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Sir Langdon Bonython  
Next Friday will be the seventy-eighth anniversary of the birth in London of Sir Langdon Bonython.



SIR LANGDON BONYTHON

proprietor of "The Advertiser." Sir Langdon is proud of his descent from one of the oldest families in Cornwall, and he maintains a connection with the county of his forefathers in the names of two of his residences, "Carlew" at North Adelaide, and "Carminow" at Mount Lofty. There are few Australian newspaper proprietors and editors still going as strongly as the Knight of Waymouth street, who although within two years of four-score, keeps at the helm, and is at his office every day and night directing affairs.

Sir Langdon Bonython's journalistic and public careers have been remarkable. Entering the office of "The Advertiser" as a lad, he did his share as a reporter and leader writer, and at the age of 30 or thereabouts acquired a proprietary interest in the paper. Later he became editor and sole proprietor as well. For 37 years he has been president of the South Australian School of Mines and Industries, now one of the most notable institutions of its kind in Australia. For many years he has been deputy-chairman of the Advisory Council of Education, and has been closely identified with a number of educational and other important institutions of the State.

Elected in 1901 to the first Commonwealth Parliament, he sat in the House of Representatives altogether for six years. Subsequently he was one of the trustees appointed by the Federal Parliament to administer the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund, and later one of the seven commissioners under the Repatriation Act of 1917.

In 1898 he received the honor of knighthood for his services to public education, and in 1919 was created K.C.M.G. for services rendered to the Commonwealth.

Five years ago Sir Langdon announced his gift of £40,000 to the University of Adelaide for the erection of a great hall. This year he presented the University with another £20,000 for the purpose of endowing the Chair of Law. To the School of Mines Sir Langdon has made many gifts of great value.

THE FORESTRY SCHOOL.

A TEMPORARY DIRECTOR.

Melbourne, October 12.  
It was announced to-day that in view of Mr. Norman Jolly's resignation as Director of the Federal Forestry School at Adelaide, to accept a responsible forestry position in the service of the New South Wales Government, Mr. C. E. Lane Poole, Forestry Adviser to the Commonwealth Government, will leave almost immediately for Adelaide, and will act as director of the school pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. Jolly. It is intended that the school shall ultimately be established at Canberra.

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SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

AN OFFER TO PROFESSOR RIVETT.

Canberra, October 12.  
Senator Pearce announced to-day that the executive of the council for scientific and industrial research had recommended and the Government had approved of Professor Rivett being offered the position of chief executive officer of the council at a salary of £1,500 a year. Professor Rivett is now conferring with the authorities of the University of Melbourne about the offer. Senator Pearce explained that it had been decided to separate the administrative from the scientific and executive side of the functions of the council. Should Professor Rivett accept the offer he will have the direction of the executive and scientific side.

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Mr. E. Lane Poole, (Commonwealth Forestry Adviser) has been asked to take over temporarily control of the Commonwealth Forestry School at Adelaide, pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. Norman Jolly. Mr. Jolly has accepted an important post in the New South Wales forestry service. The school will eventually be transferred to Canberra.

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ROYAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Royal Society was held at the Institute Building, North-terrace, on Thursday evening. Professor Wood Jones presided over a good attendance.

The annual report, presented by the honorary secretary (Dr. R. Palleine) stated that the present year marked the completion of the fiftieth volume of the transactions of the society. The first ordinary meeting of the society was recorded as having been held in November, 1877, as the Philosophical Society of Adelaide, and two years later it took the name of the Royal Society of South Australia. A comparison of the early volumes with those of later dates provided evidence of the great extension of the society's operations in scientific research, and in placing the results of the studies and original observations on permanent record for the information of the public generally. The roll at present contained six honorary members and 138 fellows.

