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THE SCIENCE CONGRESS.

RETURN OF PROFESSOR BRAGG.

Professor Bragg, of the Adelaide University, alighted from the Melbourne express on Friday morning, looking much improved in health as the result of his trip to New Zealand, where he attended the Dunedin meeting of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science last month. The professor was president of the section dealing with astronomy, mathematics, physics, and mechanics, and in that capacity delivered one of the presidential addresses.

Professor Bragg thinks the most interesting feature of the congress is the fact that the next meeting will be held in Adelaide. It is due two years hence, but the date has been postponed for about nine months, until September, so that the climatic conditions will be more favorable to the delegates. The only important appointment that has so far been made is that of Professor Baldwin Spencer, as president. This is a happy appointment, and will meet with general approval, especially in South Australia, because so much of Mr. Spencer's best work has been done in conjunction with Mr. J. J. Gillen, S.M., in Central Australia. There is a widespread expectation that the presidential address, which he will deliver, will be of a very high character and quality. Professor Spencer gave an evening lecture at Dunedin on the life of the aborigines of Central Australia, which was illustrated by cinematographic and phonographic records, and was greatly appreciated by the people of that place. It was as interesting to them as a lecture on the Maoris would have been to an Adelaide audience.

"The meeting in Dunedin was a great success," remarked Professor Bragg. "Over 200 Australians were there, and some hundreds more joined from various parts of New Zealand, so that Dunedin was full at the time. The Government gave every Australian member a free pass for a month over the railways, and the concession was much appreciated, and no doubt added greatly to the numbers and to the enjoyment of those who attended."

In reply to a query as to whether any new scientific theories had been advanced in his section, Professor Bragg said that a successful conversation was held at the University, where a specimen of pure radium was exhibited. It was sent there by Professor Rutherford, of Montreal, Canada, who was formerly a New Zealander, and graduated at the New Zealand University. Professor Rutherford has been one of the chief workers in the field of radio-active phenomena. The specimen was about the size of a large pin's head, and was the centre of great attraction. In Professor Bragg's section there was considerable discussion of radio-activity. One or two original mathematical papers and others on the electrical state of the atmosphere were contributed, one of the latter by Dr. Coleridge Farr (son of the late Archdeacon Farr) who has charge of the magnetic observatory at Christchurch.

The weather in New Zealand during the meeting was singularly favorable to sight-seeing. The scenery is described as very fine, and the Australians are loud in their praise of the excellent touring arrangements made by the Government, who have taken over the various accommodation houses. The Mount Cook route was exceptionally grand. Eight Australians spent a night on the Tasman glacier, 8,000 ft. up, with six snow peaks, each over 10,000 ft. high, before them, and huge glaciers stretching along the mountain sides. The party were accommodated in a hut on the glacier.

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PROFESSOR BRAGG AT THE SCIENCE CONGRESS.

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Dr. Ennis, professor of music at the Adelaide University, returned from London by the mail steamer Oceana on Sunday. The primary object of Dr. Ennis's trip to Europe was to hear as much music as possible, and to place himself once more in touch with the musical world of London, which he left four years previously. Although he arrived at least a month too early for the most important musical events, he was able to hear several important orchestral and chamber music concerts, and feels that this experience has been of inestimable value in stimulating him for his work at the Elder Conservatorium. Dr. Ennis attended all the Sunday symphony concerts held at the Queen's Hall during his visit, and although most of the works performed were familiar he made the acquaintance of Tchaikowsky's fine "Suite in D, op. 43," which struck him as a charming and effective work. As the regular conductor was absent on a professional visit to America, all these concerts but the last were conducted by Mr. Emil Paur, a musician of excellent powers. At the last performance Mr. Henry J. Wood resumed charge of the band. These concerts, which began at 3.30 on Sunday afternoons, Dr. Ennis states, were crowded. He also attended several chamber music concerts, given under the leadership of Professor Johann Krue, an Australian violinist, who appeared in Adelaide about nine years ago. At Paris the doctor listened to a splendid representation of Massenet's new opera "Thais," at the Grand Opera House, and at the Opera Comique he attended a performance of Gounod's "Mirelle." During a brief sojourn in Lyons he listened to an excellent rendering of Massenet's "Herodiade," which was mounted in a complete fashion, and the orchestra numbered nearly 70 instrumentalists. In all these French productions the doctor was struck by their uniform excellence, and all the principals were good. Dr. Ennis did not find any great change in the character of the musical productions since he left England, and the only factor of importance that appeared to have entered into the concert world were the writings of Strauss. Among other South Australians, he met Miss Gwendoline Pelly, who holds the Elder Scholarship at the Royal College of Music, and is studying the violin under Professor Rivarde, and Miss Rita King, both of whom were enjoying the best of health and making gratifying progress with their studies. Dr. Ennis was conducted over the Royal Academy and the Royal College by the principals of these institutions, Sir Alexander Mackenzie and Sir Hubert Parry, and he renewed his acquaintance with Messrs. Edward Danweather and Franklin Taylor, greatly esteemed as musicians and teachers of the pianoforte in London.

