded.

The statement, which is published in "Man," the monthly record of the Royal Anthropological Institute (London), is accepted by scientists as a conclusive rebuke to Sir Colin MacKenzie for the extravagant claims made for the Jervois skull.

TEXTBOOKS' ERROR
On the contrary he shows that female skulls with a capacity for less than 1,000 cubic centimetres are quite common. The Adelaide Museum collection of native skulls, which is one of the finest in the world, contains many female aborigine skulls with capacities far less than the Jervois skull. These have just been noted by the Museum without any need for special mention. In 1884 Sir William Turner recorded two skulls with an average capacity of 938 c.c.

"Although the general characters of the Australian skull are very well known, there are few physical anthropologists who have had familiarity with sufficiently large numbers to guarantee the making of wide generalisations," says Prof. Wood-Jones.

The professor says it is unfortunate that in certain text-books it is stated that a cranial capacity of 1,000 cubic centimetres is the lowest that ever occurs in human skulls.

NO CLAIM TO ANTIQUITY

Prof. Wood-Jones goes on to say that "the so-called 'Jervois' skull, which admittedly has no claim to antiquity, yields, from the east, the capacity of 956-980 c.c."

"It can therefore in no way be regarded as being a remarkably small female Australian skull. The measurements are higher than that of any of 30 skulls which he names. It exhibits no characters that serve to differentiate it from the accepted standards of the normal recent Australian female skull."

"We must recognise the fact that many Australian females have a very small cranial capacity, and that not a few (probably about 7 per cent. or more) have a cranial capacity of 1,000 c.c. or less. But this does not prevent them from possessing a 'human intelligence' that suffices them to cope with all the demands of their limited—but highly exacting—environment."

SIR COLIN'S CLAIM

Sir Colin MacKenzie claimed that the Jervois skull had the lowest known cubic capacity of any complete human skull.

He said its find made Australia the greatest anthropological field in the world. Prof. Wood Jones criticised Sir Colin MacKenzie's conclusions, but Sir Colin refused to enter into a controversy. He persisted that his claims were justified.

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University Women To Meet

South Australia will send several delegates to the University Women's Conference in Scotland next month. Mrs. Sells (who was Miss Iris Robertson), Miss Eileen McDonnell, and Miss Margaret Naylor are among those who have been asked to represent the South Australian women graduates.

This conference of the International Federation of University Women is to be held this year at Edinburgh from July 27 to August 4. The organisation now has a membership of 36 national federations, comprising about 50,000 individual members.

The ways in which the International Federation encourages international understanding are many and varied. A large number of club-houses have been established in different countries, chief amongst which are Reid Hall in Paris, carried on by the American Association, and Crosby Hall in London. Individual travelling members are given letters of introduction, and receive many offers of hospitality when abroad.

Work Extended

Another important part of the work of the International Federation is the granting of Research Fellowships. A

number of exchanges between secondary school teachers of different countries have been effected, notably between England and America and Australia, and America and Germany. This very valuable work is now being extended to members of other professions, such as librarians and lecturers.

In addition to these activities, the International Federation makes a special effort to co-operate as widely as possible with other international organisations.

The special subject for discussion at this year's conference is "Does a University education fit the modern woman for life in general?" Some of the meetings are open to the public, and among the distinguished members who have accepted an invitation to speak are the Duchess of Atholl, Miss Amy Johnson, and Dr. Harriette Chick, the well-known authority on vitamins.

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Elder Conservatorium Chamber Recital

By Alex Burnard

There was again a company of eager enthusiasts to hear the Conservatorium Quartet—Peter Bornstein, Kathleen Meegan, Sylvia Whittington, and Harold Parsons—yesterday in the eighth afternoon chamber recital at the Elder Conservatorium.

Haydn's G Major Quartet, op. 76, No. 1, was the first work. The pleasantly flowing principal subject, whose character broods over almost the entire opening Allegro, was sensitively handled, and a feeling of reverence pervaded the Adagio. The ensemble of this second movement would appear to be very difficult, but it was certainly "all there." A stray miscalculation or two of intervals high up on the E string made the only blot on its 'scutcheon.'

