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to Australia but not their passage back to England.

Mr. Condon—There is something wrong if you have to go to England for medical men.

Sir George Ritchie—I can't make medical men and if they are not available in Australia where are they to come from?

Mr. Condon—From Australia, if you can offer them the inducement.

**"Position Misrepresented"**

Sir George Ritchie said he had been in contact with the staff of Melbourne and Sydney universities, as well as with medical agencies, but he was not sure New Zealand was able to fill the vacancies. He had received replies from the two universities only that morning, stating that they were short-staffed themselves and could not help.

Mr. Condon asked the Acting Professor if he was true that the staff at the Adelaide Hospital did not look any more beds than did the staff of any other hospital in the world.

Sir George Ritchie replied that, in addition to the house staff, the hospital had the services of 38 honorary medical men. When the house staff was completed, the hospital had the same equipment would be equal to any other similar institution.

Mr. Condon (A.P.) asked if it were true that before medical students were given their final examinations they were asked to give an undertaking that they would not leave the hospital until it was completed. Sir George Ritchie said that some of the students were asked if they would remain in the staff, but it was not actually demanded of them.

In reply to a further question by Mr. Condon, Sir George Ritchie said that, going on the record of the previous years, it was estimated that of the 22 students who would sit for the final examination this year, only 17 would pass. The hospital required 18, there would still be a shortage of one.

"Government aware," asked Mr. Bardsoph (Lab.) in the Assembly, "of the great unrest among the nursing staff at the Adelaide Hospital because of the inadequate housing, dining and housing accommodation, and will the Government make enquiries with a view to overcoming the difficulty?"

The Attorney-General said that the matter was one for the Chief Secretary's attention.

Mr. Whitford asked on account of an inadequacy of the food supply.

**"ABORIGINES' TEETH BEST IN WORLD"**

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**English Dentist Favors Free Dental Treatment**

The teeth of the Australian aborigines were probably the best in the world, according to a prominent member of the British Dental Association and foreign correspondence secretary of the Royal Society of Medicine, Dr. Fish, who visited Adelaide yesterday. Dr. Fish intends to take back specimens of the teeth to London and to lecture on their peculiarities to English dentists.

Dr. Fish, who arrived from England on Saturday, is delivering a series of lectures to Adelaide dentists. He will leave at the end of the week for Melbourne, where he will also lecture, and in the morning he gave a demonstration at the Dental Hospital, and in the afternoon visited the Adelaide University in the evening to give a lecture on the surgical pathology of denture.

Dr. Fish said that at the Dental Hospital he had been shown some drawings of teeth of Australian aborigines, which threw a flood of light on the subject. He shed light on the pathology of dental decay. These drawings were the work of Dr. Campbell, of the Dental Hospital, who had made trips into the interior to carry out investigations of the teeth of the aborigines. An extraordinary fact about the teeth was their extent, which they were worn down by vigorous chewing and the coarseness of the food masticated.

**Free Dental Treatment**

Dr. Fish said he was definitely of the opinion that the States should provide dental treatment for people who were unable to pay for a dentist. It was his opinion that dental and medical treatment should be linked together.

The Anatomy School was a credit to the University of Western Australia, Professor of Anatomy (Professor Wilkinson) he added, while at the school he saw some of the most interesting specimens that he had seen in any part of the world. The Dental Hospital was built on the most modern lines, and the staff was most efficient.

**Aboriginal Reserves**—In reply to Mr. Ruddell (L.G.L.), the Commissioner of Crown Lands said that the number of aboriginal reserves in South Australia was 21. They were located on 1,000,000 acres of the largest, containing about 21,900 square miles, being situated in the north-west corner. The other reserves were in the following localities—2,218 acres; Kilkerran, including Wauratloe Island, 18,450; Baroota, 109; Bonahon, 10; Wetherby, 1,570; Fisher, 155; Fowler, 8; Glyde, 28; Louth, 322; Parahulhina, 19; Seymour, 94; and Wallaroo, 19.

