

Admission 2.5.17



Mr. Leon M. Gellert,
winner of the Bunday prize for English
verse at the University.

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A meeting of the Advisory Council of Education was held on Tuesday. There were present:—Mr. M. M. Maughan, B.A. (in the chair), Sir Langdon Bonython, Miss Jacob, Professors Mitchell, Chapman, and Perkins, the Very Rev. Prior Power, Dr. Fenner, Messrs. Bakewell, Charlton, Melbourne, Thompson, and Wholohan, and the registrar (Mr. H. A. Curtis). The chairman referred with much regret to the death of Mr. E. H. Coombe, M.P., a member of the council. Sir Langdon Bonython, in moving that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Coombe, said he was sure he would have the approval of the council when he moved that they record on their minutes an expression of their deep regret at the death of Mr. Coombe, and of their very high appreciation of the public service rendered by him, especially in connection with education, which he had very much at heart, as proved by his record at Gawler. It was only the other day that Mr. Coombe, apparently in his usual health, was with them taking part in a discussion how best to reduce the number of public examinations, and now in tragic circumstances he had passed from them. It was all very sad, but unfortunately the world was full of such tragedies. "What shadows we are and what shadows we pursue" was a remark made by Edmund Burke in connection with a Parliamentary election for Bristol, in England, when the candidate whose cause he was advocating died suddenly on the night preceding the day of election. As a council they would do well to put on record their respect and esteem for Mr. Coombe, who as a public man had not spared himself in the service of his country. The motion was seconded by Professor Chapman, warmly endorsed by the chairman, and carried unanimously.

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Miss E. I. Benham, B.Sc., whose death occurred recently, was one of those silent forces for good, whose worth to the State cannot be assessed. Her death will be sincerely mourned by all who have true educational methods at heart. Combined with an unselfish and a lovable disposition, she had the priceless gift of bringing out all that was best in children—a faculty for teaching them to "play the game." Miss Benham was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Benham, of Kapunda, and after some years of private tuition, her education was continued at the Advanced School for Girls, under Miss Rees George. Thereafter she took the science course at the Adelaide University, graduating with honors. A short period of teaching at the Kapunda Church of England school was followed by 18 months of study in England and Germany. Miss Benham then became assistant teacher at Dryborough House School, and subsequently filled a similar position at Tormore House School for 12 years or more. During this period Miss Benham returned to England, and obtained the Diploma of Education, Oxford. After the death of Professor Tate, and pending the arrival of Professor Osborn, Miss Benham lectured in botany at the University, and for some years she had been the principal of Walford School, Malvern. She will be greatly missed in University circles, especially by the members of the Women's Students' Society, of which she was for some time president, and which owes much of its present vitality to her enthusiastic support.

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According to reports in the English newspapers, Miss Daisy Kennedy, the South Australian violinist, continues to hold her own in the world's metropolis. Of a recital in the Aeolian Hall, London, the "Morning Post" writes:—"The recital Miss Daisy Kennedy gave was announced as the only one this season. The fact is to be deplored. A violinist of this calibre should make frequent appearances in the metropolis. She represents a definite artistic standard all too rarely met with on our concert platforms, and in the interests of native art she should come more frequently before the public. Not only is she a British artist, but she is of her sex without doubt the foremost living violinist. Yesterday she indicated such expansion of her powers as would entitle her to that position. The performance she gave of the "Paganini Concerto in D"—a work of stupendous difficulty and long deemed too difficult to play—was of extraordinary perfection. Not only was it technically flawless, but there were in addition great force and beauty of tone and much grace of phrasing. It was the effort of a great artist."

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MUSIC EXAMINATIONS,

The Universities of Melbourne, Adelaide, Tasmania, Queensland, and Western Australia, held public examinations in practice of music in May. The following is the pass list:—

Grade I.—Honors—None. Pass—Archibald, Gwendolynne Maud, singing, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Jacobs, Elsie, singing, Miss Meta Baring.

