

FLOATING UNIVERSITY

Americans Make World Tour
LONDON, February 21.
The Naples correspondent of "The Times" states that the steamer Rynnham, styled "the floating university," has arrived from New York.

REG 22-2-27

Mr. Wesley H. James, B.E., B.Sc., who graduated at the Adelaide University and has been in Great Britain and America during the past three years, will shortly return to Australia. He will leave Vancouver by the Niagara on March 9, and is due at Sydney on April 2.

NEWS 23-2-27



MR. E. LANG

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Mr. E. L. Bean, M.A., LL.B., Acting Parliamentary Draftsman, one of the Government nominees on the Public Service Superannuation Fund Board.

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Conservatorium Classes
Fine Prospects for Year
After a long vacation the work of the Conservatorium was resumed on Tuesday, although for several days previously the teaching staff had been busy enrolling new students and filling up timetables.

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TEACHING OF OBSTETRICS
Dr. Brian H. Swift some months ago was given a commission by the Government to enquire into and report upon the teaching of obstetrics at the various hospitals in Great Britain and the Continent of Europe.

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Successor to Prof. Rennie
Owing to the death of Prof. E. H. Rennie, who was the first Professor of Chemistry at the University of Adelaide, the Council of the University is making arrangements for the duties to be continued by temporary members of the staff and temporary lecturers until a successor is appointed.

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

The New Calendar.

We have received a copy of the calendar of the University of Adelaide for 1927, containing a pass list, syllabuses, and other useful and interesting information.

The annual report of the Council recorded, among others, the following benefactions: Sir Langdon Bonython, £20,000 for the proposed University Union and the library; the Council has approved a grant of £5,000 for the publication of results of research in medical science; Mr. J. T. Mortlock, £2,000 to assist in equipping the new Agricultural Research Institute; Mr. Percy Grainger, a donation to inaugurate the Rose Grainger Orchestral Band, of which the Council had accepted the trusteeship; the Federal Government, £500 for cancer research. The State Government had agreed to grant £3,000 annually to establish night courses for teachers and others.

Attendances of Students
The number of graduates was 737, of non-graduating students 736, and of post-graduating students 82. The number of undergraduates studying for the B.A. degree was 322, for the M.A. degree 33, for the B.Sc. 109, L.L.B. 81, M.B. and B.S. 125, B.D.S. 34, Mus. 8, and Diploma in Commerce was 34. Students attending the Elder Conservatorium of Music numbered 280, while the Council had proceeded with the course for the Diploma of Associate in Music.

For the public examinations the following numbers of candidates presented themselves: Supplementary leaving, 144; intermediate and intermediate commercial, 2,403; leaving and leaving commercial, 1,118; leaving honours, 128.

Commenting on that important field of university research, the report states that much work had been done at the Waite Institute. In co-operation with the Commonwealth Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, certain aspects of plant pathology were being investigated. Anthropological research had been assisted by grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. Research had been continued in connection with the Animal Products Research Foundation.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Bruce) will deliver the Joseph Fisher Commerce Lecture for 1927.

AD. 24-2-27

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

REPRESENTATIVE SESSIONS OPENED.

THE RETIRING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

A RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT.

The Rev. Brian Wibberley said all the consoling interests of the church had been vigorously maintained during the year, and in every department there were encouraging signs of vitality and expansion.

He alluded to the Jubilee of the University of Adelaide, which would be memorable for the emphasis which its celebration placed on the need of affiliated colleges such as the sister universities largely enjoyed to the unpeakable advantage of both the University and the student. Regarding the numerical strength and financial resources of the student in this State, a Methodist University College was obviously within the realm of practical possibility, and therefore its urgency should be immediately appreciated and worthy provided for. On this subject of higher education, he had also to report that during the year a movement had been initiated for the establishment of a Faculty of Divinity within the movement of Methodist churches, consisting of the heads of the churches with appointed representatives, had so far considered the eminently desirable movement of a Federal (or interdenominational) memorandum for submission to the University authorities. He reviewed the General Conference at Brisbane, including the provisions for Canberra and the inauguration of a Federal Inland Mission. He also noted the movement of Methodist churches abroad, notable among which was that, though the original union of British Methodist churches in commonwealth never-theless the Conference of Wesleyan, Primitive, and United Methodist Churches had strongly declared in its favor, and further successful action had been taken.

New Model Dress, by means of which the new model could be completed. This, today, new Methodist Church of England could be given a new lease of life, and village, organized without waste and expensiveness, economizing his men and means, but strong to give "back" back to the community of spiritual life, with a wealth of numerical weight and moral authority on matters of social, national, and international character. Methodism was also making good progress on the Continent of Europe.

MAIL 19-2-27

S.A.'s Oldest Knights
Of the ten South Australians who met representatives of the other States to frame the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia thirty years ago only three are living: Sir Donald Symonds, Mr. P. McMahon Glynn, and Sir John Cockburn. Two of our former are well known Adelaide K.C.'s, but the latter now resides in England.

Dr. J. H. Ingham, the eighth, is the State's oldest knight, while two others, Sir Langdon Bonython and Sir Lancelot Stirling, are approaching the Commonwealth's centenary. Sir Lancelot is as well known as ever they were. Sir Lancelot is the only one who can claim to have been a sportsman, and he still takes an interest in coursing and angling. He is at present visiting Kangaroo Island.

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SEEKING AN ORGANIST

It is understood that the university will shortly make an appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Harold Wyldie as organist and accompanist at the Conservatorium. The teacher of piano at the Conservatorium, Mr. Walford Davies (Director of the Royal College of Music, London) and Sir Walford Davies are interviewing candidates for the position, and it is expected that a decision will shortly be reached.

NEWS 24-2-27

ENGINEERING LECTURER

Mr. Eric Lang Appointed

Mr. Eric Lang, who has been given a lectureship in civil engineering at Melbourne University, is a graduate of the University of Adelaide, where he gained his Bachelor of Engineering degree in 1924. He was born in Victoria 26 years ago, and came to South Australia when 12 years of age. He was educated at Queen's School, North Adelaide, where he passed his senior public examination and went to the University to study civil engineering. Having gained his degree a fellowship of the School of Mines and the diploma of applied science were bestowed on him, while he received practical experience with a consulting engineer, and was then transferred to the Bridge Department of the Chief Engineer of Railways. During his year and a half there he was engaged on bridge designing and drafting.

Since July of 1924 he has been designer and computer of the staff of the City Engineer Adelaide Town Hall. His work there was the checking of reinforced concrete and steel frame buildings in Adelaide. He investigated rainfall intensities of Adelaide and developed a curve showing the maximum rainfall for the design of storm-water culverts in connection with the recent drainage works at the City. He specialised, however, in reinforced concrete and structural work generally.

Mr. Lang is married and has a daughter, Barbara, aged 18 months. His wife, who was formerly a schoolteacher, was a schoolteacher and has the Bachelor of Arts degree. Mr. Lang is an associate member of the Institution of Engineers and of the Commonwealth Engineering Standards Association. He will leave for Melbourne on March 1 and will be associated with Prof. Payne in Melbourne University.

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