

NEWS 1.6.25  
**NEED FOR A WOMEN'S HOSPITAL**

Medical science is being applied more assiduously and more elaborately to the condition and diseases of women before, at, and after childbirth than to any other branch of medicine or surgery. There have been great advances during the past 30 years in the technique of obstetrics and in the realisation of the importance of prenatal examinations, but there has been no diminution in the rate of maternal mortality. In the field of medicine alone has there been such an experience.

Professor Watson, of the Edinburgh University, accounts for this extraordinary fact under two heads—one, that the medical profession is not putting established theories into practice, probably owing to inadequate training of medical students in those subjects; and, two, because funds are not forthcoming for larger and better maternity hospitals for prenatal care and for the supply of proper equipment for childbirth in the homes of the poor.

Precisely the same causes are operating in Adelaide, only in a far more aggravated form. If the training in Edinburgh, with its obstetrical and women's hospitals, is inadequate what must it be in Adelaide, where there are no such institutions except the Queens' Home, in which between 300 and 400 cases a year are treated? There are from 16 to 20 nurses in training at the Home, and as each is compelled to attend 20 cases, it leaves only a small margin for the medical students of the University, who must also attend 20 cases. There are about 25 medical students at the University, and it is becoming impracticable to fulfil the conditions imposed, especially as the obstetrical cases in the Adelaide Hospital average only about to a year.

In these conditions how can prenatal examinations, safe childbirth, and postnatal care be ensured? They are all essential in the safeguarding of infant life and the production of a virile race, which are imperative in these days of decreasing birth rates.

To correct these shortcomings something might be done by establishing an obstetrical department at the Adelaide Hospital. Professor Watson advocates the linking up of the maternity hospital with the general hospital. He says that the importance of doing so is being recognised all over the world. The obstetrical department could be established in connection with the existing gynaecological department in the Adelaide Hospital, forming a Women's Block, in which both nurses and students could secure the training which is necessary, not only to enable them to pass their examinations, but to afford them sufficient equipment to administer the highest standard of treatment.

Primarily it would be necessary to provide an outpatient room for prenatal and postnatal cases, an observation ward, a maternity ward, operating theatre, accommodation for septic cases, and an external department for the treatment of maternity patients in their own homes. Nothing but good could flow from such an outlay.

Medical science in maternity cases is making remarkable progress and no money and no effort should be spared to apply its teaching. It offers a worthy and alluring field for public generosity and State assistance, and the need for it is exceedingly urgent.

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**Elder Conservatorium**

The string quartet from the Elder Conservatorium will give a recital in the Liberal Union Hall tomorrow night.

The quartet desires to give this opportunity of hearing chamber music under the most ideal conditions.

On the Continent this method of giving string ensemble music in a small hall with the audience seated on three sides of the stage, is in vogue, and proving satisfactory in all respects.

The programme to be given promises to be one of exceptional interest, including as it does the beautiful Mozart quartet in D major, also two most fascinating movements from the popular Tschalkowski quartet. The G minor quartet by Gabriel Faure, a French composer who died recently, and who without doubt was one of the most gifted creative artists of modern times, will also be played.

Mr. Harold Wylde will be the pianist. Single tickets and student concession tickets may be obtained for the first recital at Correll's box office.

ADV. 2.6.25  
**ORCHESTRAL MUSIC**

From W. H. FOOTE, University of Adelaide—An article appears in "The Advertiser" under the heading of "Orchestral Music," by Mr. Norman Sellick. I would not dare make a public statement under any misapprehension whatever. I heard the Valley Orchestra play at the Valley City Hall, and amongst the players were seven musicians, including the conductor himself, who have received the benefit of my services in instrumental and orchestral playing.

NEWS 30.5.25  
**DR. HEATON MAY LEAVE**

**Offered Canadian Appointment**

Dr. H. Heaton, Director Tutorial Classes and Lecturer in Economics at the Adelaide University since 1917, who recently returned from a world tour, has been offered the Macdonald Chair of Economic and Political Science at Queen's University, Kingston, Canada. This position,



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 who may leave Adelaide to accept a University appointment in Canada.

which is the third largest, carries with it the headship of the Department of Economics and Commerce, and if Dr. Heaton accepts it he will be in charge of four assistant professors and several lecturers. The position offers great scope for Dr. Heaton's abilities, and he has provisionally accepted it, subject to the settlement of further details regarding tenure of office. Ontario, in which the University is situated, is almost entirely a university town as well as being a strong Scotch district. The previous holder of the position, Professor Skelton, has been appointed political and economic adviser to the Dominion Government on Imperial affairs.

Before coming to Adelaide Dr. Heaton was Professor of Economics in Birmingham and then at Hobart.

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Passengers who will leave Adelaide by the express for Melbourne this afternoon include Sir Douglas Mawson, D.Sc., F.R.S. (Professor of Geology, University of Adelaide), Mr. L. K. Ward (Government Geologist), and Mr. R. L. Jack (Assistant Government Geologist). They will represent South Australia in Melbourne at the Federal Geographical conference called by the Government to consider matters of geological interest.

