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Brilliant Organ Recital

In his recital on the Elder Conservatorium organ during the lunch-hour yesterday, Mr. John Horner played throughout in brilliant fashion. The Cesar Franck choral (No. 3 in A minor) was the outstanding feature. Of the shorter pieces, Eriehach's "Cherry Tree" and two excerpts from Nesbitt's "Hebrid Seas" tone poem proved particularly effective, the "Sea Plaint" and "Sea Croon" of the latter affording opportunities for resourceful registration and felicitous phrasing, of which the recitalist fully availed himself. Lovers of Bach music were well catered for in the F toccata. Widor's "Marche Pontificale" provided an impressive finale.

Master Cecil Beurle's playing of "La Cinqtaine" (Marie) as a cello solo revealed much promise. At Mr. Horner's next recital, on August 13, a feature will be Percy Grainger's "Bridal Song to a Nordic Princess."

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First F.R.C.S. Exam. in Australia
Accompanied by Professor G. A. Buckmaster, professor of physiology at the Bristol University, Professor Wright is on his way to Melbourne to conduct the primary examinations in physiology and anatomy for the diploma of Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, which will begin in Melbourne next Tuesday. This is the first time this examination has been held in Australia, the purpose being to save candidates the expense of a trip and about six months residence in London, which was previously necessary for them to obtain the diploma. The examination has been held in Canada for two years, and another will take place in Toronto in October.

It is anticipated that 24 Australian and New Zealand candidates will present themselves for examination in Melbourne next week.

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MR. YOUNG'S GREAT SERVICES

Resigns from Finance Body

GOVERNMENT'S THANKS

Mr. W. J. Young, who has been chairman of the Advisory Committee on State Finance since its appointment in June of last year, forwarded his resignation this week owing to pressure of work.

On its acceptance by the Executive Council, the Premier (Mr. Hill), on behalf of the Government, wrote to Mr. Young in terms of high appreciation of his great services.



Mr. W. J. Young

Mr. Young wrote to the Premier on July 31 as follows:—

"Dear Mr. Premier—
As orally mentioned to you, I am desirous of retiring from the Advisory Committee on State Finance, owing to pressure of work, and I think the time has now arrived when I may reasonably be permitted to ask the Government to accept my resignation.

"The main function of the committee was to advise the Government in regard to the budgetary position of South Australia. This has been done. The problem, for the time being, is merged in the Premier's Plan recently adopted at the Melbourne Conference. The Premier's Plan has demonstrated to Australia the right path to pursue, and I highly appreciate the important part played by yourself at the various conferences. Probably no country in the world has a better chance of recovery than Australia. Admitting that a considerable portion of our territory may be regarded as arid or semi-arid, there is remaining an immense area of rich land, with a very favorable climate, occupied by only 6,000,000 people. We have here a homogeneous race, virile both in mental and physical qualities, and under wise leaders the possibilities for a happy and prosperous population are unsurpassed. Yet there is much to be done. We must recover from the orgy of over-borrowing. We must rebuild our financial structure, and on sound lines. We must realise that Australia is part of the world, and must base its economic policy in relation to the rest of the world; no

Mr. Young's Letter

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Act of Parliament can alter this basic truth.
"The question of South Australian disabilities under Federation has reached a dormant stage. The case for South Australia, so ably prepared by Professor Melville, was duly presented to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Joint Committee of Public Accounts, and its report has been issued and awaits consideration in the Commonwealth Parliament. You have received advice from the Federal Treasurer that the sum of £1,000,000, recommended by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, has been included in the Federal Budget. This amount is, of course, inadequate, and the question of disabilities under Federation is still unsolved. It would appear that a revision of tariffs and bounties is necessary, not only to adjust the incidence of the relationship between the States and the Commonwealth, but to re-establish the welfare of the Commonwealth as a whole.

"In conclusion, I wish to say how much I appreciate the courtesy I have received from you, Mr. Premier, and the other members of the Government, and I thank my colleagues on the Advisory Committee on State Finance for their co-operation in the work which we have shared equally together."

Premier's Appreciation

Yesterday, the Premier replied:—
"Dear Mr. Young—
"It was with regret that I read your letter tendering your resignation as a member of the Advisory Committee on State Finance. His Excellency the Governor accepted your resignation at a meeting of Executive Council yesterday.

"On behalf of the members of my Government, I desire to express our sincere thanks for the very valuable services you have rendered not only to the Government, but to the State generally during the last fifteen months. South Australia was indeed fortunate in being able to obtain your services at a time when she was confronted with some of the greatest financial difficulties in her history. Everyone appreciates the fine spirit you showed in placing your wide knowledge and experience at the disposal of the State. No one knows better than I, the sacrifice you made, the great amount of work you performed, and the value of the advice you were always so ready to give.