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**ADELAIDE STUDENTS GOING ABOARD**

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**Bougainvillea Research**

Mr. James R. Price, a science graduate of the Adelaide University and a holder of a scholarship of the Royal Commission of 1931, left for London today in the Nestor, to study for two years under Prof. Robert Robinson at the Dyson-Perrins Laboratories.

Mr. Price will be taking part at St. Peter's College, will carry out research on the coloring matter of the bracts of bougainvillea, and through the help of Mr. Victor Ryan has obtained supplies for more than a year's work. The bracts have been dried, powdered, and pressed into 10-lb. tins.

"It is still undecided which college at Oxford I will go to," said Mr. Price today, "but I hope it will be Magdalen, because I will know several fellows from my old school there. I will show the ropes—Dr. Brian Macgrath and John Pritchard—Rhodes Scholars of 1931 and 1934."

Travelling in the Nestor also, is Mr. Frank W. Mitchell, M.A., who was recently awarded a Carnegie Fellowship to study education methods abroad, and Mr. W. H. C. Schneider, M.A., who will study at the Institute of Education of the London University.

Mr. W. C. Schneider, M.A., science master at Immanuel College, North Adelaide, who has been awarded a travelling scholarship by the Associated Steamship Companies and is intended to continue his studies in England and on the Continent.

Mr. Schneider, who has had a most successful scholastic career, was a pupil of Immanuel College, and in 1929 he graduated in Arts at Adelaide University. He gained his M.A. at the University in 1932. Since then he has almost completed the requirements for a science degree.

Mr. Schneider was appointed science master at Immanuel College, and the board of management has granted him leave of absence to go abroad.

**TWO S.A. MEN AWARDED £400**

**Grant to Study Abroad**

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.—Further grants of 2,000 dollars each (about £400) for study abroad have been made available by the Carnegie Corporation of New York to the following Australians:

Mr. Alan J. Ralton, 29-year-old architect, of Melbourne, who is at present travelling under an architectural scholarship; Mr. A. E. McMicken, Prahran (Victoria), city librarian; Mr. W. H. Gould, principal of the New South Wales; Mr. R. S. Harvey, of the N.S.W. Education Department; Dr. H. L. Fowler, of the University of Western Australia; Mr. C. E. Fletcher, senior inspector of the Tasmanian Education Department; Mr. W. J. Adey, Director of Education in Queensland; and Mr. J. H. G. Bennett, superintendent of technical education in South Australia.

The grants were made from the interest on two millions of dollars left by the late Andrew Carnegie for the advancement of knowledge and understanding in the British dominions. The grants are made annually on the recommendation of the Australian Council of Educational Research.

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**SIR GEORGE'S SA A FIRE**  
**CHARGES OF DELAY**

**Further Urgent Cases Where Prompt Treatment Has Been Impossible**

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**REPLY TO ADVERTISEMENT POINT**

Several cases have been added to the list of specific instances in which it has been impossible to carry out urgent treatment of patients at the Adelaide Hospital.

This list was supplied to the honorary staff by the house surgeons last week, and has been supplemented since the resident medical officers five days ago called attention to the partial breakdown of the hospital services.

The house surgeons today made a further statement as follows:—

"We, the house surgeons of the Adelaide Hospital, decline to enter into any controversy arising from our considered statement of five days ago. As the truth of our charges has, however, been challenged, we must repeat in the face of any statement to the contrary that the list of specific cases of delay in urgent treatment as supplied to the honorary staff will stand any inquiry."

"Since the publication of our statement several cases have been added to this list where delay in treatment has not only been a definite unnecessary expense to the Government, but has affected the patients concerned financially and physically."

"It is due to the inability of qualified resident doctors to carry out their duties because of the pressure of work, and the inadequacy of fourth year students as assistants. These students have only about six weeks' surgical experience and obviously are unable to cope with many symptoms and complications."

