

ADV. 10-2-28
THE FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE.
UNIVERSITY TRAINING RECOGNISED.
COURSES FOR OFFICERS.

The Federal Public Service Board has issued a statement pointing out that in connection with the classification of the service, which has been in progress during the past three years, and will be brought to completion this month, the board has, wherever practicable, given recognition to courses of study at universities and other kindred institutions as a condition of advancement in the service.

The board, in its endeavors to establish and maintain a highly efficient public service, has introduced a general policy of co-operation with Australian universities for the recruitment and training of officers. As the result of negotiations with the university authorities of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania, arrangements have been made for admission to university courses, upon special terms, of a limited number of officers of the Commonwealth service nominated by the Public Service Board for the purpose of proceeding to degrees in faculties appropriate to service requirements. The cost of the students' fees will be borne by the Commonwealth Government. A condition imposed by the board in relation to these studentships is that the officers selected shall enter into an agreement to remain in the service of the Commonwealth for a specified period of years.

In the current issue of the Commonwealth Gazette, the Public Service Board notifies approval of the grant of free places in the following officers of the service in university courses indicated against their names:—

South Australia.—Messrs. J. E. D. Mahoney, Postmaster-General's Department, Diploma of Commerce; and W. H. Stanford, Postmaster-General's Department, Diploma of Economics and Political Science.

New South Wales.—Messrs. W. J. Murray, Taxation Branch, Bachelor of Economics; L. J. Arnott, Department of Trade and Customs, Bachelor of Science; H. I. Sage, Crown Solicitor's Office, Bachelor of Law; H. A. Fuller, Postmaster-General's Department, Bachelor of Engineering; T. Brophy, Postmaster-General's Department, Bachelor of Science; and B. B. Swine, Postmaster-General's Department, Bachelor of Science.

Victoria.—Messrs. F. A. J. Frawley, Postmaster-General's Department, Bachelor of Commerce; H. P. Miller, Department of Trade and Customs, Bachelor of Science; A. Tonkin, Auditor-General's Office, Bachelor of Commerce; and G. Anderson, Department of Health, Bachelor of Science.

Western Australia.—Messrs. L. N. Macdonald, Department of Trade and Customs, Bachelor of Science; and C. E. Williamson, Department of Trade and Customs, Bachelor of Law.

Tasmania.—Messrs. G. M. J. McDougall, Postmaster-General's Department, Bachelor of Engineering; H. G. Fraser, Postmaster-General's Department, Diploma of Engineering; H. C. Edgell, Department of Trade and Customs, Bachelor of Commerce; and V. A. Clark, Department of Trade and Customs, Diploma of Commerce.

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UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENTS AND GIFTS.

The annual report of the University of Adelaide for the year 1927, referring to endowments and gifts, states that Mr. E. Barr Smith had given £20,000 for a library building. The only stipulation accompanying the gift was that the building should be completed within five years. To secure the best design, the University architect, who was at present abroad, had asked to make enquiries and report. The new building would be placed on a site to the west of the new Students' Buildings. Mr. John Melrose had given £10,000 for the erection of a chemical laboratory at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute. The building, which was in course of erection, would enable the Institute to carry out an important part of its investigations. Mark Mitchell had provided an endowment of £50 for a permanent subscription "physiological abstracts," and for the purchase of back numbers. The Commonwealth Government had increased their grant for cancer research to £700. This research was being carried out in the King laboratories under the direction of Professor Robertson. The associated shiping Companies had granted three passages to London to students desiring to continue their studies abroad.

NEWS 14-2-28
EDUCATIONAL WORLD

Evening Lecture Experiment

POPULAR INNOVATION

(By "Alma Mater")

Adelaide University term will begin on March 13. Lectures will start six days later. Entries should be made before March 1.

Prof. R. W. Chapman (acting vice-chancellor of the Adelaide University) returned from Melbourne this week.

Dr. H. Ternent Cooke (lecturer in chemistry at Adelaide University) has returned from Europe for the 1928 year's work.

