

# THE NEWS

ADLAIDE.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1927

## WAR AND EUGENICS

(By Prof. T. Brailsford Robertson)

### Eighth Interstate Conference.

President's Address.  
The President (Mr. Kett) opened the afternoon session with his report. It said he found signs of progress in eugenics on his side; new instrument, new methods, higher ethics and higher vigour. He said he found signs of progress in eugenics on his side; new instrument, new methods, higher ethics and higher vigour. He said he found signs of progress in eugenics on his side; new instrument, new methods, higher ethics and higher vigour.

It is often stated that the devastation due to war does not end with the present generation, but by sapping the vigor of the population undermines its future, besides destroying its happiness, and, owing too frequently to the squandering of its wealth, art, and civilization which it has accumulated. Nobody would wish to uphold war to defend it in any way, but it is unnecessary to add to the devastation which war always occasions by sapping the vigor of the population. The devastation due to war does not end with the present generation, but by sapping the vigor of the population. The devastation due to war does not end with the present generation, but by sapping the vigor of the population.

hardship and starvation, reacting not only upon themselves, but upon their immediate offspring.  
This consideration, apart from considerations of sentiment or chivalry, should protect women, children, and other non-combatants from personal attack in war. To do otherwise is willfully to aim not at the conquest of the people, but at their extinction. This—at all events, in Europe—shows almost every race has proved itself in the forward march of civilization—is equivalent to international suicide.

Today is the fifty-ninth anniversary of the birth of Mr. Justice Angus Parsons. He is the eldest son of the late Hon. John Langdon Parsons and his wife Rosetta, daughter of the late George Fife Angus. He was born at North Adelaide and educated at Prince Alfred College and Roseworthy Agricultural College. In 1897 he took his LL.B. degree at Adelaide University and in the same year was called to the bar.

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### ST. MARK'S COLLEGE

#### Assisting University Students

#### TWO YEARS OF PROGRESS

St. Mark's College, Pennington terrace, North Adelaide, was opened in 1925 as the first residential college for students of Adelaide University, to be run on similar lines to those in other States.

#### MR. JUSTICE ANGUS PARSONS

who is 55 years of age today.

Bar. He was Attorney-General and Minister of Education of South Australia in 1914, and a member of the House of Assembly from 1915-14 and from 1918-20. In 1916 he was appointed to the Supreme Court, and in 1921 a Judge of the Supreme Court. On the death of Mr. Justice Poole Mr. Justice Parsons became senior justice judge. His Honor married in 1900 the eldest daughter of Sir Langdon Bonython, and has two sons, Philip, who is a law student at Adelaide University, and Geoffrey, who is at Cambridge University.

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### DUST STORMS.

To the Editor.  
Sir—The two dust storms which took place last Sunday and the preceding Monday are of much interest not merely to the geographers, but also to other students of the dust and the extent of its distribution. My friend, Professor J. G. Douglas, for instance, is interested in the aspect of the dust which is distributed by the prevailing winds. He has measured the size of the dust and the extent of its distribution in all regions, so far as South Australia is concerned. I do not remember to have seen any plotting of the area, or any account of the composition of the dust, or the extent of its distribution, and this can only be known with the co-operation of correspondents throughout the country. It is possible that our storm clouds were willing to answer the following questions:—Was the dust in your locality thin or dense? Was it accompanied by rain? If so, was it the wind light or strong, and what was its direction? Was the dust such that it penetrated through closed doors and windows? Did it settle quickly or very slowly, and did you notice any objects which struck you as strange to your neighborhood? Did the dust seem to extend to a great height or to be confined to your locality of such a character so sudden as to give the preceding as well as its direction? One wishes to know not only its distribution northwards, but also east and west and southwards. For example, did the dust reach as far south as Mount Gambier? Did it occur on Kangaroo Island? Will those who are willing to furnish this information please address their answers to me at the library of the University?—I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
R. J. M. CLUGAS,  
Lecturer in Economic Geography,  
Adelaide University, May 21, 1927.

