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THE REGISTRAR'S EVIDENCE.

Mr. C. R. Hodge (registrar of the University for the past 20 years) said that the administrative staff of the University did not have sufficient office accommodation and additional clerical assistance was needed, as the work was increasing and was becoming more complex. The University conducted examinations in Western Australia as well as in South Australia, and the University had also established permanent country centres where candidates could present themselves for examination with the full privileges of city students. Evening lectures were given for the benefit of city students who could not attend lectures during the day. They had 34 country centres now.

Mr. Styles—Do you think it would be an advantage if the Minister of Education was an ex-officio member of the council?—He would be welcome as a member of the council.

In Tasmania an arrangement to that effect has been carried out?—That is so.

What are your chief items of income and expenditure?—More than half our income comes from fees, the remainder coming from interest on investments and the Government subsidy. Our main items of expenditure are salaries, administration of examination, and laboratory grants.

Can you give us some idea of the increase of the number of your students?—They increased from 289 in 1890 to 943 in 1910. In that period the lecture fees have increased from £3300 to £7760, and the public examination fees from £449 to £1871. The present Government grant is in round figures £7000.

THE COMMISSION'S MOVEMENTS.

Today the members of the commission will inspect certain schools in Adelaide, and on Thursday they will leave Adelaide for Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane, where evidence will be taken. The Commissioners will devote three days to the taking of evidence in Brisbane, and will return to Adelaide on April 12.

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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

SPECIAL SENIOR EXAMINATION.

PASS LIST.

The pass list of the Special Senior Examination at the University of Adelaide, held in March, is as follows:—

1, English Literature; 2a, Modern History; 2b, Ancient History; 3, Greek; 4, Latin; 5, French; 6, German; 7, Arithmetic and Algebra; 8, Geometry; 9, Trigonometry; 10, Physics; 11, Inorganic Chemistry; 14, Physical Geography and Geology; 15a, Drawing.

Abbott, Nigel Basil Gresley, 5, Mr. G. G. Newman.

Barnard, Marguerita Mira, 3, Mrs. Dorsch; Begg, Reginald Haussen, 4, Kyre College; Bleeckmore, Clive, 5, 10, private tuition, Plympton; Blight, William Leonard Roy, 2a, 14, Port Pirie District High School.

Capper, Ida Muriel, 15a; Carne, Alfred George, 3, Miss M. L. Langman; Cleland, Thomas Erskine, 4, Mr. G. G. Newman.

Dart, Erica Bertha, 1, 4, 5, 8, Mr. G. G. Newman.

English, Thomas Wolmer, 1, 2a, 5, Mr. G. G. Newman.

Genders, Eustace Alexander, 1, 4, 10, St. Peter's Collegiate School.

Hamilton, Gerald Claude, 4, Mr. G. G. Newman.

Jackson, Sarah Elizabeth, 7, Mr. D. H. Hollidge; Jepson, James Henry, 1, Mr. G. G. Newman; Jones, Doris Egerton, 7, 8, Mr. D. H. Hollidge.

Kitson, Mary Cecil, 1, 2a, 5, Convent of Mercy, Angas-street.

McGee, John, 2b, private tuition, Bowden; Mayo, George Elton, 3, Mrs. Dorsch; Nietz, Herbert Walter, 3, Mrs. Dorsch.

Pender, Ian Basil, 1, 11, Mr. G. G. Newman; Pender, Roy, 1, 9, private study; Phillips, William James Ellery, 1, private tuition, Hyde Park; Poole, William Robert, 15a.

Rasmussen, Carl Frederick Waldemar, 8, Mr. G. G. Newman; Roberts, Ernest Alfred, 6, Mr. G. G. Newman.

Sanders, Harold William, 6, Miss I. M. Heyne; Sinclair, John Mitchell, 4, Kyre College.

Virgint, Allan Hawtry, 1, 4, 8, 11, Mr. G. G. Newman.

Ward, Harry Lancelot, 7, private tuition, North Adelaide; Wibberley, Brian, 6, private tuition, Kent Town; Wilkinson, Herbert John, 3, private study; Willeox, Charles Angus, 1, Mr. G. G. Newman; Williams, Ralph, 6, private tuition, Unley.

ANTARCTIC GEOLOGY.

PROFESSOR DAVID'S BOOK.

FREMANTLE, March 21.

Professor T. W. David, who accompanied the Shackleton antarctic expedition, is a transit passenger by the Orvieta for Sydney. The object of his visit to England was to make arrangements for the publication of his book on the geological results of the expedition.