Prof. H. H. Woollard, new professor of anatomy at Adelaide University, comes from London, where he had a brilliant career. He lectured at the University during the third term of 1927.

The experiment by Adelaide University last year in instituting evening lectures has proved successful. It enables people who have to earn their living to avail themselves of the privileges of education in leisure hours. It also fulfils the ambition of relating the University educational curriculum to normal community life, a feature of University development during the past two decades.

Lectures are delivered by a competent staff in subjects such as chemistry, economics, education, English, French, geology, history, Latin, logic, mathematics, physics, and psychology. For many years lectures attended by commerce students, teachers, and others have been delivered at a reasonably late hour, but it was last year that the Government made available a sum of money for a wide extension of the evening lecture system.

One result of the success of the innovation has been the loss of some of the students of the Workers' Educational Association, who are now able to attend the University evening lectures, with an examination at the end of the year, giving units for degrees, rather than the series of lectures without a degree at the end of it. Enthusiasts of the association have discussed the question of degrees and diplomas for students. Something in the nature of a certificate was awarded during the regime of Dr. H. Heaton. It is a first principle with the Workers' Educational Association that knowledge should be pursued solely for learning.

Inter-Alia
Chair in Architecture

A suggestion has been made that the long list of faculties at Adelaide University might be extended to the institution of a Chair of Architecture. There is one in the Sydney University. It is only occasionally that an illustration of good architecture is found in the State. Would a chair in architecture give better buildings?

A chair in economics is wanted, but have all the chairs in economics throughout Australia prevented serious mistakes and crises? It seems that there is yet more room for the dissemination of the knowledge of the experts into the minds of the community.

REG. 17-2-28

VETERINARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Government has established an annual scholarship to enable students desiring to study veterinary science to proceed for instruction to the veterinary school of either the University of Sydney or Melbourne. Applicants for the scholarship must (a) have matriculated in the Faculty of Science in the University of Adelaide; and (b) have passed the first year's course in the University of Adelaide in physics, chemistry, botany, and zoology. The scholar would be required to complete his first year subject in Adelaide before taking up the scholarship in 1929 in Sydney or Melbourne. The scholarship is of the annual value of £150, and is tenable at either the University of Sydney or the University of Melbourne. Applications, containing full particulars of qualifications, must be forwarded to the Chairman of the Selection Committee for Veterinary Scholarships, University of Adelaide, before December 1 next.

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RESEARCH STUDENTSHIP IN MEDICINE.

The Royal Society of London is inviting applications for Foulerton Research Studentships of the value of £1,400 per annum. Appointments will be for five years, but may be renewed up to a maximum of six years. Holders will conduct researches in medicine or the contributory sciences under the supervision and control of a managing committee. Applications must reach the Royal Society, London, not later than September 30 next. Further information can be obtained from the secretary, Prime Minister's Department, Canberra.

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RHODES FELLOWSHIP.

MR. WICKHAM LEGG APPOINTED.

LONDON, February 15.

The first appointment has been made in connection with the new Rhodes Fellowship for the purpose of broadening the interests of the academic circle in Dominion politics, life, and industry.

Mr. L. G. Wickham Legg, the appointee, who is a Fellow and tutor of New College, Oxford, has left Palestine en route for Australia.

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PROFESSOR FARR.

FELLOW OF ROYAL SOCIETY.

LONDON, February 17.

Professor Clinton Coleridge Farr, D.Sc., F.P.S.L., F.N.Z. Inst., has been elected to a fellowship of the Royal Society.