Originally there were 11 students, and the demand for accommodation was so great that extensions had to be made immediately. A new building was begun, and the end of 1923 19 more rooms were erected. By the end of last year additions were made which gave accommodation for 20 students, and one has taken up the work. For a time, it is anticipated, students will have to be placed in lodgings until more accommodation is made.

The new block houses the tutor, lecturer, and 23 students. Each student has his own bed-sitting room. No washstands or dressing tables are fitted, but each man is provided with a locker in the bathrooms. It is anticipated that later the block will be extended, giving accommodation for 100 men. A gymnasium is being fitted.

#### Members of Staff

Staff of the college is: Messrs. A. G. Price, M.A. (master), and B. P. Waite, M.A. (arts), Drs. W. Ray, G. A. London, and L. E. C. Lyon (medicine), Messrs. H. Buttrose, LL.B. (law), G. R. Fuller, B.Sc. (science), W. Kirwood, M.A. (resident tutor), and Rev. P. Carrington, M.A. (chaplain).

St. Mark's College was founded in 1924. Sir John Downer, which was sufficient for the master and 12 students.

Further extensions were financed by private donations, mortgage loan, and by grants of the women's committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. Good. Until the college is paid the college still has a debt of £2100 a year, only slightly below those of Melbourne University, which provides more tuition and other similar objects, and which needs a large donation to place of its kind.

#### College Spirit

Objects of the college are to provide facilities for country and city students, to help with their studies, and to give them an opportunity of community life. Under the management of the Hon. Mr. Parsons the college is open to students of all denominations. The college is obtaining good results in its studies, and developing an excellent college spirit. Many of the students have taken keen interest in university life and in their activities.

Honorary foundation fellows were: Sir the late Mr. Justice Poole, Dr. A. N. Mitchell (Bishop of Adelaide), Dr. H. S. Bickerstick, Prof. Sir William Mitchell (vice-chancellor of the University) was the first honorary fellow.

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#### Merchant and Scholar

Next Wednesday will be the sixtieth anniversary of Mr. J. J. Fowler, one of Adelaide's best-known merchants. He is an old Prince Alfred College man. From Adelaide he went to America and thence to St. John's College, Cambridge, where he took his M.A. degree. He is now a member of the Board of Commercial Schools in Adelaide. He is also a director of the Bank of Adelaide, and of the Adelaide Tramways. For several years he has been a member of the Board of Commercial Schools in Adelaide. He is also a director of the Bank of Adelaide, and of the Adelaide Tramways.

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#### Migration Commissioner

Mr. Walter J. Colbatch, recently appointed migration commissioner, has spent 20 years of age in New Zealand. He is an old Prince Alfred College man. From Adelaide he went to America and thence to St. John's College, Cambridge, where he took his M.A. degree. He is now a member of the Board of Commercial Schools in Adelaide. He is also a director of the Bank of Adelaide, and of the Adelaide Tramways.

#### Inherent Soundness

The exaggerated notion which many have formed of the damaging effect of war upon the quality of the subsequent population is attributable largely to the prevalent view that acquired characteristics can be transmitted to subsequent generations.

But biologists have learned that a man who has acquired by intellectual exercises a strong and vigorous muscular system can by no means transmit his strength as such to his offspring. He can transmit only his heredity, which he acquires through the means of his parents.

Who, then, whose accidental circumstances have compelled to rank as weaklings may nevertheless possess an inherent soundness which they can transmit to their offspring, although they have never experienced the advantages of it themselves. Some decree may be admitted to be caused by war, but it cannot be nearly so great in extent as many people imagine.

#### Civilian Warfare

The case becomes different, of course, immediately the warfare is directed against civilian population. Here the population is killed off indiscriminately. And while the quality of the survivors may be similar to that of those who are slaughtered, their numbers may be greatly diminished, and their vigor for a generation or two impaired by the consequences.

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### VACATIONS END.

Students at the University and School of Mines will return to their studies for the second term to-day after a vacation of a fortnight. Most of the primary schools recommenced last week, but scholars at a few schools are still on holiday. A general meeting of the University and School of Mines commences on August 13.