On arrival in London there arose a difficulty about funds, and a considerable portion of the last five weeks of his stay in England was devoted to interviewing members of scientific societies with regard to raising the necessary money. The Royal Society of London promised financial assistance, and it was hoped the British Government would grant aid. Sir Ernest Shackleton was so far satisfied with the arrangements that instructions were given to Heinemann & Co. to go on with the publication. The proofs should now be ready for transmission to Australia. The parts which will be ready first are those written by Dr. Woolnough, of the Sydney University, Professor Skeats, of Melbourne, Mr. Allan Thompson, of New Zealand, Mr. Frederick Chapman of Melbourne, and Mr. C. Hedley, of the Australian Museum at Sydney, Miss Cohen, of the Sydney University, and Mr. Benson, of the Sydney University, with a number of analyses by Messrs. Wakom and Benson, of the same University. There are also analyses of soils and lake waters of the antarctic by Mr. Guthrie, of the Agricultural Department of Sydney, and an analysis of the coal discovered by Sir Ernest Shackleton, made by Mr. Mingrave. There is an exhaustive report on the lava of Mount Erebus and its associated volcanoes, written by Dr. Jensen, of Sydney. Mr. T. Griffith Taylor, who is now with Capt. Scott's antarctic expedition, has also a paper on Cambrian fossils discovered in the limestone underlying the antarctic coal measures. "All of this work," said Professor David, "has been examined by Sir Archibald Geikie (President of the Royal Society of London), who expressed his approval of it by recommending the Royal Society to grant aid for its publication. While in London I lectured before the Royal Geographical Society and the Geological Society of London, the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol, and Cardiff, and the Naturalists' Society. Everywhere I went the greatest interest was evinced in the further exploration of the antarctic continent, and the greatest sympathy was expressed in the Australian expedition proposed to be led by Dr. Douglas Mawson. At the conversazione of the Royal Society of London, held in February last, the general topic of conversation was the visit of the British Association, for the first time in its history, to Australia in 1914. It is obvious that the association will be fully and ably represented by a large number of leading scientists of the old country." In concluding, Professor David said:—"Australia is now bulking very much larger in the eyes of the old country than formerly. Much more space is devoted to Australian news in the big journals, and all the leading scientific societies at home are keenly watching the progress of Australian scientific research."

At a meeting of the senate of the Queensland University on Friday the Governor (Sir William Macgregor) was re-elected Chancellor, and Mr. R. H. Roe, M.A., Vice-Chancellor. Mr. G. E. Mayo, B.A., was appointed lecturer in logic, psychology, and ethics.

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—Education in Victoria.—

An important provision of the new Education Act in Victoria is that which provides for an advisory council for public education. The council will have to report to the Minister upon methods of public education in other countries which it considers desirable to introduce here, and upon matters referred to it by the Minister. By September 30 each year the council will have to report on its operations to June 30, and generally upon the administration of public education in Victoria and the co-ordination of all its branches. The report is to be laid before Parliament. The council will further advise as to the conditions upon which teachers of registered secondary schools should be appointed higher elementary or district high schools. The council will take over the duties of the present registration board, which keeps a register of teachers in schools other than State schools, and fixes the standard of training. The first council will be constituted as under:—Representatives of the Education Department.—The Director of Education (Mr. Frank Tate, M.A., I.S.O.), who will occupy the position of President of the Council; Dr. John Smyth (principal of the training college), Mr. T. W. Bothroyd, M.A. (one of the senior inspectors of schools), and Miss M. Robertson (head mistress of the Melbourne Continuation School). Representatives of Registered Schools.—Mr. L. A. Adamson, M.A. (head master of Wesley College), Rev. J. O'Dwyer, S.J. (head master of Xavier College), Mr. W. S. Littlejohn, M.A. (head master of Scotch College), and Miss I. T. Henderson (principal of Clyde Girls' Grammar School, East St. Kilda). Representatives of the University.—Professor W. Baldwin Spencer, Dr. Alexander Leeper, and Professor T. R. Lyle. Representative of Education in Music.—Mr. August Siede. Representatives of Technical Education.—Mr. Theodore Fink, Mr. Donald Clark, M.M.E., B.C.E., and Mr. G. R. King. Representatives of Industrial Interests.—Mr. W. Orr, Mr. Elwood Mead, C.E., Mr. Thomas Hogz, Mr. Jacob Hosken, and Mr. William Stone.

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EDUCATION COMMISSION.

ARRIVAL IN SYDNEY.

Sydney, March 26. The South Australian Education Commission arrived on Saturday, and will begin its sittings at 11 a.m. on Monday at the committee-rooms, Parliament House. Evidence will be given by Mr. Dawson (Acting Under-Secretary of Public Instruction), and Mr. McLelland (assistant chief inspector), and Mr. Turner (superintendent), of technical education.

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EDUCATION COMMISSION TO TRAVEL.

Members of the Education Commission propose to leave Adelaide on Thursday afternoon on a trip to Sydney and Brisbane to obtain evidence concerning the system of education in those States. The following will make the trip:—Mr. Ryan, M.P. (Chairman), Hons. F. W. Coneybeer (Minister of Education), J. Cowan, M.L.C., A. W. Styles, M.L.C., and A. H. Peake, M.P., and Mr. Green, M.P. Mrs. Coneybeer and Mrs. Cowan will accompany their husbands. The party will reach Sydney on Saturday morning, and take evidence during the following week from the heads of the university, the Education Department, and the secondary schools, and inspect the different institutions. On March 30 they will leave for Brisbane, where a university has been established recently, and take evidence on the following Monday. It is proposed to leave Brisbane on April 7 and reach Adelaide on April 12.