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PART SINGING CLASS

Successful Annual Concert

Members of the ladies' part-singing class, under the conductorship of Mr. Winsloe Hall, and in conjunction with the students of Mr. Hall and Madame Delmar Hall, gave a concert last night at the Conservatorium, in the presence of Lady Bridges, Miss Alville Bridges, and a large audience.

The programme was for the most part devoted to vocal solos, of which Mr. Gerald Moyle made a fine showing with his rendition of the "Pagliacci" prologue, which was one of the best numbers of the evening.

Miss Violet Berriman also gave an intelligent rendering of the Russian waltz, "The Dreary Steppe," by Grechaninov, her diction being good.

A young singer, Miss Dorothy Fullgrabe, sang Vaughan Williams' "Silent Noon," and although a little nervous showed a good voice. Indeed, most of the voices were above the average.

Miss Edna Lawrence, with more experience, gave a characteristic interpretation of Schumann's "The King" and "Humility," although her breathing was too audible. Miss Hilda Barnes contributed a showy interpretation of the "Waltz Song" from Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet," and Miss Valda Harvey showed her safe musical ability in the aria "Ocean, Thou Mighty Monster" from Weber's "Oberon," in which she did excellent work.

Miss Leila Kempster has a full-toned voice, which she used effectively in Brahms' "Summer Fields," and Miss Gladys Michie gave a sympathetic rendering of the old Irish air, "Danny Boy."

A dainty number was Wolf's "Fairy Song," for solo and chorus, in which Miss Jessie Anderson took the solo part with fair success, the sopranos occasionally tending to flatness.

Mr. Ray Piercey contributed John Ireland's "Sea Fever" and Lohr's "The Magpie is a gipsy bird" with commendable enthusiasm. He has yet something to learn in platform deportment.

Of the part songs, the programme opened with Walford Davies' "Clouds." The attack was weak, but good pianissimos were shown. Another Davies number was "The Clouds," Bridge's "The Graceful Swaying Wattle," and "Lullaby" made an acceptable bracket, and the programme concluded with Thullies' "Song of the Roses," which was probably the best concerted number submitted.

Some good and effective accompanying was done by Miss Jean Finlay, who shared the piano work with Miss Muriel Prince, A.M.U.A. The work of the students was well received throughout and met with the appreciation merited.

The next concert announced is a chamber music recital by the Conservatorium String Quartet on Monday, October 11.

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THE LADIES' PART-SINGING CLASS

The concert of the Ladies' Part-Singing Class (the eleventh of the 1926 session) was given at the Elder Hall on Monday evening. Lady Bridges was present, accompanied by Miss Alville Bridges. The Chancellor of the University (Sir George Murray) and Miss Murray also attended. The class was assisted by the pupils of Mr. Winsloe Hall and Madame Delmar Hall. Mr. Winsloe Hall acted as conductor. The opening choral number was the part-song "Clouds" (Walford Davies), which was given with admirable expression. The restrained effects were gracefully managed. Two other part-songs that were most attractive were "The graceful swaying wattle" and "Lullaby" (Bridge). The conductor contrived to make the fresh young voices bring out the descriptive qualities of the music, which seemed to convey the very feeling of the fragrant blossom. The modulation from the brightness of the opening to the softer passages, and then on again to the effective close, was charmingly managed. In "Lullaby" the restraint and softness were delightfully achieved, the enunciation was good, and the whole presented with artistic feeling. In a different mood was the "Fairy Song" (Wolf), in which Miss Jessie Anderson took the solo part. "The clouds" (Walford Davies) afforded scope for variety of treatment, and "Song of the roses" (Thuille) made an effective closing number.