Grade II.—Honors—None. Pass—Kitson, Kathleen, singing, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Nash, Cecelia, singing, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street.

Grade III.—Honors—Graham, Kathleen Mavis, piano, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Oliver, Evelyn Grace Shield, piano, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street. Pass—McFaul, Maggie, singing, Dominican Convent, Franklin-street; Robinson, Beryl, singing, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street.

Grade IV.—Honors—Chesterfield, Eillias Ellen Maude, piano, Mr. H. H. Davies; McGrath, Constance Cicely, piano, Sisters of St. Joseph, Alberton. Pass—Chillo, Dorothy Mary, singing, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Gust, Gertie Linda, singing, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Guthrie, Florence, singing, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Henschke, Annie Constance, piano, St. Joseph's Convent, Port Adelaide; Jeffs, Kathleen Elinor, piano, Miss Doris M. Kemp, A.T.C.L.; Laurisch, Daphne, piano, Dominican Convent, Franklin-street; McBeth, Jessie Ellen, piano, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; McBeth, Jessie Ellen, singing, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; McLean, Mary Imelda, piano, Sisters of St. Joseph, Thebarton; Reynolds, Marjorie Mavis, piano, Miss Rudemann, A.M.U.A., Goodwood Park School of Music; Riley, Margaret Dolores, piano, St. Joseph's Convent, Port Adelaide; Tregoweth, Vera Chloe, piano, Mr. T. H. Jones, Mus. Bac.; White, Daphne Jean, singing, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street.

Grade V.—Honors—Tasde, Orianne Lily, piano, Miss Priscilla J. Tasde. Pass—Abbott, Muriel, piano, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Angus, Dorothea Marjorie, piano, Convent of Mercy, Henley Beach; Breheny, Eileen, piano, St. Dominic's Priory, North Adelaide; Breheny, Frances, piano, St. Dominic's Priory, North Adelaide; Child, Dorothy Mary, piano, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Conway, Molly, piano, Dominican Convent, Franklin-street; Gawley, Nellie, piano, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Hoyle, Doris Marie Ross, piano, St. Joseph's Convent, Port Adelaide; Johns, Ethel Lillian, piano, Miss R. M. Hooper; Nash, Mavis, piano, Sisters of St. Joseph, Kingswood; Newman, Mavis, piano, Miss Doris M. Kemp, A.T.C.L.; O'Dea, Mary Agnes, piano, Dominican Convent, Franklin-street; O'Keefe, Edna Mary, piano, Dominican Convent, Franklin-street; Schutt, Myrtle Margaret, piano, Miss T. Hegarty; Tucker, Isabelle, piano, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Wheeler, Keith George, piano, Dominican Convent, Franklin-street.

Grade VI.—Pass—Anderson, Mary, piano, Dominican Convent, Franklin-street; Bampton, Eva Ray, piano, Miss Adams; Betty, Olive Muriel May, piano, Miss Adams; Bisdand, Kathleen, piano, St. Joseph's Convent, Brompton; Carroll, Mary, piano, St. Joseph's Convent, Brompton; Cashman, Eileen Hannah, violin, Miss Erica Chaplin, A.M.U.A.; Chariton, Ellen Cordelia, piano, Convent of Mercy, Henley Beach; Cook, Constance, piano, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Davis, Lucy, piano, St. Joseph's Convent, Brompton; Davis, Rita, piano, St. Joseph's Convent, Brompton; Dillon, Mary, piano, St. Joseph's Convent, Brompton; Dring, Eva, piano, St. Joseph's Convent, Brompton; Dunn, Jessie Roberta, piano, Miss Doris M. Kemp, A.T.C.L.; Greatrex, Jessie Margaret, piano, St. Joseph's Convent, Port Adelaide; Hanson, Gwendolynne, piano, Miss T. Hegarty; John Blodgett, piano, Dominican Convent, Semaphore; McDermott, Eileen, piano, St. Dominic's Priory, North Adelaide; Mullins, George Edward, piano, Miss Adams; O'Brien, John George, piano, Miss Adams; O'Donnell, Margaret, piano, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Russell, Marcella, piano, St. Joseph's Convent, Brompton; Schipper, Eva Edna, piano, Sisters of St. Joseph, Alberton; Shillingford, Jean Elizabeth, piano, St. Joseph's Convent, Brompton; Sorenson, Edith, piano, Sisters of St. Joseph, Kingswood; Speed, Edna, piano, St. Dominic's Priory, North Adelaide; Tilbrook, Audrey Marshal, piano, Miss Doris M. Kemp, A.T.C.L.; Zweck, Charlotte, Elizabeth, piano, Miss R. M. Hooper.

