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here. Another example was when Professor Bessly was appointed to the University of Wales we were successful in obtaining the services of Professor Darnley Naylor. Professor Jethro Brown, who is a native of South Australia, was appointed to the Professorship of Law in the University of Melbourne. Then he went to Tasmania and New South Wales, and subsequently came back to Adelaide. These changes have their advantages; but I am not prepared to say that it is an advantage to lose Professor Bragg. During the whole 22 years he has been here he has been not only a brilliant and successful teacher and original investigator, he has not only obtained fame that is recognised all over the world, and has made the University of Adelaide known in places in which its name would never have been heard, but, in addition, his influence has been a healthy one in the University. He has taken so much interest in the welfare of the students, and has identified himself so closely, not merely with their pursuits, but with their sports and everyday life, as to win their confidence, and to exercise a beneficial influence over them which it would be impossible to exaggerate. He has been not merely a professor of the University, but has identified himself with the State so completely in sympathies, in tasks, and pursuits. His children are South Australians. I am sure nothing but the extended opportunity for original research which the new appointment will give him will separate him from South Australia.

—Looking to the Future.—

"It is worth noticing, however, that our professors have to cover a much more extended range of teaching than the professors in England. For instance, Professor Bragg has taught mathematics and physics; in fact, he has practically created the school of physics, which has had such a brilliant success. But when he is in the University of Leeds he will have to teach only physics, and have all the drudgery done for him by lecturers. It is easy enough to understand that an appointment of that kind presents attractions which we in Adelaide cannot pretend to rival. It reminds us, however, that in the near future we must endeavour to divide the work of the chairs, so that the professors may have more time for study and original research. Old students will remember Professor Phillips, who will be a colleague of Professor Bragg at Leeds. He was a brilliant lecturer, and a man with the rare faculty of being able to communicate his knowledge. Some of our foremost practitioners obtained their knowledge of law from Professor Phillips, and it will be a pleasure to Professor Bragg to meet him at Leeds.

—Distinguished Citizens.—

"Professor Bragg's great position in the scientific world, through his discoveries in radio-activity, was gained in Adelaide, and nothing can separate the distinctions he has gained from his career in South Australia and at the University of Adelaide. It was while he was professor in Adelaide, like his colleague, Dr. Stirling, that he received what may be termed the blue riband of the scientific world. It is a remarkable thing that the only two holders of the Elder Professorship of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, Professors Lamb and Bragg, have won the Fellowship of the Royal Society. The University of Adelaide has had four Fellows of the Royal Society in Professors Stirling, Bragg, and Lamb, and Sir Charles Todd, and I do not believe that there is a city of the Empire of the same size as Adelaide which has had four citizens upon whom this high distinction has been conferred."

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PROFESSOR BRAGG.

GOING TO LEEDS UNIVERSITY.

AS PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS.

Professor Bragg has resigned his position at the Adelaide University in order to accept the professorship of physics at the Leeds University, England. Regret will be felt at this, because South Australia is to lose his services, and pleasure because he has been chosen to fill such an important position on the other side of the world. The professor is not merely a teacher at the University—that is to say, he has not confined his labors to the lecture-rooms and laboratory. He has manifested a constant desire to do anything which would add to the knowledge and learning of the public, the school teachers, and the children, whom he has found time to devote attention to manly sports, although during the last year or two his leisure hours have been reduced to a minimum in consequence of the elaborate research work in regard to radio-activity in which he has engaged. Apart from his invariable willingness to help others, Professor Bragg has won the esteem of everyone by his courteous manner and genial disposition. It may truly be said of him that he is one of nature's gentlemen, and that it will be exceedingly difficult to find a successor to him who will combine even half his good qualities.

A representative of "The Advertiser" waited on the professor at his home on Saturday evening to learn something about the circumstances connected with his resignation.

"If I can tell you anything of interest I shall be pleased to do so," said the professor. "but first of all please understand that I am not going to leave Adelaide because I have any reasons to be dissatisfied. I have always found Adelaide a most delightful place to live in, and I have been treated in a most kindly way by the University authorities; but of course the University of Leeds is a much larger place, with a much larger staff, and I shall have more time there to devote to research work. The Leeds authorities have offered me special facilities for carrying on the research work in which I have been engaged in regard to radio-activity."

Many changes have been effected since you came to Adelaide?

"Yes, indeed. It is 22 years since I came out here from Cambridge to succeed Professor Lamb, who is now at the University of Manchester. I was selected by a committee consisting of the late Sir Arthur Blyth, who was Agent-General for South Australia at the time, Professor Lamb, who had just reached London from Adelaide, and Professor J. J. Thomson, professor of physics at Cambridge. The Adelaide University is a totally different place now from what it was then. When I started work there were two students in the physics laboratory."

And now?

"Well, generally over 100. The number varies from year to year, but it is generally over 100. Not that department of the University only has grown. The whole institution is ten times as big as it was 22 years ago. I remember that I landed on the day the Commercial Bank broke, and people spoke so despairingly of the place that I felt as though I must be prepared to be packed off back to England the next week or vanish in the night."

Things have become more prosperous since then.

"I remember, too, being much struck by the immense number of houses that were to let in every street, whereas now it is a novelty to see an empty house; indeed, I understand there are not nearly enough houses available to meet the demand."

What are your departments at the University?

"I have always taken mathematics and physics, but they are too much now for one man, because physics is such a huge subject that it has to be subdivided, and, indeed, one of the reasons why I have decided to go to Leeds is that I shall have physics only to look after, but, as I said before, I am not prompted by any feeling of dissatisfaction with my treatment here. The physics school at Leeds is a large one, as there are over 200 students, but there will be four lecturers and demonstrators to assist me. In Adelaide there are only four men to do all the mathematics, physics, electrical engineering, and mining engineering work, and they find it very hard indeed to cope with it and get leisure for their own