

COUSIN TO THE MONKEY.

Perth, September 2.

Professor Darnley Naylor, of the Adelaide University, discussing the significance of various skulls discovered and the relationship they bore to modern man, said human beings were a sort of cousins to monkeys.

If there was any vestige of science in the accumulated knowledge of anthropologists it proved that a creature of a particular pattern, half manish, half apish, lived and flourished over a considerable part of the world at a moderately late date as geological time was reckoned.

A wide gap, however, existed between this type and the white man as he existed to-day. None of the fossil remains suggested any continuity of development from the ape to man.

"Environment influences the formation of the skull," added Professor Naylor. "Nowadays the skulls of the Egyptian working men, or fellahs, resemble those of the kings of the earliest dynasties."

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Drifting Into Jobs

"Commonsense," Adelaide:—The late Robert Louis Stevenson published an essay on "The Choice of a Profession." therein he said finely:—"You cannot be a first-rate violinist and a first-rate painter. You must lose in one art if you pursue both. Leave you out a grain of inclination I will help you. If you wish to be nothing, once more I leave you to the tide."

How many in our day in this part of God's own country are simply allowed to drift with the tide into any kind of occupation, irrespective of their fitness being seriously considered.

REG. 8.9.26

News reached the Adelaide University authorities from Rome on Monday that Professor Brailsford Robertson has been elected a foreign member of the Reale Accademia Nazionale in Italy.

To the much-talked-of proposal for the segregation of our far northern blacks in properly organised reserves, Professor F. Wood Jones has given his powerful support. At the Science Congress at Perth he laid down two propositions, first, that a single generation of contact with civilisation is usually enough to seal the fate of these survivors of primitive man—relics of the Stone Age—and, secondly, that this fate is not inevitable if pains are taken not to interrupt the ordinary tenor of their existence.

"Blankets and bread will not render whole again those who have singed their wings in the flame of degenerate civilisation," says the professor. His plea is inspired in the first place by a spirit of humanity, but on behalf of science he is solicitous for the establishment of such an "ethnological museum" as a real native reserve would be.

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BRILLIANT ASTRONOMER.

Government's Action Criticised.

Following upon a telegram from Sydney in The Register on August 28, concerning the dismissal by the Government of Professor Ernest Cooke, The Sydney Morning Herald states:—"The Government Astronomer (Professor Cooke), who will retire to-morrow (August 31) has had a brilliant career as an astronomer. His life work has been mainly devoted to one important object—the organization and

simplification of meridian observations, which form the fundamental basis of all astronomical measurements. Professor Cooke is a native of South Australia, and was born on July 25, 1863. He is a son of the late Mr. Ebenezer Cooke (a former



PROFESSOR ERNEST COOKE.

Commissioner of Audit, and a brother of the Hon. J. H. Cooke, M.L.C. He received his education at St. Peter's College and the Adelaide University, where he won many prizes and scholarships. In 1882, he became chief assistant at the Adelaide Observatory, and in 1896 was appointed Government Astronomer of Western Australia.

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MONFRIES.—On the 3rd September, at Toronto, Canada (suddenly, erysipelas), John William Elliott, D.D.S., B.D.S., elder son of J. E. and G. E. Monfries, Illiwa street, Cremorne, Sydney.

A special train, which left Perth on Wednesday evening and arrived at Adelaide on Saturday night, brought back most of the delegates who had attended the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science Congress, in the Western Australian capital. A large number of the representatives from eastern States resumed their journey by the express for Melbourne on Sunday while others will remain in Adelaide for a few days.

REG. 4.9.26

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM CONCERT.

The tenth concert of the 1926 session at the Elder Conservatorium, was most successful, a particularly interesting programme being rendered by members of the staff. There was a large and enthusiastic audience at the Elder Hall on Monday evening. Lady Bridges was present. The sonata for pianoforte and violin by Cesar Franck has a distinctive quality of its own; expressive and descriptive. In their interpretation of this Miss Maude Puddy and Mr. Charles Schilsky brought out the varying moods of the composer.

Mr. Clive Carey, Mus. Bac., sang a group of French songs, giving them with great effect and expression. "Quand la nuit n'est pas étoilee," by Reynaldo Hahn, made a fitting introduction to this collection of lyrics. Hahn's setting of Victor Hugo's words, was beautifully expressed by Mr. Carey. Henri Dupare's "Invitation au voyage" with its atmosphere of dreaming ships, on misty seas was also strikingly well given.

ADV. 4.9.26.

The night out with our Adelaide composers last week was not a particularly thrilling affair, but it certainly showed there is a good deal of local talent. Of course it is hardly fair to class Dr. Davies' child songs with the work of amateurs, and they were certainly the gems of the evening, but there was a delicious tit bit entitled "Almond Blossom" and a small youngster had expressed some of the dreams of childhood in music and done it remarkably well.