The financial statement was presented by Mr. S. Roach (treasurer). In nominating Professor Wood Jones as president, Sir Joseph Verco said the professor had done an exceedingly large amount of important work, and it was not only for the purpose of expressing appreciation of that work, but so that the society might be honored by having the professor's name connected with it as its president that he nominated him, although they knew he was shortly leaving the State. In accepting the position the professor stated that he would not be able to occupy it, for the whole term. He appreciated the honor, and would carry out his duties to the best of his ability while here.

Professor Osborn and Professor Cleland were elected vice-presidents, Sir Joseph Verco and Professor Harvey Johnstone were appointed members of the council, Mr. B. S. Roach treasurer, and Messrs. W. Champion Hackett and Howard Whitebread auditors. Mr. H. A. Prockter was elected a fellow of the society.

The following papers were read—"Additions to flora of South Australia, No. 24," by Mr. J. M. Black; "Australian hymenoptera proctotrypoidea, No. 5," by Mr. Alan P. Dodd; "Australian coleoptera, part V," by Mr. A. N. Elston; "The aborigines of South Australia: native occupation of the Eden Valley and Angaston districts," by Mr. B. Paul Hossfield, B.Sc., and "Further notes on radio active Humenize near Mount Painter," by Mr. A. C. Broughton.

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Dr. Harold Davies, Professor of Music of the University of Adelaide, left for Melbourne by yesterday afternoon's express, for the purposes of conducting practical examinations in music in both Ballarat and Melbourne for the Australian Music Examination Board. Dr. Davies will be absent from this State until November 1.

Professor F. Wood Jones was elected President of the Royal Society on Thursday evening. Sir Joseph Verco, in submitting the professor's name for the post, said that during the time he had been with them he had done an exceedingly large amount of work, the value of which members were scarcely able to estimate. Dr. A. Lendon supported. Professor Wood Jones, in acknowledgment, said that he would not be able to occupy the chair for the whole of the year, but, nevertheless, would esteem it a great honour to hold it for a brief period before the left South Australia.

NEWS. 14.10.26

Sir Langdon Bonython, K.C.M.G., today celebrated the seventy-eighth anniversary of his birth. He has had an interesting journalistic career from the time he entered "The Advertiser" office as a lad to his present position as sole proprietor of the paper. In the realm of politics he has contributed his share, having been elected in 1901 to the first Commonwealth Parliament, where he sat in the House of Representatives for six years. For 37 years he has been president of the South Australian School of Mines. He is also closely identified with other educational institutions in the State. To Adelaide University Sir Langdon has been a generous benefactor, his monetary gifts to that seat of learning amounting to £60,000.

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Dr. A. C. Garnett, M.A., Litt.D., lecturer at the Workers' Educational Association, has obtained leave of absence for 1927. He will leave for Britain by the Hobson's Bay on November 13 for research work. Dr. Garnett will pursue his studies in either philosophy or psychology. He has not decided whether



DR. A. C. GARNETT, M.A.  
Lecturer at the Workers' Educational Association, who will go to Britain next year to pursue his studies.

London or Edinburgh University will be the scene of his studies. Students at the Workers' Educational Association will give him a farewell picnic on October 31.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD.

From a paragraph in The Register on Saturday concerning the Public Library Board, it might be inferred that that body is without a President. Such a deduction would, of course, be incorrect, as Mr. S. Talbot Smith, M.A., was appointed to the presidency of the board after the retirement of Sir William Sowden from that office.

MISS IVY AYERS'S RECITAL.

