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COMMERCE DOES NOT ATTRACT VARSITY MEN

Shell Manager Wants Graduates For Executive Posts

LAW AND ART STUDENTS

THAT branch managers had the greatest difficulty in getting men with experience of university life—apart from those doing a commerce course—to take up commercial billets, is the complaint of Mr. D. W. Darch, general manager for the Shell Company of Australia.

Writing in the University Magazine, Mr. Darch, who has discussed the subject with university authorities throughout Australia and New Zealand, says that few (if any) boys, who are really first-class scholars, go from the school to the university with any idea of ever entering commerce.

PROSPECTS IN COMMERCE

"The professions are already to some extent overcrowded, and commerce offers brighter prospects for some, the more brilliant boys," he says.

"I feel that there is still a tendency to think that because the ordinary clerks in offices cannot belong to a very high standard of scholastic attainment, there is no demand for the more brilliant boys in commerce.

"This emphatically is not the case for I know that, quite apart from our own firm, managers of companies have the greatest difficulty in getting a sufficient number of really bright candidates for commercial positions."

"As these candidates are ultimately intended for executive posts, it is not only unnecessary but even inadvisable, that they should specialise in any commercial training at either school or university.

ARTS OR LAW DEGREES

"For my own part, I should prefer men who have taken either an arts or law degree, and I am particularly anxious to get men who have had the full experience of university life.

"By this I mean that I am not anxious to get men who have merely attended night classes.

"The full life of a university can give an experience of other men, a breadth of vision, and a capability of assimilating new ideas that make such men valuable for higher commercial posts.

"If attendance at the university merely consists of night classes," Mr. Darch writes, "or if the course taken is merely one on strictly commercial subjects, then the very things I need—breadth of vision and experience of other men—will be lacking."

"At present the universities, to some extent, are complaining that commercial firms are not taking sufficient men from them; but, on the other hand, I maintain that the universities at present are not able to offer us the sort of men we want."

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RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Proposed Australian Institute

CARNEGIE CORPORATION SCHEME

The Carnegie Corporation, towards the end of last year, offered to make an annual grant of from £5,000 to £6,000 for ten years for the purpose of establishing in Australia an Institute for Research in Education, and also undertook to find the salary of an executive officer and the necessary travelling and administrative expenses. The promise was conditional upon the formulation of a constitution and an organisation capable of administering such a fund and of directing scientific investigation. Mr. Frank Tate (a former Director of Education in Victoria), and Professors Mackie and Lovell (of the Sydney University), were asked to take the necessary action to bring together representative educationists and submit a proposed constitution to the corporation. It was distinctly laid down in the offer that the institute should not be connected with any education department or university or any political party.

Six State Institutes

Steps were at once taken to form in every Australian State an Institute for Research in Education. Membership has been restricted to those who are interested in educational research, and have qualifications for carrying out research and investigation. Six State Institutes have now been formed, and are prepared to co-operate with the

central organisation, which the Carnegie Corporation will be asked to finance. Last week a representative meeting was held in Melbourne, at which all the State Institutes, except that of Queensland, were represented. After discussion an approved constitution was adopted, and has now been submitted to the Carnegie Corporation. The constitution provides for the establishment of an Australian Educational Research Council to promote generally, as far as possible in co-operation with existing institutions, the cause of research and investigation in education throughout Australia. The council is to consist of nine members of whom six will be representative of the six State Institutes, and three will be co-opted by the council. The council will make grants to research workers in education in the various States, and will publish in suitable form the results of investigations made.

A reply from the Carnegie Corporation is expected at an early date, and it is hoped that steps will be taken at the end of the present year to appoint an executive officer and begin active work in 1930.

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VARSITY MEN COMING INTO POLITICS

"Old Men Loath To Make Room"

"One of the worst features of Australian political life," writes Mr. Keith Wilson (chairman of committees, Political Reform League) in the University Magazine, "is the utter lack of interest displayed by University men."

He added:—"It was indeed gratifying to the league to know that it has interested so many University men in politics, and be confident that before many months have elapsed others will join its ranks.

"It is from the university that many young men should, and in England do, come into politics. The English universities are accounted for brainy men, and safe seats in Parliament are offered to them. In South Australia the young men, before the formation of the Political Reform League, have been backward in offering themselves, and where they have, the older men have been, and still are, loath to make room for them."

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Radio to Aid Musical Education CONSERVATORIUM STAFF

FIRST CONCERT ON AIR FRIDAY NIGHT

Chamber Music and Addresses

By special arrangement with Dr. Harold Davies (Director of Elder Conservatorium) members of the staff of the Conservatorium will for the first time broadcast a programme of chamber music from 5CL on Friday evening.

This linking of the activities of a department of Adelaide University with radio broadcasting has vast possibilities, and if successful may lead to other branches of learning being put "on the air" by lecturers of the University. It is proposed to broadcast on similar lines fortnightly.

In the absence of Dr. Davies from Adelaide Mr. John Horner, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M. (teacher of organ and pianoforte at the Conservatorium) commented on the project. By means of broadcasting, he said, he could see great possibilities of extending the influence of the Conservatorium far beyond its walls.

"It is much more congenial to listen to chamber music in the comfort of the home than in a large hall which is not suited to recitals of that nature," he continued.

"In addition to the chamber music there will be vocal and instrumental solos, interspersed with talks to make the programme as attractive as possible to ordinary listeners.