**"NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE"**

"Since the publication of our previous statement much has been said both in and out of Parliament about the inadequacy of fourth year students as assistants. These students have only about six weeks' surgical experience and obviously are unable to cope with many symptoms and complications."

"Nothing has been done to ensure immediate adequate staffing of the hospital or provide a permanent solution to this problem."

"The question at issue is whether the resident medical officers to be whether patients requiring treatment in the hospital are to receive it with a minimum delay and from fully and legally qualified medical practitioners."

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**DENIES STRAINED RELATIONS**

**Board and Doctor**

A denial that there was any strained relationship existing between the Inspector-General of Hospitals (Dr. Morrison) and the Medical Board was made in the Assembly this afternoon by the Attorney-General (Mr. Jeffries).

The denial was prompted by the Government Minister (Mr. Belcher) calling attention to a statement by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Lacey), who yesterday said that if strained relations existed might it not react to the detriment of patients.

Mr. Jeffries said that it was to be regretted that the Leader of the Opposition had allowed himself to be led by an outside organisation that had attempted to stir up discontent and dissension through the States.

Mr. Richards (A.L.P., Wallaroo)—I do not think you are justified in saying that. Mr. Jeffries said Mr. Lacey's insinuation was entirely unfounded. That was borne out by a letter from the chairman of the honorary staff at the Adelaide Hospital.

The chairman said that he was entirely unaware of any such friction between the staff and Dr. Morris was perfectly amicable. Regular discussions took place between the staff and the Inspector-General. Representatives of the honorary staff on questions of policy and administration.

Further, said Mr. Jeffries, Dr. Morrison's letter, said that he had no

"The proposal to increase the salary of a junior resident doctor to £150 a year with a £50 bonus and that of a senior resident to £250 with a £50 bonus would, in addition to ensuring the retention of juniors for 12 months, be sufficiently attractive to keep many residents at the hospital for a further year. This, surely, is the logical solution. It has been endorsed by outside authorities. It is highly desirable in the public interest."

"The present house surgeons would gain little from such an arrangement beyond the satisfaction of knowing that definite steps had been taken to ensure adequate staffing of the hospital."

"The Government payment of £50 to each house surgeon at the end of 12 months of service is a recognition of overtime work, is not a solution, in that it will not prevent the excess of residents who will follow us next year."

"We should like to point out that during the past nine months only one advertisement seeking hospital staff has appeared and this six months ago, has appeared in the Medical Journal of Australia. This is the official organ of the British Medical Association in Australia, and the logical and usual medium to advertise for hospital residents."

**SURPLUS MEN IN VICTORIA**

"In Victoria there are 65 sixth year students at present sitting for their final examinations. In Victorian hospitals there are vacancies for 40 junior residents. Already several of these students are applying for positions in the Brisbane Hospital. Surely a surplus could be attracted here if sufficient inducement were offered. This would be less costly and more desirable than bringing residents from England."

"We are definitely not seeking to sell our services to the highest bidder, as so generously emphasised by the Attorney-General (Mr. Jeffries), but we are speaking citizens daily witnessing injustice to other citizens which it is beyond our capacity to rectify by our own immediate efforts."

"It sounded curiously familiar that the derogation of the defence of the Government's policy in the Assembly contained the phrase 'The Government has taken every reasonable step to ensure that the hospital is adequately staffed. We leave the facts to speak for themselves.'"

knowledge whatever of any friction. Conferences were conducted in a friendly spirit.

"The suggestion of the Leader of the Opposition, those letters prove, is most unreasonable," said Mr. Jeffries.

Mr. Mellens (A.L.P., West Torrens) asked if the Attorney-General was in the habit of admitting that the question was debatable.

The Speaker (Mr. Nicholls)—The only objection I see is to his comment on the question of the Opposition.

Mr. Jeffries said the suggestion was a most unhappy one, because it was liable to undermine confidence in the hospital administration.