

MUSIC TEACHERS

Conference in Adelaide

PROGRAMME OF SESSIONS

Music teachers from all parts of South Australia will attend a conference which will be held at the University of Adelaide from July 13 to 18.

Professor E. Harold Davies, Mus. Doc. (Elder Professor of Music), is enthusiastic about the gathering.

"The conference," he remarked, "is a natural sequel to that held at the University of Adelaide four years ago. This gathering of music teachers in the State, many of whom reside in far-distant country centres, where they are isolated, is designed to give earnest teachers an opportunity of meeting to discuss their problems.

There can be no doubt that such meetings, even if held at three or four year intervals, will be productive of great benefits. Matters of importance affecting musical education must inevitably come up for discussion.

The programme of the sessions is as follows:—Monday afternoon, July 13, reception: afternoon tea and inaugural address by Professor Davies on "Musical Education."

Tuesday morning, address, "The Music Teacher," by Mr. J. G. Reimann; afternoon, address, "The Art of Singing," by Mr. Frederick Bevan; and pianoforte recital by Mr. William Silver.

Wednesday morning, address, "Musical Aesthetics," by the Rev. Brian Wibberley, Mus. Bac.; noon, violin recital by Miss Hilda Reimann; afternoon, "Folk Songs," by Mr. Clive Carey, Mus. Bac.; evening, concert in the Elder Hall by Miss Hilda Gill, A.M.U.A., Mr. Harold Parsons, Mus. Bac., and Mr. Harold Wyldo, F.R.C.O.

Thursday morning, address, "Form in Music," by Professor Davies; noon, vocal recital by Miss Ada Wordie, A.M.U.A.; afternoon address, "Orchestral Instruments," by Mr. W. H. Foote, A.R.C.M.; and piano and violin recital by Miss Maude Paddy, Mus. Bac., and Mr. Charles Schilsky.

Friday morning, question box and open discussion; noon, pianoforte recital by Miss Elsie Willmore, Mus. Bac.; afternoon, address, "Music in Schools," by Mr. Frank Gratton; evening, concert in the Elder Hall by Miss Sylvia Whittington, A.M.U.A., Mr. Clive Carey, and Mr. George Pearce.

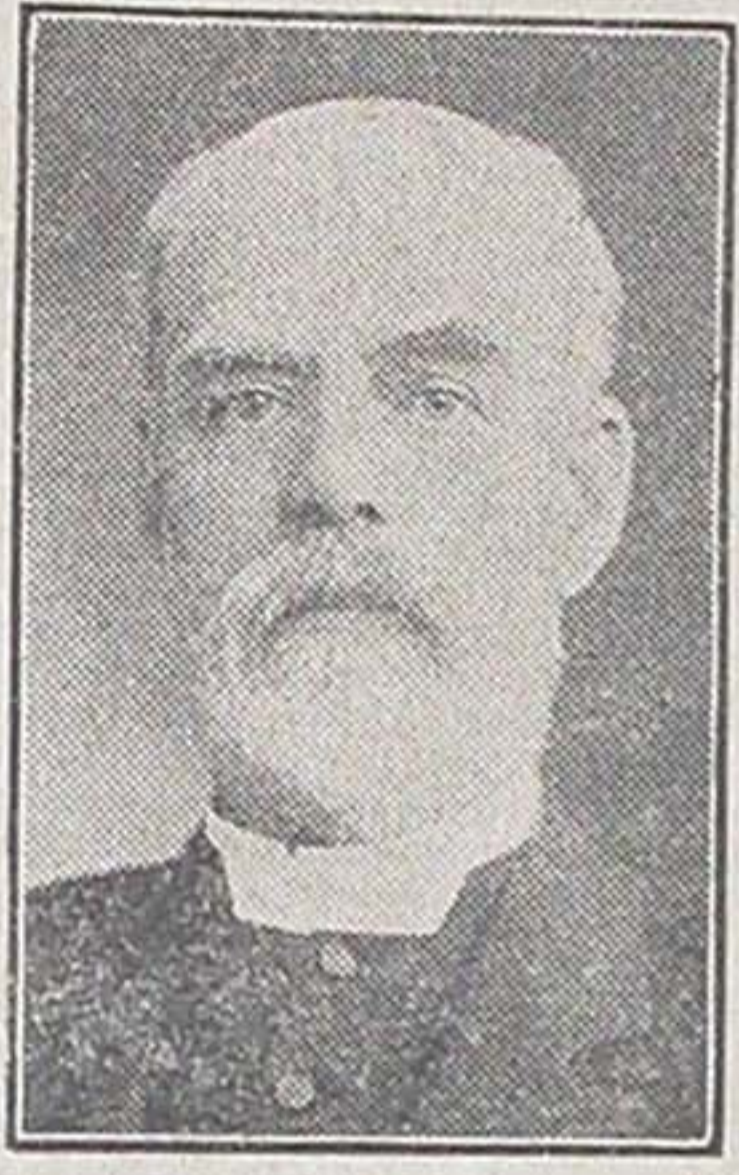
Saturday morning, demonstration of rural culture and Dalcroze eurythmics in the Elder Hall by pupils of Miss Heather Gell.

