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Professor A. J. Prescott, chief of the Commonwealth Division of Soil Research, who has been examining soils in the Murrumbidgee irrigation area, returned on Saturday. He will confer with the Irrigation Commission.

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES
It is anticipated that many thousands of people will pass through the University during the conversation on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, May 21 and 22. It was announced yesterday that the opening day would be spent on the University Oval, when graduates would meet undergraduates in sports contests. These sports were originally arranged for the Friday.

CONSERVATORIUM ORGAN RECITAL
For the third of Mr. John Horner's new series of lunch hour organ recitals, the Elder Conservatorium Hall was thronged yesterday. Opening with a masterpiece rendering of Bach's great prelude and fugue in B minor, Beethoven's Egmont overture followed, orchestral effects being artistically suggested by resourceful registration and felicitous phrasing. Two vivacious pieces by French composers, the pastorale from Widor's second symphony and Gigout's "B Minor Toccata" proved delightful. With Miss Jessica Dix at the piano, the recitalist gave a great rendering of the slow movement from Grieg's concerto. The programme ended with Schubert's ever-welcome "Marche Militaire," brilliantly played. In his recital on April 30, Mr. Horner will range from Bach to Handel, and include Basil Harwood's C sharp minor sonata.

PUBLIC EXAMS.
University Considers Scheme for Common Standard
Investigation into the public examination system is being conducted by officials of the University of Adelaide. Prof. J. McKellar Stewart stated this morning that the public examinations committee, of which he is chairman, had considered the scheme for a common standard of matriculation throughout the Commonwealth drawn up by Sir William Mitchell (vice-chancellor of the University). The scheme is now being considered by the staff of the University, continued Prof. Stewart, and later it would be discussed by the University council. There would be no alteration in the system this year.

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Discovery Leaves For England
Melbourne, April 19.
Homeward bound after its voyages in the Antarctic, the Discovery left Williamstown on Saturday afternoon. The Discovery's course was set for Wellington (N.Z.), her first port of call. The only other port of call on a voyage of about 13 weeks, by way of Cape Horn, will be Monte Video.

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IN OTHER CITIES
Perth Gossip

From Our Special Correspondent
Teachers and University
The Teachers' Union has protested against the proposal that the University take over the training of teachers now that the Teachers' Training College is to be closed, probably for three years. It has been suggested that the University should undertake the general cultural teaching given at the college and the theoretical instruction in education and carry on students for the diploma course, leaving the department to arrange for the practical work. The Government will not want more teachers for three years, but it will take students that time to complete the University course. The Training College costs £18,000 a year, and the Government grant to the University is £30,000. Much overlapping could be avoided, and it is the tendency all over the educational world for the training of teachers to become more and more a university affair.

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HELPFUL LEGACIES
University and Church Benefit

Elder's Trustee and Executor Company, Limited, announces that under the will of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Macmeikan provision is made for payment of legacies of £500 each to the Corporation of Victor Harbor (for the Soldiers' Gardens) and St. Michael's Church, Mitcham. After other dispositions in favor of relatives and friends, it is directed that the income from the residuary estate shall be paid to the University of Adelaide in perpetuity. Provisions of the will in relation to the disposal of this income are identical with those of the endowment fund which her father (the late Mr. Peter Waite) provided for the purpose of the Waite Institute at Glen Osmond.

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MINES DEPARTMENT CHANGES

New Deputy Director and Geologist
Two important appointments to the Mines Department were made by Executive Council yesterday. Mr. R. W. Segnit, who is assistant mechanical and electrical engineer in the Architect-in-Chief's department, has been made assistant Government Geologist, and Mr. L. J. Winton, Chief Inspector of Mines, has been appointed Deputy Director of Mines. The changes follow the recent resignation of Dr. R. Lockhart Jack, who was Deputy Government Geologist, and is now on the staff of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company. Mr. Segnit, who is a native of South Australia, studied at the School of Mines and graduated in arts at Oxford. He won many honors in science, including scholarships, and in 1921 was selected as a member of the Oxford University expedition to Spitzbergen. For his research work he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Mr. Winton, who has been Chief Inspector of Mines for 15 years, graduated in engineering at the Sydney University, and prior to coming to South Australia had considerable experience in practical mine management in Broken Hill and other parts of New South Wales.