A pianoforte and vocal recital of more than ordinary interest was given by Miss Ivy Ayers, L.R.A.M., assisted by Miss Linda Wald, at the Liberal Hall on Saturday evening. Miss Ayers is a recent acquisition to the staff of the Elder Conservatorium of Music, and she demonstrated her talent as an interpretive pianoforte artist and composer of songs, in a programme which embraced works ranging from Bach and Schumann to Dohnanyi and Debussy. The audience was most appreciative throughout. The recitalists' opening number, "Rhapsody in F sharp minor" (Ernst von Dohnanyi) was played with taste and refinement, and splendid technique was exhibited in the "Prelude" and sarabande of Claude Debussy. Miss Ayers was clear in her rendering of Bach's "Prelude and fugue in C minor," and in the air and variations of "Second movement from Sonata in D minor" (B. J. Dale), overcame the difficulties of a composition which has seldom been heard locally. She was particularly happy in "Vignettes" (John McEwen), consisting of four little pictures, in which she revealed delicacy of touch and soft tone. "Faschingswank" (Schumann) was Miss Ayers's final selection, and her playing of this piece confirmed the high opinion formed by the listeners.

To Miss Linda Wald must be allotted a considerable share of the evening's success. She sang with complete understanding, six compositions of Miss Ayers, who played the accompaniments from memory. In the first bracket Miss Wald displayed perfect control and restraint, allied with clear enunciation. She contrasted the sustained power of "Strings in the earth" and "A dream of death," with bright and fairylike singing in "A fairy hand are we." Her splendid soprano was given its best opportunity in the second bracket, "Pink Almond," "The lake side of Innisfree," and "Robin redbreast." These descriptive nature pieces were charmingly sung, the "Robin redbreast" being the gem of the evening. The varying moods of the song were excellently brought out, and the audience insisted upon its repetition. Mr. Frank Bowden was concert manager.

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WELCOME TO MR. BEVAN.

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM ASSOCIATION.

On Monday evening an enjoyable social was given at the Elder Hall by the Elder Conservatorium Association to welcome back the Past President (Mr. Frederic Bevan) on his return from the old country.

Mr. I. G. Reimann (President) welcomed the guest of the evening on behalf of the association of musicians. They were particularly glad, he said, to see their first President back again looking so well, and younger than ever. It would have been pleasant to have announced that the infant society had grown and prospered in his absence; but although it had a very real value, which was felt more and more, it was not thriving quite as well as they could wish, and the trouble had been diagnosed as lack of "L.S.D." that medium necessary to all advance. However, they looked forward to a future in which enthusiasm should be continued and membership and paid-up subscriptions increase proportionately.

An attractive musical programme, arranged by Madame Delmar Hall, opened with the striking quintet "All is prepared" from Bizet's opera "Carmen," presented with spirit and effect by Miss Edna Lawrence, Miss Margaret Garnett, Miss Viola Johns, Mr. Jack Williams, and Mr. Gerald Moyle. Miss Hilda Barnes's high and flexible soprano was heard to advantage in the well-known operatic number "Caro nome," from Verdi's "Rigoletto," Miss Jessie Anderson, Miss Dorothy Fullgrabe, and Miss Doris Cooper were happy in their rendering of the trio "Three little maids from school," from Sullivan's "Mikado." The duet "Darling, don't be weeping," from Stanford's "Shamus O'Brien," was sung expressively by Miss Valda Harvey and Mr. Gerald Moyle. The most important feature on the programme was Easthope Martin's song cycle "The mountbanks," interpreted by Madame Delmar Hall, Miss Gladys Michie, Mr. Fred Williamson, and Mr. Gerald Moyle. This cycle tells of old-time players strolling through the country, happy in summer, sore beset in winter, paying their way at a country inn by performing for the guests. Miss Michie's contralto was admirably suited to her solo, a crooning lullaby, while Mr. Jack Moyle impersonated the quack doctor, his enunciation being especially clear. Mr. Williamson did well, and Madame Delmar Hall received the warmest applause of all. Miss Alice Meegan and Miss Muriel Prince were accompanists. Mr. Reimann, at the close of the musical part of the entertainment, moved a vote of thanks to Madame Delmar Hall to whom, as an association, they owe a great debt of gratitude. During the previous year, she had provided some splendid evenings, and now they had to thank her for yet another. Supper was served in the northern and southern halls.

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MR. L. M. W. JUDELL.