There was a quality of resiliency about the highly original Minuet and Trio, and in the final Allegro—marked by strong rhythmic pulsation, and a refinement and variety in the more assertive shades of nuance.

The last of Mozart's celebrated set of six quartets dedicated to Haydn—in C major—opens with an introductory Adagio, poignant in the clashes of its counterpoint. It is surprising how each instrument's own individuality is insisted upon, each strand and separate tone-color in clear relief, in this movement.

The sombre shades were soon dissipated by the brightness of the ensuing Allegro, whose balance, harmonies, and colorings would put any amount of megrims to the right-about. A mood of quiet contemplation was perfectly captured in the Andante, unobtrusively beautified by snatches of imitative dialogue between the extreme parts. A gem of purest ray serene, this. Its harmonies were caught from some spirit-world, glimpses of which are but rarely granted to the poets themselves.

The last two movements, Minuet and Trio and Allegro, were of course relatively straight forward, and the work ended with a healthy physical vigor.

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"PETERING OUT" Aborigines Going Fast, Says Scientist

The Australian aborigine is by far the most primitive of all modern races, said Dr. T. D. Campbell in a public lecture at the University of Adelaide last night.

It was still a problem where the Australian aborigine arose, but it was generally agreed that he did not evolve in Australia. In parts of India, the Malay Peninsula, and Java there were tribes with definite Australoid characteristics, and evidence existed that the Australoid types were remnants of a south-easterly migration from the Asiatic continent.

Despite the discovery of skulls, scientists had no definite idea of man's antiquity in the Australian continent. The Tasmanian native was a different physical type from the Australian. He was a negroid, and was more closely related to the Polynesians. Some contended that the Tasmanians lived in Australia before they became segregated in Tasmania, but if that were so scientists would expect to find more definite evidence that they had occupied the mainland. It was a problem so far unsolved.

"Whenever the Australian native comes into contact with civilisation, he peters out," said Dr. Campbell.

Professor Wood Jones To Work In China

Melbourne, June 21. Professor F. Wood Jones, of Melbourne University, formerly of Adelaide, has accepted a temporary position in a Chinese College. Continuing the study of early man the principal of the Peiping Union Medical College (Professor David Black) will begin in September a tour of places where relics of ancient man have been discovered. The Pekin skull was found near the college, and field work is still being conducted in the neighborhood.

Professor Wood Jones has accepted the temporary directorship of the college until Professor Black returns next March.

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Mr. G. C. Billing, a graduate of the University of Adelaide, and now lecturer in economics in the University of Otago, New Zealand, has been awarded a Rockefeller Fellowship. Mr. Billing is the younger son of Mrs. Billing, of Blackwood, and the late Alfred Billing, of Mount Gambier. He hopes to leave for England this year, accompanied by his wife and son. He will carry out research work for one year at the London School of Economics.

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BODLEIAN LIBRARY APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Want To Supplement Rockefeller's Gift

LONDON, June 21. An appeal, specially directed to great business corporations, for £79,000, and to members of the Oxford University all over the world, and the general public for £140,000, to meet the challenge of the Rockefeller Foundation, which is to give £500,000 towards the Bodleian Library extension if the rest has been raised by 1936, was made today by the Vice-Chancellor at a meeting of friends of Bodleian, one of the most famous libraries in the world.

The Rockefeller Foundation has offered to the School of Oriental Studies at the London University an annual sum of £300,000 for three years for the furtherance of research in African languages. In this field of research the School of Oriental Studies acts in conjunction with the International Institute of African Languages and Cultures.