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CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Auspicious Opening of Season

By Alex Burnard.
The Conservatorium concert season for 1931 opened auspiciously last night with a recital of chamber music, the large audience lending force to Sir Foster Fraser's memorable dictum concerning this city.

The programme (which was of an ideal length) was opened with a lovely work for strings—the Quartet in D flat—by the Hungarian, Von Dohnanyi. It gripped the audience from the outset, and the Conservatorium Quartet—Peter Bornstein, Kathleen Meegan, Sylvia Whittington, and Harold Parsons—must be congratulated on their notable presentation of it. The first movement opens and closes with a pensive motto-phrase, and within this frame is exposed a gently undulating panorama of moods. Suavely melodic at times, at others, its harmonies full of innate grace, its simplicity of outline is ever present. Those were tender moments, at the subsidiary section with a pizzicato undercurrent from the cello.

An element of unrest pervaded the scherzo, masterfully set forth by the players; but this movement seemed most remarkable for the beauty of its trio, in chorale style, again with an effective pizzicato background. The Molto Adagio is the gem of the whole, broadly earnest in plan, mood and texture. After a rapt, devotional opening, it proceeds to an impassioned section, very virilely expounded, and finally sinks back into a heavenly adagio. To mention one episode of the many beautiful ones, the viola (the tone-quality of which is surely the loveliest of all sounds) carried the burden of the tune, plus languid arpeggi from the two violins, the cello strumming soft chords, guitar-fashion; and the resultant balance was perfect. It was as if Dohnanyi was loth to leave his work towards the last, when the long "tonic pedal" gave us a sense of deep, abiding peace—and, with a final satisfied sigh, came the original motto to crown a remarkable work—remarkable in its suggestive stimulus to the mind.

Hilda Gill chose three well-grouped Brahms songs. The first "Sweet Melodies," was notable for the broad purity of its phrases, and left an impression which the unfortunate final note could not mar. "Gracious and kind" is always lovely as Miss Gill sings it, and although we could not sense the "mortal anguish" when it came, still "pure delight" was in every other line. "The Vain Suit" was well portrayed—alternately lover's pleading and unkind badinage—except that possibly the last verse might have been more contrastively felt. George Pearce accompanied artistically.

In the final item, Dvorak's piano quartet op. 87, the string players were joined by William Sliver, who showed all his old mastery. After the Dohnanyi, this work, save for its slow movement, showed as mere boyish exuberance, but it is most tellingly conceived nevertheless. After a lively opening allegro, we passed to the lento, which the programme notes justly appraised as one of this master's "loveliest gems of lyricism." The broad initial phrases from the cello were later tensely discussed, and various episodes combine to make a beautiful whole.

The scherzo is in tender vein, rather in the nature of folk-music, and is enlivened, rather than "pacified," by its extremely bustling little trio, with its constantly shifting rhythmic interest. A carefree allegro brought the work to a conclusion. After elaborate modulation, its simple theme is effectively augmented, and the ensuing coda innocuous. The late Chief Justice was conspicuously capable on the bench, and his decisions were seldom upset. He is survived by a widow and four children, one of whom is Mr. J. P. McMillan, a Perth solicitor.

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WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS
Professor Sir William Mitchell, Vice-Chancellor of the Adelaide University, will preside at the annual meeting of the League of Nations Union meeting, to be held in the lecture room of the Institute Building, North-terrace, tonight. Principal Klek will deliver the annual address, his subject being "The League and the World Economic Crisis."