Mr. Rudolph Bronner, of Adelaide University, son of Mr. Charles Bronner, headmaster of Start street School, Adelaide, is training for a commission at Pembroke College, Cambridge (says a London correspondent). He was studying at Balliol College, Oxford, in the early days of the war, and joined the University O.T.C. After finishing his course at Oxford he joined the London Rifle Brigade, and was recommended for a commission. Mr. Bronner won the lightweight boxing championship, No. 2 Officers' Cadet Battalion, and has also distinguished himself in cross-country running. Training in the same company as Rifleman Frank R. Wallace, second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Alford Wallace, who was twice wounded with the I.R.B. in France, and the two young cadets have just spent their mid-term leave at Mr. Wallace's home at Crouch-hill.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.

The report of the Rhodes Trust for 1915-1916 states:—"The war has continued throughout the past academic year to interfere with the normal operation of the scholarship system. The trust has pursued its policy of giving leave to all scholars from the Dominions and colonies who take service in the Imperial army or the colonial contingents, with the right of resuming their scholarships when the war is over and they are free to take up residence at Oxford. Leave of absence has also been granted to scholars from the United States who wished to take part in the work of the Red Cross Society and Young Men's Christian Association. Of the American scholars 18 took advantage of this privilege and were absent one, two, or three terms of the academic year. A certain number took similar work in one or more of the vacations. Twenty-six new scholars (all colonial) were elected for 1915, of whom 17 took military service without coming into residence. There have been in residence at Oxford during the whole or part of the year 94 scholars, of whom 76 were American and 18 colonial. Of the colonials, five have taken commissions or enlisted after being in residence for part of the year, and one at the close of the academic year, two engaged in munition work, while six continued their medical course at the university in accordance with advice." A summarized list of undergraduate scholars and ex-scholars who had given their lives in the service of the Empire during the year shows that the losses were thus distributed:—Canada, 5; South Africa, 5; New Zealand, 2; Australia, 1; Newfoundland, 1; Bermuda, 1; total, 15. Military honours had been won by a large number of scholars, among whom Mr. H. K. Fry, of South Australia, is mentioned as a recipient of the Distinguished Service Order. By an Act of Parliament, passed on the petition of the trustees, the provision made in the will of Mr. Rhodes for a certain number of German scholars to be nominated each year by the Kaiser has been cancelled. The scholarships thus set free will, under the Act, be distributed among communities within the British Empire not provided for under the will.

WORKERS' EDUCATION

COUNCIL MEETING.

GETTING REAL LABORERS INTERESTED.

There was a moderate attendance of the members of the council of the Workers' Educational Association at the Trades Hall last night, when Mr. T. Ryan, M.P., presided. Among those in attendance were Professor Darnley Naylor, Mr. Herbert Heaton, M.A. (director of tutorial classes), Canon Hornabrook, Mr. W. O. Melbourne, Mr. C. E. Baker, Mr. C. O. Bennett, Mr. H. Gilmore, and others prominent in the Labor movement, several being ladies.

The chairman announced with regret that Mr. Christie Wright, a member of the council, had made the supreme sacrifice at the front. A letter of condolence with the relatives is to be forwarded. A similar letter is to be sent to Mr. Roach, another member, condoling with him in the loss of his son, Kelvin Roach.