Professor Farr will be remembered by many old friends in Adelaide, who will be pleased at his having secured the much-coveted honor among scientists. He was born at St. Peter's Collegiate School, Adelaide, in 1866, being the son of the Ven. Archdeacon Farr, M.A., LL.D., Cantab., the headmaster. Professor Farr was educated at St. Peter's Collegiate School, the University College, London, the University of Adelaide, and the University of Sydney. He graduated in science in 1888 and was awarded the Anson Engineering Scholarship in 1889. He was lecturer in mathematics and physics, St. Paul's College, University of Sydney, and from 1891 to 1895 lecturer in electrical engineering University of Adelaide, 1896. He undertook the magnetic survey of New Zealand in 1898, and was engaged on this work until 1904. He established a magnetic observatory at Christchurch for the New Zealand Government, and was lecturer in physics and surveying at the Canterbury College, University of New Zealand, from 1904 to 1910. He is now Professor of Physics, Canterbury College, University of New Zealand. He has written a number of works on scientific subjects, dealing specially with magnetic force and electricity.

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M. E. V. Clark, Lecturer in Electrical Engineering at the University of Adelaide, has been transferred from the rank of Associate Member to that of Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, London. Mr. Clark, who is a son of the late Mr. M. Symonds Clark, of Knightsbridge, and a nephew of the late John Howard Clark, at one time editor of The Register, is now one of the nine engineers in this State entitled to the distinguishing letters M.Inst.C.E.

NEWS 20-2-28
MUSICAL GIANTS

PROF. DAVIES MET MANY

Experiences in London

Interesting letters have been received in Adelaide from Prof. E. Harold Davies, Mus. Doc., Director of the Conservatorium and Professor of the Chair of Music in the University of Adelaide. Prof. Davies arrived in London after an enjoyable journey just in time for the storms which buried many parts of Britain feet deep in snow.

On arrival he was met by his son, Dr. H. Whitridge Davies, who is a lecturer on physiology and pharmacology at Leeds University, and then went to Windsor as the guest of his brother, Sir Walford Davies, who last year was appointed organist and choirmaster of St. George's Chapel in succession to Sir Walter Parratt.

Prof. Davies says that the chapel is being extensively renovated. The chancel he described as "a dream of beauty."

Prof. Davies spoke in terms of admiration and effection of his brother, Walford. "He is one of the most widely known men in the British Isles, through the medium of broadcasting," he wrote.

Influence of Broadcasting

Prof. Davies is enthusiastic regarding wireless. He says that the progress being made in Britain is remarkable. "Broadcasting wields the greatest power for good—or ill," he says.

Among many distinguished people Prof. Davies met were Dr. Arlington, headmaster of Eton; Prof. Haldane, professor of physiology at Oxford, with whom he spent a week-end, and who is a brother of Lord Haldane; Prof. Sir William Bragg, formerly of Adelaide; and Dr. Elliott Smith, anthropologist of University College, London, to whom he took notes on his Central Australian experiences in connection with aboriginal music.

Prof. Davies will probably deliver a lecture on the latter subject at Leeds. As the expedition to Central Australia, of which he was a member, was under the direction of the Rockefeller Institute, United States of America, the gramophone records could be taken to Britain, but the professor has taken them down in notation, and can reproduce the melodies at will.

He met the leaders of musical thought in London. Sir Hugh Allen (director of the Royal College of Music), Prof. John McEwen (director of the Royal Academy of Music), and Dr. Arthur Somervell (inspector in music to the Board of Education) had received him fraternally, and it was gratifying, he wrote, to learn of the interest shown by them in regard to what was being done in Australia.

Richard Watson Succeeds

He had also met Johnstone Douglas, the exponent of the De Reszke method of voice production, and had lunched with him at the "Old Cock Inn" in Fleet street. The Inn is the oldest chop house in London. He intended spending a week-end with Dr. Rootham, one of the Associated Board of Examiners, who was well known in Australia. Herbert Walenn, the cellist, brother to Gerald, the violinist, and Richard Watson, the young Adelaide bass, who was living at Windsor, and who was making rapid progress toward real success in Britain, were among others he saw.

Among the many concerts he had attended was one by the Philharmonic Society in Queens' Hall, a Wagner concert by the London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Albert Coates, and a symphony concert by the Halle Orchestra.

The appointment of a successor to Mr. Clive Carey at the Adelaide Conservatorium had not been finalised.

Prof. Davies will leave London on April 14 by the Naldera, and intends during the voyage to devote the time to the classification of his ideas and impressions for future use.