FOURSCORE YEARS.

Canon Poole's Birthday Anniversary.

An esteemed and versatile clergyman, the Rev. Canon F. Stanley Poole, M.A., of Audley Avenue, Prospect, enters upon his eighty-first year to-day. He is a typical example of the educated, industrious, happy, family man. Though having suffered from partial deafness for many years, he has not allowed that disability to unduly handicap him in making the best of life, and it is largely owing to his innate cheerfulness and resourcefulness that he has successfully exercised his gifts and attainments in the community.

He was born at Maidstone, Kent, in 1845, and was educated at the Manchester Grammar School, going thence to St. John's College, Cambridge, where he held the exhibition sizarship, and was twice prizeman of the college. He took his M.A. degree there. In 1867 he left Manchester for South Australia to become a master at St. Peter's College, and on the establishment of the Adelaide University was admitted ad eundem gradum. Bishop Short, however,



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offered him a position as catechist at Poonindie, on the west coast, and he accepted it, and stayed there for six months. In the following year he received deacon's orders, and was appointed curate to the late Archdeacon T. N. Twopeny, of Mount Gambier, with a station at Robe. He was ordained priest in 1869 and remained incumbent of Robe until 1871, when he was transferred to Mount Gambier. Next he was given charge of Christ Church, Strathalbyn, and of St. John's, Halifax street, Adelaide. He remained at St. John's for 21 years. In 1878 and 1893 he was the classical lecturer at the Adelaide University, and was subsequently elected a member of the senate there. He was appointed a honorary canon of St. Peter's Cathedral in 1887. Canon Poole's Masonic career has been crowned with distinction. His wife has only a fair measure of health. Their sons are Mr. Justice Poole (Acting Chief Justice and Administrator of the State), Dr. F. St. John Poole, of Alberton, and Mr. Wyndham Poole, of South road (who was among the first to enlist for active service in the war). The daughters include Mesdames Edgar Sabine (1st aspect), H. Covernton (Semaphore), A. H. Wettenthal (Victoria), Misses D. L. Poole, M.A. (head mistress of a diocesan school in Sydney) and N. Poole (Prospect).

When South Australia Was Young.

Questioned as to his work in the bush in the early days, the Canon said he intended to publish his reminiscences. While he was in charge at St. John's, the old building was demolished, and the material was used to build the Church of St. Mary Magdalene's, in Moore street. The construction of the present St. John's was proceeded with simultaneously. Among the prominent workers at his church were Mr. T. P. Addison, Mr. W. H. Graham, of the Architect-in-Chief's Department, Mr. William Barley, of the Crown Lands Department, and Mr. William Rogers, a well-known contractor. Canon Poole also conducted a grammar school for choir boys at St. John's. He had about 60 pupils,

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and at least 10 of them had since been ordained to the ministry. Mr. T. H. (now Canon) Frewin was a junior master at the school.

Death of Candidates.

Canon Poole said regret had been expressed of late about the shortage of candidates for holy orders. The time was, he said, when bishops were disinclined to ordain a man who had no university degree. He was of opinion that the reason was largely due to the fact that young men hesitated to enter the calling because they felt that their future was insecure. He referred to the existing annuity fund for clergymen in South Australia, as an example. He had gone on the fund about 17 years ago. When it was established in 1878, an annuity of £200 was very good, but clergymen who were entitled to that amount in 1924 now received only £144, after 40 years' service. In some cases annuitants received less than £100. The matter had been brought up at Synod year after year, but no improvement had been made. The importance of bishops, and clergymen of the higher ranks was another factor which did not tend to encourage local entrants. As he looked round the church to-day, he failed to see men who would take the place of such leaders as Dean Russell, Dean Marryat, Archdeacon Dove, Canon Green, Canon Pollitt, and Canon Andrews, though there was no reason to believe that they did not exist. The level of good preaching was not as high as formerly. Moreover, many people would find a more elaborate ritual an attraction in the churches. Personally he did not care about a dramatic ritual, but some persons were influenced more through the eye than through the ear. He also thought there was not so much emphasis nowadays laid upon the necessity of visiting people in their homes as there used to be. There is a wave of indifference and irreligion passing over the church, proceeded Canon Poole. "The Anglo-Catholic movement is expected by its supporters to do much to revive the practice of religion." He remembered, almost with horror, how children were "cooped up" on Sundays, and not allowed to indulge in recreation of any kind. He would sooner see boys, after they had attended service on Sunday morning, play cricket, for example, in the afternoon, than loaf about the streets or sleep off a big dinner. In the Church of England no obligations were enforceable upon the laity with respect to church attendance. Touching on the proposed revision of the Prayer Book, the canon said that, although he might like to see some alterations, he thought the risk could be too great, and the book had better remain unaltered.

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CONFERENCE OF MUSIC TEACHERS.

