

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHESTRA.

A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

The third concert for the season by the South Australian Orchestra on Saturday night attracted an audience which filled every portion of the Exhibition Building.

In selecting the overture from Weber's opera "Der Freischutz" as the opening item, the conductor (Mr. W. H. Foote, A.R.C.M.) gave his body of instrumentalists an opportunity for enlisting the sympathy of the audience, and of setting the whole entertainment upon a lofty musical plane.

Tchaikovsky's "Casse-Noisette" ("Nut-Cracker") was the third item, and afforded full scope for the orchestra. The suite comprised eight selections from the composer's Fairy Ballet, and naturally included a wide range of instrumental music.

The main and final selection was the Symphonic Ode, "The Desert" (Felicien David). It was in itself a complete concert. It was in three parts, during which portions were spoken in excellent elocutionary style by Mr. James Anderson.

In accompaniment to the choruses, and in the vivid and realistic descriptions and conceptions of the march of the caravan, the storm in the desert, the restoration of calm, the resumption of the caravan march, and the departure, the orchestra was largely responsible for the impressiveness of the production, but the choruses by the Glee Club were most effective.

Mr. W. J. Isbister, K.C.

The sixty-first anniversary of the birth of Mr. W. J. Isbister, K.C., of Adelaide, will occur next Thursday. Born at North Adelaide, son of the late William Isbister, he was educated at St. Peter's College and Adelaide University, where he graduated in laws in 1887, taking a first class and the Stow Prize.

During the great war Mr. Isbister went to Egypt on Red Cross service, and was awarded the M.B.E. His brother, Dr. J. Linklater Isbister, who graduated in science and medicine at Adelaide University, is a leading physician in Sydney.

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Mr. Justice Piper

Mr. Justice Piper, who was recently elevated to the Supreme Court Bench, after more than forty years' practice at the Bar in Adelaide, will be sixty-two next Tuesday. The oldest member of the South Australian judiciary is the Chief Justice, Sir George Murray, who is in his sixty-fourth year.

Head Maser of St. Peter's

Rev. K. Julian F. Bickersteth, head master of the Collegiate School of St. Peter, will celebrate his forty-second birthday next Tuesday. Mr. Bickersteth, who is a bachelor, is a son of Rev. Canon Bickersteth, D.D. (Canon of Canterbury and Chaplain to the King). He went to Rugby, Christ Church, Oxford, and Wells Theological College, and in 1909 was ordained to an English curacy.

For three years he was chaplain and assistant master of the Church of England Grammar School, Melbourne. During the great war (1915-18) he served as chaplain with the 1st London Division of the British Expeditionary Force, was mentioned in despatches in 1917 and 1918, and was decorated with the Military Cross. He has been in charge of St. Peter's College seven and a half years.

Well-known Musician

Tomorrow will be the seventy-first anniversary of the birth of Mr. Frederick Bevan, of the Elder Conservatorium, one of the best known of Adelaide's musicians. Mr. Bevan is a Londoner by birth. In 1878 he was appointed a Gentleman of H.M. Chapel Royal, Whitehall, and 10 years later to St. James' Chapel Royal.

Twenty-nine years ago he came under engagement from England to the University of Adelaide, and he has been professor of singing at the Elder Conservatorium ever since. Since its formation in 1899 Mr. Bevan has been conductor of the University Choral Society, and for 18 years he has been organist and choir-master at North Adelaide (Brougham place) Congregational Church. His name is widely known in the musical world, for he is the composer of many popular songs, part-songs, and anthems. Two of his best-known and popular compositions are "The Flight of Ages" and "The Admiral's Broom."

ADV. 5-7-27

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Anthropological Society was held at the University on Monday evening. The president (Dr. R. Palleine) informed members that arrangements had been made for all future meetings to be held at the University. Letters from Messrs. G. Aiston and L. Reese, enthusiastic corresponding members, were read, and a motion passed thanking them for their contributions.

Mr. N. B. Tindale introduced the subject of the "Native Tribes of South Australia." He said there was great latitude in the use of the terms local group, clan, horde, and tribe. As properly employed the term local group should describe a small number of persons, closely related, having a common descent from a known ancestor, occupying a small but definite tract of country, and having a special name. A local group could be termed a clan when descent was traced through the father, and a horde when through the mother, but ordinarily those terms were unnecessary. Several local groups, bound together by peculiarities of language, organisation, and custom, formed a tribe. The tribe was marked by the possession of a name; its members spoke a common language, which might have several dialects within the tribe, but differed markedly from that spoken by adjoining tribes, and they occupied a defined territory. Some 95 local group names had been recorded in literature, to date, from South Australia. About 25 tribes were so far definitely recognisable, but the north-western parts of the State had not been exhausted, and probably other tribes would be recorded. A map had been prepared showing the known distribution of the tribes and local groups.

Dr. T. D. Campbell spoke on the former distribution of the tribes in the south-eastern part of the State and along the East-West railway. The Albuja occupied a large area to the north of the line. The southern boundary of the Aranda was apparently Alice Springs. The Urrabanna were to be found principally near Oodnadatta.

Mr. P. S. Hossfeld mentioned that the natives of Franklin Harbor were known to go as far south as Timby Bay, where they obtained whiptick mallee for food.

The Rev. J. C. Jamieson said the Warawada local group of the Narrinyeri lived on the northern side of Lake Alexandrina, and that their northern boundary was at Nalpa. The Tattara natives, about whom so little was known, used to visit the Wimmera district in Victoria.