Among the soloists Miss Dorothy Fullgrabe was happy in her presentation of "Silent Noon" (Vaughan Williams). Her voice was mellow and rich, the tone well sustained and even, and her singing unaffected and natural. Miss Valda Harvey won emphatic applause for her dramatic performance of the aria, "Ocean, thou mighty monster," from "Oberon" (Weber), in which her powerful soprano told effectively. Miss Lila Kempster's rendering of "Summer Fields" (Brahms) was attractive. She seemed to have plenty of voice in reserve. Miss Hilda Barnes chose for her solo the "Waltz Song" from "Romeo and Juliet" (Gounod), and gave it with considerable spirit. Miss Edna Lawrence sang two songs, "The Ring" and "Humility," winning applause. Miss Violet Berriman gave "The dreary steppe" (Grechaninov), her enunciation being unusually clear, and her rendering expressive. Miss Gladys Michie won appreciation in the traditional Irish air "Danny Boy," which suited her voice admirably. Mr. Gerald Moyle was enthusiastically received in his performance of the "Prologue" from "Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo). Mr. Ray Piercey was heard to advantage in two songs, "Sea Fever" (Ireland), and "The magpie is a gipsy bird" (Lohr). Miss Muriel Prince, A.M.U.A., and Miss Jean Finlay acted as accompanists.

SCIENCE AS MASTER

Pastoral pursuits in the arid regions of Australia, where the annual rainfall is less than 10 inches, depend largely for their prosperity on the saltbush and bluebush vegetation. Such gratifying results have been obtained from operations in this class of country that there has been a tendency to overstock, with the consequent danger of the vegetation being exterminated.

This serious position has engaged the attention of Professor Osborn, of Adelaide University, and he has been assisted by the owners of Koonamore Station, who have set apart an area of 1,500 acres for research work by the Department of Botany.

Professor Osborn told the Science Congress in Perth that the experimental area had been vermin-proof fenced. A field laboratory had been erected and work begun this year upon a typical over-grassed area of saltbush and bluebush country.

It is the first of its kind in Australia and its headway will be watched with consummate interest.

If this vegetation can be regenerated—that is, if the earth may be made to produce it at the will of man in the same way as the farmer grows his wheat—a vast expanse of country will be opened up for prosperous pastoral activities.

It should be possible to discover the laws and conditions governing the growth of these fodder plants, and the owners of Koonamore Station adopted a wise course in submitting to science for solution the problem with which they were faced.

Years may elapse before the work of investigation is completed, because progress must necessarily be slow when observations and experiments are dependent on the seasons. Meantime Professor Osborn warned pastoralists that on no stations should grazing be carried on to such an extent that the natural permanent vegetation was destroyed or its reproduction imperilled.

That is commonsense. But the difficulty at present is to determine at what precise stage the reproduction of the plants is imperilled. When that has been ascertained the problem will be partially solved.

More and more science is becoming the master-key of all industry, and the pastoralist with blowfly pest and vegetation difficulties is as much dependent upon it as the chemist or the farmer.

FRIEND OF SICK SOLDIERS

Tribute to Late Dr. Hayward

The death of Dr. Lionel Hayward will prove a severe loss to the Tubercular Soldiers' Association.

Mr. Norman G. Taylor, a former president of that body, stated that Dr. Hayward was one who was primarily responsible for the formation of the association. He realised that soldiers suffering from tuberculosis required a separate organisation to further their interests.

He was intimately connected with the association, of which he had been a patron from its inception in 1920. By his work and influence he did everything possible to aid its members. Whenever possible he gave men leave to go to Melbourne and in connection with permanent pensions, of which he was a strong advocate.

Dr. Hayward was a sick man for a number of years, and so was able to command and give sympathy to others who were suffering. He was held in high esteem by the inmates of Bedford Park and Myrtle Bank sanatoriums. The patients had implicit confidence in him and his death will leave a gap in the lives of the returned soldiers suffering from tuberculosis.

Miss E. Cleggott (secretary of the Tubercular Soldiers' Aid Society) paid the following tribute to Dr. Hayward:—

"By the death of Dr. Hayward this society has suffered an irreparable loss. He was medical officer at Bedford Park when the work of the committee began, and his sound advice and deep interest in the growth of the society were maintained throughout his long illness.