REGISTER 2.5.25  
**ELDER CONSERVATORIUM**

**STUDENTS' CONCERT**

There was a promising array of musical talent at the students' concert given at Elder Hall on Monday evening, and the young artists were given an encouraging reception by an audience of moderate size. The fact that all the departments of the school were represented was responsible for a diversified programme, and this held the interest effectively. The standard of performance shown by all the pupils who appeared reflected creditably on the labours and ideals of the teachers who had done the preparatory work. A meritorious performance of Handel's aria "Si tra i coppi" ("Love that's true will live for ever"), given by Mr. Arnold Matters, was one of the most inspiring items of all. This young baritone has a voice of exceptional qualities, and if his rendition of the Handel number is a consistent sample of his powers there are great possibilities ahead of him. Similarly endowed in respect of voice and musical intuition is Miss Hilda Barnes who gave an excellent interpretation of Delibes's "Quelle indulgence." Her pure, rich tone and remarkable flexibility gave keen delight. She is a pupil of whom Madam Delmar Hall might well be proud. The giant prologue from "Pagliacci" is somewhat exacting work for young singers, but Mr. Mostyn Skinner used his voice admirably. His production and diction were worthy of unqualified praise. Mr. Skinner did the fullest justice to his teacher, Mrs. Reginald Quesnel, and to the music. The violinists were a pleasing group. Mrs. C. W. Chinner displayed a fine tone and strong musical sensibility in Max Bruch's "Kol Niderei." She is from the studio of Miss Sylvia Whittington. Mr. Eric McLaughlin, a talented pupil of Mr. Charles Schilsky, won full praise for his execution of the Dvorak-Kreisler "Slavonic Dance in E Minor." Good work was done by Mr. Carlyle Jones, Miss Helena Harris, and Mr. Stanley Grosser in Popper's Adagio for three cello. These artists were coached by Mr. Harold Parsons. Miss Marjorie Adamson, with her teacher Mr. I. G. Reiman at the second piano, submitted Mendelssohn's "Rondo brillante, Op. 29." Two students of Mr. H. Parsons, Misses Jean Taylor and Rhoda Koerner, were heard in Beethoven's "Sonata in D" for piano and violin. Mendelssohn was again represented in his "Capriccio Brillante, Op. 22," the performers being Miss Jean White, with Mr. George Pearce at the second piano. Mr. Frederic Finlay played Debussy's "Clair de Lune" and "La Cathédrale engloutie" with fine understanding. The only organ item was worthy of high compliment. The player was Miss Isabel Tibbrook (a pupil of Mr. Harold Wylde), and the piece was "Phantasy Prelude" (Resurgam) by Harvey Grace. In the place of Miss Dorothy Mansom, Miss Florence Doman was a pleasing substitute. Her number was "Hindu Song" (Bemberg). Miss Constance Pether's flute solo "Concertino" (Chaminade) revealed a most beautiful tone and considerable mastery of the instrument. The accompanists were Misses Alice Meegan, Muriel Prince, and Doris Kentish.

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**Organ Recitals**

With the approval of the council of the University of Adelaide, Dr. E. Harold Davies (director of the Elder Conservatorium of Music) has arranged a series of 10 free midday organ recitals to be given by Mr. Harold Wylde, F.R.C.O. The first recital will be given on Thursday, from 1.15 to 1.45 o'clock.

ADV. 2.6.25  
**MIDDAY ORGAN RECITAL**

The first of the series of free midday organ recitals by Mr. Harold Wylde, F.R.C.O., will be given in the Elder Hall on Thursday. These recitals will be given weekly during the winter months, at 1.15 p.m. All are invited to avail themselves of this lunch hour recreation.

**HOSPITAL EXPANSION**

**More Land Wanted**

Representatives of the Adelaide Hospital Board of Management, the Advisory Council of that institution, and the Council of the University will wait upon the Hon. J. Jelley (Chief Secretary) on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock with a request that additional land be made available to provide more accommodation for those institutions.

Portion of the Old Exhibition Grounds at the rear of the Adelaide Hospital is desired as a site for extensions which might eventually include a women's hospital. The extension of the University on to the western portion of the Exhibition grounds is considered necessary.

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**UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES**

The last two sessions of the Assembly of the League of Nations have been largely occupied in attempts to improve the League machinery and procedure for the prevention of war and the consequent formulation of disarmament plans. The protocol framed by the Assembly last September has been subjected to exhaustive criticism, and it was rejected in its present form by the British and Australian Governments, but it is probable that the next General Assembly will make another effort to find a better way to the ideal of world peace. The terms of the protocol, and especially those parts of it which are popularly known as the "Japanese Amendment," will be explained and discussed by Dr. H. Heaton at the first University extension lecture at the University tonight.

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The monthly meeting of the Society of Arts will be held this evening, when Mr. H. Hugh Corbin will deliver a lecture on "Trees," illustrated by lantern slides. In view of Mr. Corbin's early departure for New Zealand, there are doubtless many who will be glad of the opportunity of hearing him lecture on this engrossing subject.

ADV. 2.6.25

Sir Douglas Mawson, Mr. L. Keith Ward (Government Geologist) and Mr. R. L. Jack (deputy Government Geologist) left Melbourne on Monday afternoon to attend an inter-State geological conference, which commences to-day.

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Sir Douglas Mawson, D.Sc., F.R.S. (Professor of Geology, University of Adelaide) returned to Adelaide on Saturday night from Mount Mansfield, where he spent a week in field and geological work.