Dr. H. K. Fry introduced the subject of "Body Scarring." The natives in most parts of Australia, with the exception of Gippsland, in Victoria, marked their bodies with raised scars, placed on the chest, shoulders, back, and thighs. The womenfolk also marked their bodies, chiefly on the chest, shoulders, and head. Stone implements of quartz, quartzite, and rock-crystal, and sharp pieces of shell were employed in making the cuts. The wounds were beaten with sticks to promote bleeding, and rubbed with ashes, ochre, feathers, or charcoal, resulting in a pigmented scar, sometimes of great dimensions. Various significances, magical, ceremonial, mourning, tribal, status, and ornamental, were ascribed to these marks among different tribes. Old men generally performed the ceremonies and operation. The Melville Islanders made scars of a notable type. Unlike their mainland neighbors, they did not employ the straight gasbe, but short cuts were made in the form of a regular chevron pattern, truly decorative, and approximating to a tattoo in effect. These scars were called "krakara," a term not applied to the "arala" markings of the Port Essington boys employed by Cooper. Children, called "keilings," were marked first with a herringbone pattern directed down and out from each side of the spine. This was done at the beginning of the wet season, without any apparent ceremony; the boy thus became a "teigmati." Initiation ceremonies began when he showed signs of developing facial and body hairs. He then embarked on an elaborate series of ceremonials. At intervals, as he increased in status, the cuts on his back were elaborated to a chevron pattern which extended across the back over the shoulders and round the thighs. The individual lines of the pattern were from two to three inches in length.

Mr. H. L. Sheard exhibited a photograph of an Oodler lad with body scars. Dr. Campbell described the types of marks met with on the men of the Tarcoola district and at Alice Springs.

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ALSO ADV.

VISIT TO URRBRAE.

The Prime Minister, with the Federal Honorary Minister (Senator McLachlan) and the Premier (Hon. R. L. Butler) visited the Waite Research Agricultural Institute at Urrbrae on Monday morning. They were conducted over the premises by the Director (Dr. A. E. V. Richardson). The Prime Minister stated subsequently that he was much impressed with the operations being conducted there. He considered the work was of the greatest possible value to Australia. In the important agricultural industry its worth could not be adequately computed.

MAIL 2-7-27

The week opened with another Monday concert at the Conservatorium, in which some good talent was displayed, largely in the pianoforte and vocal sections. Three out of the four pianists who appeared presented movements from pianoforte concertos, the orchestral parts being supplied on a second piano. The performers were Miss Peggy Palmer, with Miss Maude Puddy at the second instrument; Mrs. Muriel Hye, with Mr. William Silver, and Miss Constance McGrath with Miss Marjorie Adamson. The executants were highly successful with their work.

Of the singers Miss Mary Edson came first in merit, with a soprano voice of rich quality, which she used to advantage in a Handel number. A group of Schumann songs was also artistically rendered by Miss Olive Dyer, a young singer of distinct promise. Mr. Allen Cheek, bracketed Handel and Hatton in two songs, which showed his fine robust baritone voice to advantage, and suggested that the field of oratorio would suit him well. A nephew of Miss Muriel Cheek, he comes of a singing family, and will no doubt make good in the vocal sphere.

Nothing outstanding was heard in the string section, the young performers making their first appearance, but good tone, bowing and deportment, offered promise for the future.

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Prof. J. A. Prescott, of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute, will lecture on "The Law of Diminishing Returns and Crop Production" before members of the South Australian branch of the Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand on Monday night, July 25.

ADV. 6-7-27

THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY.

CAMPAIGN TO RAISE £250,000.

The Governor (Sir Dudley de Chair) will shortly launch a campaign to raise £250,000 for the Sydney University.

Law Society Secretary

Mr. Roy Frisby-Smith, the recently appointed secretary of the South Australian Law Society, is one of the younger school of the legal fraternity who has shown distinct promise.

Born at Clare 27 years ago, he is a son of Rev. C. Frisby-Smith, a retired clergyman who was well known as a Baptist minister in the northern portion of the State.

The early education of Mr. R. Frisby-Smith was obtained at the Mount Barker, Unley, and Norwood Public Schools. In January, 1915, he entered the Crown Law Office under the late Mr. C. J. Dashwood, K.C., and Mr. Justice Richards (then Dr. F. W. Richards, Acting Crown Solicitor). While there he continued his education at Kyre College.

In May, 1918, he left the Crown Law Office and attended Prince Alfred College until the following November, with



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the object of matriculating to Adelaide University. Success in his examination was followed by a continuance of his studies at the University, where in December, 1922, he obtained his degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Mr. Frisby-Smith entered into articles with Messrs. H. A. Shierlaw and C. L. Jessop in 1919, and upon admission to the Bar in December, 1922, continued with the firm as managing clerk, retaining the right of private practice on January 1, 1926, he became a partner in the firm which now bears the name of Shierlaw, Jessop, and Frisby-Smith.

Mr. Frisby-Smith is honorary solicitor to the Prisoners' Aid Association. He is keenly interested in commercial law. While at the University he was prominently associated with the Law Students' Society. He was secretary of that body when it inaugurated inter-university debates. Amateur musical performances for charity, in which he took part, also engaged his attention while he was at the University.

The hobbies of Mr. Frisby-Smith are tennis and golf.

NEWS 2-7-27



MR. R. W. BENNETT, K.C.

Latest portrait of new King's Counsel, who with Mr. R. Ingleby, K.C., was appointed in Executive Council this week.