"A chamber work will be the chief item of each concert, and these will be specially selected to have a wide appeal. The second programme will include the Schubert trio in B flat. As the movements are lengthy the work as a whole may be interpolated

with talks and other items. A long work will not be played off in its entirety.

"Wide variety will be given to the programmes, and later it is hoped to include addresses by representatives of other departments of the University. We would welcome notes from listeners about their reception of the programmes, and feel sure that the movement to broadcast good music will be appreciated by the public."

Mr. R. H. Wallman (chairman of directors of Central Broadcasters Limited) said that the consent of the council of Adelaide University to the broadcasting of specially arranged concerts by members of the staff of Elder Conservatorium meant much more than that the performance of the best musical talent in Adelaide would be available to listeners.

It meant that broadcasting had been officially recognised as a means of educating the public to a deeper appreciation of music and literature.

FAR-REACHING POWER

"Although the broadcasting from the studio of Conservatorium concerts is mainly of an experimental nature," continued Mr. Wallman, "it can be taken as evidence that broadcasting is slowly rising from the position of an addition to the amusement world of the twentieth century to that of a far-reaching power with a penetrating influence that has only recently been appreciated—one that can be of national service of immense cultural and educational value.

"I would like to point out that Dr. Davies and the University Council have adopted a most unselfish and broadminded course in giving their sanction to the operation between Elder Conservatorium and 5CL.

"So far as the actual broadcasting of the concerts is concerned, there is no need for me to extol the artists who appear—they are all well known; but I may say that the great experience of broadcasting gained by Dr. Davies during his recent visit to London will be of inestimable value. Sir Walford Davies, brother of Prof. Davies, has achieved success personally, as well as musical 'over the air' from 2LO London.

"These concerts will confer a distinction upon broadcasting in South Australia as 5CL is the only station in the Commonwealth to have the official cooperation of the local Conservatorium."



DR. HAROLD DAVIES

Director of Elder Conservatorium, who has arranged for the broadcasting of chamber music by the staff of the Conservatorium from 5CL on Friday evening.

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SURPRISE GIFT

RHODES LETTERS FOR OXFORD

There was a surprise gift at the end of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust dinner, attended by the Prince of Wales, at Oxford recently.

Two letters written by Cecil Rhodes to his solicitor, Mr. Bouchier F. Hawksley, regarding the founding of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust were presented to Rhodes House, Oxford. The presentation was made by Mr. Vincent K. Butler on behalf of the Rhodes Scholars of the United States. The letters had been found in the Hoover War Library at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, which President Hoover presented to his old University.

"From the Sea"

In the first letter Rhodes writes from Madeira:—"I think I have hit the phrase. In awarding the scholarships great consideration shall be given to those who have shown during school days that they have instincts to lead and take an interest in their school mates, which attributes will be likely in after life to guide them to esteem the performance of public duties as their highest aim. The last thing I want is a bookworm. I don't think you will beat the above. They come from the sea. The temporary nature of human life is very depressing. As soon as you have drafted kindly post to me for signature, or some hidden devil may whisk me off before my worldly depositions are signed."

An Imperial Party

In his second letter Rhodes wrote that his idea was that any balance of funds should be spent on the maintenance and extension of Imperial thought.

"You would have a larger number in the House of Commons, who whilst being either Liberal or Conservative, would be above all things Imperial. In fact, make the Imperial idea paramount. You might in time have a distinct Imperial party in the House of Commons, though the name might be distasteful to the electors, and therefore perhaps better avoided. You should also select the best of the students and send them to different parts of the world to maintain the Imperial thought. In the colonies they would be better unmarried, as the consideration of babies and other domestic agenda generally destroys higher thought. Please understand I am in no sense a woman-hater, but this particular business (sic) is better untrammelled with material thought."

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Adelaide Varsity Professors To Go On Tours

NEXT year the University will be greatly depleted of its professors and lecturers. Sir Douglas Mawson and Professor Harvey Johnston will be at the South Pole, Professors Hancock (history), Hicks (physiology), and Mr. A. E. M. Kirwood (lecturer in English) are going to Europe to conduct a year's research in their several subjects. Professor Woollard is leaving to take up the professorship of anatomy, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

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NEXT EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Mr. W. J. Adey Mentioned NEED FOR LOCAL MAN

IT is expected that the position of Director of Education, made vacant by the death of Mr. McCoy, will be filled shortly.

There is a feeling in the higher branches of the department that it would be wise to have a local man, who would simply direct the policy which Mr. McCoy has put into operation and which has been framed to extend over a number of years.

With the exception of Mr. McCoy, all the directors have been local men. Mr. A. Williams was head teacher at Nerwood, and Mr. M. Maughan was, at the time of his appointment in 1913, chief inspector of schools. Mr. McCoy came from Tasmania, and it is thought that the present circumstances warrant the appointment of a local man.

The name most frequently discussed is that of Mr. W. J. Adey, Superintendent of Secondary Education, who received his present appointment in 1920. Mr. C. Charlton (Deputy Director of Education) has occupied that position for several years with distinction, but is now in his 70th year, and it is considered doubtful, if the position, should the need arise, would be filled by Mr. Adey.



Mr. W. J. Adey

Mr. Adey is mentioned as a possible candidate for the position of Director of Education.