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Letter From Prof. Watson

ON Sunday afternoon, when I was walking to the tramcar, a single-seater motor car, with a happy couple inside, pulled up alongside me, and the lady said—"I don't suppose you will remember me. I was Nurse Hambridge, and am now Mrs. Murray Anderson." Having introduced me to her husband, Mrs. Anderson said—"Some time ago I received a letter from Professor Watson, which I thought you would like to see." I thanked her very much, and yesterday I received the letter. Professor Watson, a world-renowned surgeon, and one of the most interesting personalities who ever lived in Adelaide, writing from the Queensland Club, Brisbane, said—"I have just returned from a cruise in Torres Straits with an assortment of marine and mineralogical specimens, which have to be landed and reported upon before I finally proceed south. My feet were beginning to swell up, so I deemed it wise to desist for a time, and abandoned the more arduous role of collector to more youthful enthusiasts."

Anno Domini

PROFESSOR Watson, continuing, says—"I have just seen Dr. Jackson. He came down to the boat with his motor car to welcome me back to civilisation. With him was a gentleman, Mr. Thos. Nivet, late M.P. for Carpentaria, portion of whose stomach we had removed on the anniversary of that very day 23 years previously. I took the specimen to the University Medical School Museum in Adelaide, and left it there when I left that institution on January 1, 1920. Dr. Jackson does not take a serious view of my disabilities, considering them a natural apogee of anno domini, and the gradual dismantling process." In a later letter from Thursday Island to another friend, Professor Watson, who is 83 years old, said he was coming south at the end of the year. The dear old fellow, if he comes to Adelaide, will receive a warm welcome from his many friends here.

SCIENTISTS GOING TO INTERIOR

Will Study Aborigines

The Board for Anthropological Research in co-operation with the Adelaide Museum is making arrangements for another visit to Central Australia to study aborigines. A party is expected to leave early in August.

So eager are many of the scientists for the trip that they will make it in their annual leave. The personnel has not been finalised, but it will include scientists from the University and Museum. The work it is intended to carry out will be much the same as that done by last year's expedition. The natives would be studied to discover how they fitted into their environment, how they reacted to it, and how they modified it, the chairman of the board (Dr. J. B. Cleland) said yesterday.

The annual trips are made possible by grants from the Rockefeller Foundation which, during the last few years, has been making bequests commensurate with the amount spent annually in Australia on anthropological work. "The money received has enabled much to be done," said Dr. Cleland. "The Foundation accepts as money paid for the study of anthropology that subscribed each year towards the support of the chair of anthropology at the Sydney University. South Australia has benefited by much more than the modest sum contributed each year to the chair."

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Examination Music Recital

To aid teachers of music and their pupils who are interested in Australian Music Board examinations, the second of a series of pianoforte recitals of test pieces was given at the Elder Conservatorium Hall yesterday. Miss Maude Puddy played the grade IV, and II works. For those unable to attend in the afternoon, an evening recital was added.

On June 30, Mr. George Pearce will play the grade III and I test pieces.

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Degrees Conferred At University

There was a special conferring of degrees at a meeting of the University Council yesterday. The Chancellor (Sir George Murray) handed diplomas to the following:—Degrees of bachelor of medicine and bachelor of surgery—Julian Andrews, Kenneth Laurence Brooke Cowden, Theodore Godlee; degree of master of engineering—Wesley Hughes James; bachelor of engineering, Cecil Thomas Madigan (in lieu of surrendered degree of B.Sc.); Frederick Waterton Cropley (in absentia); diploma in applied science, Frederick Waterton Cropley (in absentia).

Mr. James wrote a thesis on the Adelaide City Bridge a few months ago, which was accepted by the University, and gained for him the degree of master of engineering.

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Friends Of The Public Library

The first committee meeting of the Friends of the Public Library was held at the Library yesterday. Mr. W. H. Langham presided. A draft constitution was approved, setting out the society's objectives as "to assist, encourage, and promote the interests of the Public Library, in particular by gifts of money, books, and other property, and by attempting to obtain remission of imposts, and increased grants of assistance, &c."

A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Langham, R. C. Bald, R. N. Finlayson, and E. J. R. Morgan was appointed to put the finishing touches to the constitution, and a second sub-committee, including Professor W. K. Hancock and Messrs. E. W. Benham, G. Harding-Browne, and H. R. Parnell, was formed to prepare details for the public meeting, which, it is expected, will be held early in July.