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Next Tuesday evening Professor Kerr Grant will speak to science students on "Recent Advances on the Frontier of Physical Science."

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DEATH OF CHIEF JUSTICE OF W.A.
Sir Robert McMillan
DRAMATIC COLLAPSE

Perth, April 23.
The Chief Justice (Sir Robert Purze McMillan) died in dramatic circumstances this afternoon while attending the opening of St. George's College in the University of Western Australia by the Governor (Sir William Campbell). Sir Robert had moved a vote of thanks to the Governor, and while his secondor was speaking he fell forward. He was carried outside, and several doctors came to his aid, but death occurred a couple of minutes later. Most of the people left the college believing that the Chief Justice had only fainted, and was recovering.

Brilliant Legal Career
Sir Robert McMillan was born in London on January 24, 1858, and was a son of the late John McMillan, barrister-at-law. He was educated at Westminster School, and went on to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he was the holder of a law studentship. He took the degree of LL.B. in 1880, and later became a member of the Inner Temple, where he held a common law scholarship, and the Inns of Court studentship in jurisprudence and the English bar in 1881, and joined the western circuit. He was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia on December 1, 1902, Acting Chief Justice in 1913, and succeeded to the Chief Justiceship on January 1, 1914. The Chief Justice was knighted in June, 1926, and made K.C.M.G. in June, 1925. He was appointed Lieutenant-Governor in June, 1921, and acted as Administrator in 1922, 1924, and 1929, and as Deputy Governor on many occasions. The late Chief Justice was conspicuously capable on the bench, and his decisions were seldom upset. He is survived by a widow and four children, one of whom is Mr. J. P. McMillan, a Perth solicitor.

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MRS. MACMEIKAN'S BEQUESTS
Income for University

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The Council of the University has appointed Mr. S. R. Burston, M.B., B.S., clinical lecturer in medicine.

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Have Universities Failed?
Sir—It is a subject of frequent comment that the leaders on all sides in Australia in the present crisis are men who received their education in the "university of hard knocks."

In the front ranks these from the heavily endowed universities are so few as to be hardly worth mentioning. The highest achievement I have noticed of the "heirs of all the ages" in our difficulties is to shout when thoughtful men of all shades of political opinion give their solutions in public—and the lowest of low-brows can do that. Have the universities failed? Are they of no service to democracy? Are they out of date? As many Australians answer "yes" to these pertinent questions, perhaps some of the interrupters of meetings will attempt a reply. It might be beneficial for them to have to think seriously, and possibly if they turn upon us their heavy guns which should be loaded with the accumulated wisdom of centuries, we will be knocked speechless, for, alas, we are not university men!—Yours etc., North Adelaide, JLN.

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Economic Committee Confers With Experts

Melbourne, April 29.
Most of the time of the Economy Committee, appointed by the Loan Council, was occupied today by consultations with experts on the economic condition of Australia and the financial position of the Governments. There were long discussions with Professor Giblin economic adviser to the Commonwealth Government, Professor Melville, of Adelaide, economic adviser to the Commonwealth Bank, Mr. H. W. Gepp, and the Public Service Arbitrator (Mr. J. C. Westhoven), who is chairman of the special committee appointed last year to investigate overlapping between the Government departments in the various States.

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Education Economies
Special expert committees have been enquiring into the possibility of cuts in the votes for education, soldier settlement, and agriculture. Their reports are to be available in time for the Premier to make his plans for the next financial year. The reduced expenditure on education may take the form of closing schools and providing other facilities for instruction in the more sparsely populated country areas. Soldier settlement on the Murray, which has been such an expensive undertaking, is being rigorously examined.

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In Executive Council this morning the following were appointed to constitute the advisory committee under the Hospitals Act:—Dr. F. S. Bone, Dr. W. Ray, Dr. E. Angus Johnson, Dr. C. T. C. de Crespigny, Sir Henry Newland, and Messrs. H. Gill Williams and E. J. Shepherd, M.P.