"To tubercular sufferers he was a friend beyond compare, and in their interests he did a noble and self-sacrificing work. He inspired others with his cheerfulness and courage and earned the deep love and respect of a large tubercular community.

"He was a firm believer in preventive measures—particularly among the young—as the cure of consumption from a national standpoint.

"The committee has lost a sincere friend to whom it had been accustomed to turn for sympathy and advice. Our hearts go out to Mrs. Hayward and family in their great loss.

"The memory of Dr. Hayward will remain as an inspiration to members of the committee of this society, in the work it is endeavoring to do among tubercular sufferers. The consummation of his ideals would mean a decided improvement in the position of tubercular sufferers who feel in his early demise the loss of a true friend."

GERMANY ENTERS LEAGUE

Address by Prof. W. K. Hancock

Prof. W. K. Hancock, B.A., at the weekly luncheon of the League of Nations Union today, said that the reception of Germany into the League held out a definite hope of pulling up the runaway train of civilisation.

The recent development in China might challenge the interdependence and unity of the whole world. Looking at the immediate results of the entry of Germany into the League of Nations it might appear that universalism had been sacrificed to localism. Germany had gone in but Spain and Brazil had dropped out. It was, however, a necessary sacrifice.

The League had lately concentrated on these local operations. The operation which resulted in the cutting out of the old quarrel between England and Ireland probably had an immense potential result on the health of the League, in the same way as the healing of the old sore between France and Germany.

One of the most important results of the entry of Germany was that this country would now be in a position to bring pressure to bear on countries that refused justice to minorities. It would also accelerate the process of disarmament.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO.

From The Register, Tuesday, September 12, 1876.

The result of the matriculation examination in connection with the Adelaide University has been published in our advertising columns. We are informed that out of the ten who passed, including both of those placed in the first class, six were students at the Prince Alfred College. Their names are Messrs. J. P. Bollen, E. B. Colton (both in first class), J. James, W. A. Langsford, R. H. Lathlean, and A. J. Wells. Mr. T. A. Caterer received his preliminary education at the Norwood Grammar School, Mr. J. E. Jeffers at the Glenelg Grammar School, Mr. F. Niesche at Messrs Leschen and Niehuus's German School in Adelaide, and Mr. C. E. Herbert has received private tuition.—A meeting of gentlemen in

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SCIENCE AND IRRIGATION SETTLEMENT.

Professor J. A. Prescott, of the Waite Research Institute, who was the South Australian member of a sub-committee appointed by the Commonwealth Council of Science and Industry to make a flying survey of the soils and other conditions of the chief Australian irrigation areas, and to furnish recommendations to the council, has returned from Melbourne, where he and his fellow-committeemen, Professor R. D. Watt (chairman), of the Sydney University, and Mr. G. Laing, of the Victorian State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, prepared their report, which has been presented to the council of the bureau. Professor Prescott on Monday said the inspection was hurried. After starting at Griffith, in the Murrumbidgee irrigation area, the committee traversed the Goulburn valley, and then motored along the Murray to Cadell, concluding the tour at Murray Bridge. Then they returned to Melbourne and prepared their report.

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Miss F. M. Sharman, M.A.

formerly a student and teacher at Methodist Ladies' College, Wayville, who has received the appointment of instructor in history and economics at Acadia University, Nova Scotia.

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Welcome to Mr. Bevan

Misses A. Stempel, Minna Cozens, and Vera Mayfield are arranging a welcome social evening to Mr. Frederick Bevan, of the teaching staff of Elder Conservatorium. It will be held in the South Hall on Wednesday, October 6. Mr. Bevan, who has been for a trip abroad, will return to Adelaide within the next week.

All members of the Conservatorium Choral Class and past and present students of Mr. Bevan are asked to attend the social, and the organisers will be pleased to receive their names, together with a subscription of 1/ for supper, by Saturday.

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UNIVERSITY PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Friday, October 1, is the last day of entry for the Intermediate, Leaving, Leaving Honors, Angus Exhibition, and Commercial examinations at the University of Adelaide. Forms of entry may be had at the University, or from secretaries of local centres.