

LABOR MARCHES

A LITTLE FURTHER

TOWARDS THE EDUCATION CITADEL

FORMATION OF WORKERS' ASSOCIATION.

For the great strides in education made by South Australia the people are indebted to the Labor Party. The spread of learning has been its most cherished ideal, and when it has held power or the balance of power, everything which tended to help the movement for higher education has been used to do so. With the gradual building of a bridge from the primary school to the university it had seemed that nothing was left to do, but the leaders of the industrial wing of the movement saw an opportunity to assist the adult worker to improve his knowledge. The visit of Mr. A. E. Mansbridge, secretary of the Workers' Educational Association of England, to Australia, came at a convenient time, and his services were offered to and accepted by the Trades and Labor Council of Adelaide to found a similar organisation here. Meetings were addressed by Mr. Mansbridge, and after a lot of pioneer work a workers' educational association has been formed with branches throughout the State.

Mr. Mansbridge is enthusiastic about the prospects of the association here. Asked as to the progress made yesterday he said the development of the Workers' Educational Association was proceeding steadily, and those who had founded it were determined to make it successful. It will be remembered that on September 26 he and Mrs. Mansbridge addressed one of the most remarkable gatherings ever held in Adelaide. At that meeting a resolution was adopted which affirmed the desirability of establishing a Workers' Educational Association in South Australia. The significance of that meeting, Mr. Mansbridge said, lay in the fact that every education interest in the State was represented there, and that the Trades Hall, at which it was held, was thronged with workers. Consequent upon the resolution a provisional committee was appointed to consider ways and means. It consisted of representatives of the University, Education Department, School of Mines, and Trades Hall. After considering how to give effect to the resolution, the committee decided that it would be desirable for the trades unions to consider the matter in detail, and a conference was called for the purpose.

The conference was held on October 17, when representatives of a large number of unions met at the Trades Hall. A study of the copy of the New South Wales Association's constitution, which was supplied to the meeting by Mr. Mansbridge, and the proposed constitution of a similar association in Queensland, helped the delegates to obtain a definite idea of that which should be adopted in South Australia. The principal desiderata were that the association should be non-party, non-sectarian, and democratic, and that it should, in the main, consist of affiliated educational and working class organisations, each of which would have one representative upon the governing council. It was suggested that the University, the School of Mines, the Education Department, and Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery should have two representatives. Such a constitution would ensure the fullest possible opportunity for educational co-ordination from the outset. A sub-committee was appointed to draft the details of the constitution in consultation with the provisional committee. After that work was finished it was to be submitted to each organisation which might be expected to have any interest in the matter. Another meeting would be called at which the draft constitution would be considered, and then the Workers' Educational Association would come into existence automatically, because already many bodies had decided to affiliate with it. Mr. Mansbridge trusted that its career would be as steady and useful as those of others which had been established.

That the movement to educate the workers was not confined to the metropolis was a point which Mr. Mansbridge emphasised. A branch of the association was to be established at Port Adelaide, and the mayor, Mr. J. Clouston, had been appointed provisional chairman, and Mr. Cavanagh hon. secretary. Mr. R. Campbell had been appointed correspondent to the association at Wallaroo, and Mr. G. L. Seigmann had been given a similar office at Port Pirie. An enthusiastic branch had been formed at Broken Hill. In accordance with precedent it would be connected with the association in N.S.W., but it would have to draw its educational supplies from Adelaide. Any person who desired assistance in his or her studies should communicate with Mr. T. B. Merry, secretary to the Trades and Labor Council, or with any correspondent. Individual members were beginning to enrol.

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THE PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

The President (Hon. Sir Lancelot Stirling) took the Chair at 2 p.m.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.

The Hon. J. H. VAUGHAN asked the Chief Secretary (Hon. J. G. Bice) whether in view of a vacancy having arisen in the representation of that Chamber on the Council of the University, the Government would support a nominee for the position from his side of the Chamber.

The CHIEF SECRETARY replied that it was not a matter for the Government but for members of that Chamber.

The Hon. J. H. VAUGHAN said he had asked whether the members of the Government would support a nominee for the position from his side of the Chamber.

The CHIEF SECRETARY stated that members of the Government, seeing that the matter had not been made a question for Cabinet, would exercise their own discretion in the matter.