The report of the secretary, which was endorsed by the executive, was submitted to the meeting as follows:—

—The Enrolments.—

"The Workers' Educational Association of South Australia is at the present time a federation consisting of 50 organisations, including 37 trade unions, the United Labor Party, three women's organisations, one University tutorial class,

the Australian Native Association, the Unley High School, the British Science Guild, the South Australian Society of Arts, the Kindergarten Union, the School of Mines, the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery, and the University. In addition a number of institutes in South Australia are associated with the State branch, and there are also a number of individual members. One University tutorial class is also affiliated, and has a delegate on the council. We already have enough intending pupils to make nine University tutorial classes on the basis that a class must contain not more than 30 students. There are 77 students in the first class in economics, which is in reality strong enough to split into three. An afternoon class in economics has already enrolled, and we are promised between 16 and 24 students. Another class in economics is also being formed for Wednesday evenings, and should be ready to start in June or July. That would give us five classes in economics alone, with say 130 to 140 students. The English literature class has already enrolled 45 students, and many more have promised to come in. For philosophy, coupled with psychology, we have 20 students, and a dozen are enrolled for modern world history. The two lastnamed classes would be rapidly filled were it possible to start them in the near future.

—University Tutorial Classes.—

"In connection with the University Tutorial Classes in economics a 3000-word precis of each lecture for the use of students has been printed, and is sold at 2d. per copy. In addition Brisbane has ordered 30 copies, New South Wales 150, Victoria 50, and New Zealand 25, to be supplied regularly. The cost of the printing of these lecture reports is practically balanced by the sales already in sight. It will, however, be necessary for the council to signify its approval or otherwise of our action in getting these lecture reports published. The Director of Tutorial Classes (Mr. Herbert Heaton) is to be highly commended for his efforts in writing such long precis for the use of tutorial class and country students. Arising out of the printing of lecture reports must necessarily come a correspondence system by means of which the whole State will receive the benefit of the knowledge of the Director of Tutorial Classes and the other tutors who will from time to time be appointed.

—Finance.—

"Up to the present our income and expenditure have been about equal, if we include the first grant of £25 for April, which came to hand early in May. The W.E.A. will never be able to accumulate money, because its activities are measured by the amount of cash available. The educational needs of the people are tremendous, and the sources of income are few.

—Relation to the University.—

"The University authorities have been most cordial in their efforts to forward the interests of the W.E.A. and to make it possible to extend the work in every direction. Lecture and committee rooms and the Prince of Wales Theatre have been placed at our disposal free of charge, and in every way our best thanks are due to the Registrar and the University staff.

—The Government Grant.—

"A letter was received from the Minister of Education stating that the grant would be payable monthly at the rate of £25, from April 1. The first payment was made on May 1. The University grant, instead of being on the basis of £1000 a year, was cut down to only £30 per month from April 1, or at the rate of £600 a year.

—Director of Classes.—

"Since the last meeting of the council I have been in constant touch with Mr. Herbert Heaton, the director of tutorial classes. His appointment has been a decided acquisition to the movement in South Australia. He has addressed a number of our affiliated bodies and other societies on the objects of the W.E.A. since his arrival. The interest with which the many students follow his lectures in the economics class is sufficient proof of his capabilities.

—Book Selling.—

"An important problem with which we are confronted is that of selling books to students at the classes and to the general public, both at the office and at public lectures. This work is rapidly growing. I would suggest that the executive be appointed a committee to recommend, purchase, or publish books and pamphlets for sale or distribution."

—Declining to Affiliate.—

The following letter was also read:—
"I have to acknowledge receipt of yours of March 9 in regard to affiliation of the South Australian Socialist Movement with the Workers' Educational Association. I have been instructed by the members of the S.A.S.M. to inform you that in the light of experience of the W.E.A. in other parts of the world they cannot affiliate with the Workers' Educational Association, and at the same time feel that they have kept intact one of the most vital principles of their constitution, namely, class consciousness."
Harold Reid, hon. secretary.