Ad. 4th March.

Thames.
The Hon. George Brookman has been paid a compliment which few colonial visitors not holding Ministerial or other official appointments have had accorded to them by the Benchers of the Inner Temple. On the invitation of the Treasurer, he was among the guests invited to the dinner on the occasion of the Grand Day of Hilary term on Wednesday evening, when Prince Christian (who is a bencher of the Inner Temple) dined in hall. Among Mr. Brookman's fellow-guests were the United States Ambassador (Mr. Choate), the Danish Minister (M. de Bille), the Marquis of Abergavenny, the Postmaster-General (Lord Stanley), Lieutenant-General Sir John French, Lieutenant-General Sir J. Kelly Kenny, the High Sheriff of London, and the Bishop of Stepney.

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There were great doings among the students of Edinburgh University on the occasion of the rectorial gathering last Thursday when Sir Robert Finlay, K.C., Attorney-General, as Lord Rector of the University attempted to deliver the customary address. Sir Robert's voice could not be heard above the never-ending din of the students, who with whistles, tin trumpets, handbells, rattles, siren horns, and all manner of more or less unmusical instruments, snatches of songs, cheers, howls, war-whoops, and crude imitations of the Highland fling made a continuous pandemonium in which no single human voice could have made itself heard. Sir Robert struggled gallantly through his address, and took the rowdiness in perfect good temper, but the brows of the Chancellor (the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour), who was in the chair, the dean, and other college magnates, were ominously contracted, and their sorely-tried patience broke down when at the end of the Lord Rector's address two students, arrayed in dirty fancy costumes of feminine design, walked up to the platform and presented Sir Robert with a couple of "gaily wags"—black dolls dressed in blue swallow-tailed coats and red pants. The Lord Rector accepted the gifts with a good-natured laugh, but Mr. Balfour and those around him evidently viewed this part of the proceedings as "the last straw." A few days later the two students were interviewed by the authorities, and to their intense surprise were punished with two years' rustication. One of the offenders is said to

ball from Australia, but the names of the delinquents have not yet transpired.

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

ELDER SCHOLARSHIP, 1904.

The following Elder Scholarships have been awarded by the University:—

Pianoforte—Carlies Ethel May Juri (highly commended), Muriel Elizabeth Cheek, John G. T. Short.

Violin—Alfred Bertie Tonkin (highly commended), Elsie Emily Cowell, Sylvia M. Whittington.

Violoncello—Fritz Homburg.

Medical Pass List.

The following is the pass-list of the supplementary examinations for the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, March, 1904:—

First Year.—Physics—Reginald Alfred Goode, Milo Weeks Sprod.

Second Year.—Physiology—Arnold Edwin Weidenbach.

Third Year.—Surgery—Albert Edward Brady.

Degree of Bachelor of Science.

Supplementary Examination, March, 1904.

Pass List—Inorganic and practical chemistry (chemistry Part I)—James Shaw. Mineralogy and Petrology, Part I—Victor Garfield Martin.

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Professor G. C. Henderson, M.A., of the Adelaide University, returned from a brief visit to the Cape of Good Hope by the Lund liner Commonwealth, which arrived at Port Adelaide on Friday. He proceeded thither for the purpose of examining the papers presented by Sir George Grey, Governor of South Australia from May, 1841, to October, 1845—whose official biography he is writing—to the public of Cape Colony, which are preserved in the Grey Museum, Capetown.

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Theatrical and Musical.

Miss Elsie Hall has just returned from Vienna, where her playing in the public performances, in which she appeared was greatly admired. The young lady is slowly but surely establishing a reputation in England as a pianist of exceptional talent.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bevan arrived in London a few days ago, and have taken up their quarters at the Waverley Hotel, Southampton Row. They find themselves so much in request among relatives and friends that time is passing pleasantly with magical swiftness. Miss Ethel Hantke, who accompanied them to London, is staying with relatives at Hackney, but expects in a few days to enter upon her studies at the Academy of Music. Mr. Bevan is strong and well, and feels the familiar atmosphere of the metropolis quite exhilarating; but Mrs. Bevan is somewhat indisposed.

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The following is the pass list in connection with the supplementary LL.B. examination held at the University of Adelaide in March:—Contracts.—Second Class—Acland Giles. Third Class—Cecil Roy Doudy, Clement William Hingston Lake, Charles Lewis Jessop. Wrongs.—Second Class—James Sidney Kilcoy Mackennan. Property.—Part I.—None. Property.—Part II.—Second Class—Nathaniel John Hargrave. Third Class—Charles Augustus Edmunds and James Smith (equal).