At a later stage the CHIEF SECRETARY moved—"That the Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Adelaide University Act Amendment Act, 1911, do now proceed to ballot for a member to fill the vacancy on the Council of the Adelaide University, caused by the death of the Hon. Sir J. J. Duncan."

The Hon. A. W. STYLES suggested that as there was no immediate hurry to fill the vacancy the matter might be deferred until a later period. In the interim it might be possible for the Opposition to confer with Government supporters in the Council so that they should, if possible, agree upon one member being unanimously chosen to fill the position. When on a previous occasion the question of electing some person to the post had been before the Council the then Liberal leader was very willing to agree to the name of Mr. Wallis being submitted to the ballot so that a unanimous vote might be obtained. Personally he would like to see the wish of the late Leader of the Liberal Party carried out, and with that object in view he had risen and made his suggestion that the matter should be delayed. He hoped his request would receive the favourable consideration of hon. members.

On the motion of the Hon. J. H. VAUGHAN the debate was adjourned until October 28.

Conservatorium Students' Concert.

A concert given by the ladies' part-singing class attracted a large audience to the Elder Hall on Wednesday evening. There was an admirable orchestra, and the orchestral and vocal items were rendered with rare artistic ability, under the conductorship of Mr. Winsloe Hall. Miss Sylvia Wintington, A.M.U.A., was the leader of the orchestra. The programme opened with a Sibelius "Impromptu," sung by the class with taste and spirit. The non-arrival of the orchestral parts from London necessitated the performance of this work with pianoforte accompaniments, but it was highly enjoyable nevertheless. A similar difficulty presented itself in connection with the performance of Dunhill's cantata, "Sea Fairies," a charming work, in which the solo parts were sung by Miss Gladys Polglase and Miss Florence Rowe. The concluding item was the concert scene, "Frithjof auf Seine" (Max Bruch), a difficult piece of orchestral and vocal music, which was admirably performed. Mr. J. Fischer (Elder scholar) sang the exacting baritone solo with ability and insight. The individual numbers were quite as enjoyable. Miss Vera Thrush sang "Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets," from Mendelssohn's "St. Paul," and Miss Gladys Prosser the air "O love, from thy power," from Saint-Saens' "Samson and Delilah." Miss Muriel Day (Elder scholar) contributed two charming little songs, "Folk song" (MacDowell) and "Te souviens tu?" (Godard); and the Misses Gladys Polglase and Gladys Prosser sang "The flower duet," from Puccini's delightful opera, "Madame Butterfly." Mr. Fischer contributed two characteristic songs of Korbay, "Far and high the cranes give cry," and the ruzzed "Shepherd, see thy horse's foaming mane."

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CONSERVATORIUM CONCERT.

The students concert, given by the Ladies' Part Singing Class of the Elder Conservatorium, is always looked forward to with expectancy. The usual interest was evinced in the programme presented last night, and the results proved that the attention of the audience was not undeserved. The works were presented under the conductorship of Mr. H. Winsloe Hall. The concert opened with a performance of Sibelius' Impromptu, and the wonderfully appropriate music, with its classical theme, was finely rendered by the Part-singing class. Dunhill's cantata, "Sea Fairies," was beautifully interpreted, and some commendable solo work was accomplished by Misses Gladys Polglase and Florence Rowe. The concert scene, "Frithjof auf Seine" (Max Bruch) was also given, with the assistance of Mr. Jack Fischer, who sang the baritone solo. It is interesting to see Puccini represented in a Conservatorium programme. The flower duet of Butterfly and Suzuki from "Madame Butterfly" was the item chosen, and this was given by Misses E. Polglase and E. Prosser. Miss Florence Rowe sang "A Summer Night" (Goring Thomas) with 'cello obbligato by Mr. Fritz Homburg. Miss Vera Thrush rendered "Jerusalem, Thou that Killest the Prophets," from Mendelssohn's "St. Paul." Miss Gladys Prosser contributed the air, "O Love, from thy Power," from Saint-Saens' "Samson and Delilah," and Miss Muriel Day gave "Folk Song" (Macdowell) and "Do you remember?" (Godard). Two Korbay songs, "Far and High the Cranes Give Cry," and "Shepherd see thy Horse's Foaming Mane," were essayed by Mr. Jack Fischer.