A conference of teachers of music will be held in the Elder Conservatorium under the aegis of the University of Adelaide, from July 13 to 18. Those taking part will be tendered a reception at 3 p.m. on Monday, and Professor Harold Davies will deliver an inaugural address on "Musical education." The addresses set down for the remaining days are:—Tuesday—"The music teacher," Mr. J. G. Reimann (morning); "The art of singing," Mr. Frederick Bevan (afternoon). Wednesday—"Musical aesthetics," the Rev. Brian Wibberley (morning); "Folk songs," Mr. Clive Carey (afternoon). Thursday—"Form in music," Professor Harold Davies (morning); "Orchestral instruments," Mr. W. H. Foote (afternoon). Friday—Question box and open discussion (morning); "Music in schools," Mr. Frank Gratton (afternoon). On Saturday morning Miss Heather Gell will give a demonstration of aural culture and Dalcroze eurythmics. Members of the Conservatorium staff will give a series of recitals during the sessions.

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A YEAR TOO SOON.

DELEGATES TO UNIVERSITIES' CONGRESS.

LONDON, July 7. The Hon. W. J. Schutt, the Hon. G. Swinburne, Messrs. Lay and Scott, Sir J. H. Symon, and Sir W. P. Cullen, now in England to attend the Empire Universities Congress, have discovered that they have come a year ahead of time. The Universities Bureau explains that the conference is held quinquennially, and is not due again till July, 1926. The clerk omitted "1926" when he typed the preliminary intimation. It was apparently assumed that the conference was to be held this year. The error was not discovered before delegates left their various countries.

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Professor W. A. Laver, who usually assists the Elder Conservatorium examiners at the annual examinations in music, has tendered his resignation to the council of the Melbourne University. Professor Laver, who is director of the Melbourne Conservatorium, is 50 years of age, and desires to retire at the end of the year, though he has intimated that he is prepared to continue until a successor is appointed.

Winner of Victoria Cross

Legal study and soldiering have been the chief events in the life of Capt. Arthur Seaforth Blackburn, one of the few South Australians who won the coveted Victoria Cross.

Capt. Blackburn, who is the youngest son of the late Rev. Canon Blackburn, of St. Margaret's Church, Woodville, was born at Woodville in 1892. He was educated at the Pakeney Street School, St. Peter's College, and the Adelaide University. In 1913 he gained the degree of



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Bachelor of Laws and was admitted to the Bar. His articles were served with Messrs. Fenn & Hardy.

When war broke out Capt. Blackburn enlisted with the original 10th Battalion as a private. With eight other friends, all of whom joined the colors together, he was at the landing at Gallipoli. He and his Adelaide comrades formed No. 1 section of A Company at the historic landing. In the first three days of fighting four of the section were killed, and subsequently four others gained commissions.

Capt. Blackburn was appointed lieutenant in August, 1915. He subsequently served in Egypt and France. At Pozieres in July, 1916, he won the Victoria Cross. In December of the same year he was invalided to Australia with the rank of captain.

Upon his return Capt. Blackburn went into partnership with Mr. Burton Hardy and the late Mr. C. B. Hardy. In 1919 he joined in practice with Mr. L. D. Waterhouse, and in March, 1924, started on his own account.

From 1918 to 1920 inclusive Capt. Blackburn was president of the State branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League. He is at present a trustee of the league and a member of the council of that body, the Scouts' Association, and the Woodlands Grammar School. During the past year he has on several occasions received Mr. Eric Millhouse in the office of Crown Prosecutor.

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Executive Council this morning made the following reappointments in the Adelaide Hospital:—Hon. surgeons, Drs. W. R. Cavanagh, Maffaring and H. Simpson Newland; hon. assistant surgeons, Drs. J. Corbin, B. Smeaton, and M. L. Scott; hon. physicians, Drs. W. Ray and F. S. Hone; hon. assistant physicians, Dr. S. R. Burston; hon. ophthalmologist, Dr. H. F. Shorney; hon. anaesthetists, Drs. P. S. Messart and G. Brown; hon. neurologist, Dr. H. K. Fry; hon. bacteriologist, Dr. Helen M. Mayo. Dr. R. L. Kenihan has also been appointed hon. anaesthetist in place of Dr. West.

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Mr. L. V. Fellow has been appointed First Associate to Mr. Acting Chief Justice Poole and Clerk of Arraigns in the Supreme Court, Adelaide.

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University Clerk's Error.

LONDON, July 7.

Mr. Justice Schutt, the Hon. George Swinburne, Mr. Lay Scott, Sir Josiah Symon, and Mr. Justice Cullen, who have arrived in England to attend (among other engagements) the Empire Universities' Congress, discovered that they had come a year ahead of the time required. The Universities' Bureau explains that the conference is held every five years, and is not due again until July, 1926. The clerk omitted the figures "1926" when typing the preliminary intimation, and it was apparently assumed that the conference was being held this year. The error was not discovered before these delegates had left Australia.

The Registrar of the University of Adelaide (Mr. F. W. Eardley) stated on Wednesday evening that none of the gentlemen above mentioned are delegates of the Adelaide University, for a cablegram announcing the error was received before the date for the election of local delegates, and consequently no appointment was made.