"I am sure it must be gratifying to you to know that the financial policy enunciated by myself, on behalf of the South Australian Government, in July, 1930, has now been accepted by the Governments of Australia and incorporated in the Premier's Plan. We look on this Plan as the first definite step towards the restoration of Australia's financial position and the return to prosperity which we all so earnestly desire.

"Personally, I desire to thank you for your kind references to the part I played in the various conferences that have been held, and also for your sound advice and assistance to me as Premier and Treasurer of South Australia since I have been in office. Such assistance has been helpful in carrying out the onerous duties attached to these high offices. Your references to my Ministers and the members of the Advisory Committee on State Finance have been conveyed to them and are much appreciated."

"Tower of Strength"

Speaking as leader of the Liberal Party Mr. Butler said last night that Mr. Young's resignation was much to be regretted, but the State was fortunate in having had the advantage of his authoritative advice for so long.

"Mr. Young's work," said Mr. Butler, "has been a notable patriotic contribution in a time of national need. He has been a tower of strength in assisting to pilot South Australia back to the road of prosperity. In Mr. Young, my Government and the Hill Ministry have had the advantage of the great services, not only of a gifted financier, but an authority on economics."

Gratitude of the State

"The great services which Mr. Young and the other members of the State Finance Committee have rendered for South Australia during this most critical financial period," said the leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council (Sir David Gordon) yesterday, "have placed the whole of the people under the deepest debt of gratitude. Their advice has been of outstanding importance. I am pleased to learn that the Government has sent a letter to Mr. Young expressing appreciation of his valuable services. Parliament, and the people generally, have been given the advantage of the special financial knowledge of Mr. Young and his colleagues, and their work has contributed materially to the successful consummation of the Premier's Plan for the rehabilitation of Australia."

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MR. YOUNG RETIRES

The public of South Australia does not know, and, in the nature of things, never will know, how much it is indebted to the Advisory Committee on State Finance, whose chairman, Mr. W. J. Young, his distinguished but unostentatious duty of citizenship discharged, resigned last week from a post equally honorary and onerous. With its chairman's resignation, the work of the committee is virtually at an end; but, almost simultaneously, there begins the new era in Government finance which Mr. Young and his colleagues—Professor Melville and Messrs. Hunkin, Wainwright, and Stuckey—have wrought with such selfless and unflagging zeal to inaugurate. Now that the State is on the road to financial rehabilitation, and that acute emergency is past which called the committee into being more than a year ago, Mr. Young is not only entitled to be released from the heavy responsibilities which have devolved upon him, but is equally entitled to believe that the Government will now go on unfalteringly in the path along which its financial advisers had the wisdom and the courage to lead almost from the moment of their appointment. It may be doubted whether anyone not directly in touch with official affairs realised how desperate the financial situation of the State seemed in June of last year, soon after a new Government, descending from the roseate clouds of its own creation which had enveloped it during the elections, began to examine the realities of administration as these appeared from the vantage point of the Treasury. Admirable though the record of the Hill Government is, there is nothing in which its wisdom is more apparent, or from which its subsequent successes have more directly proceeded, than its resolve to appoint a body of impartial experts to devise a financial policy, and its no less important determination to make that policy effective.

In political and official circles, of course, the facts are well understood, and the supreme importance of the work of the Young Committee fully realised. Sir David Gordon expressed the feeling common to all who, from the inside, know something of what the State owes to the committee, when he proposed, in a speech to the Legislative Council last week, that Mr. Young and his colleagues should formally and impressively receive the thanks of Parliament for their outstanding services. Exalted citizenship is too rare a virtue not to be acknowledged as gratefully and publicly as we can contrive to acknowledge it. It may be said without the least risk of invidiousness—indeed, every other member of the committee would desire, on his own account, to pay this tribute to a chairman who has won their profound esteem—that the spirit displayed by Mr. Young is singularly worthy of admiration and emulation. He gave notable service to the State, in an honorary capacity, by presiding over the Special Committee appointed by the Butler Government; and, as the executive head of one of the most important commercial concerns in South Australia, he might well have pleaded, when he was asked, 12 months ago, to concern himself once again with the tremendous problem of State finance, that the increasing general dislocation of business would impose too heavy a burden upon him as a private citizen, to make it possible for him to shoulder anything more as an adviser of the Government. Mr. Young did not demur, when he saw the exceedingly steep and stony path of public duty before him. He undertook the new work in addition to the increasing anxieties of the old; and there is no one in South Australia for whom the day has since been shorter, or for whom its cares have been heavier or more incessant, than for the chair-

man of the Advisory Committee on State Finance. It has been no deprivation to a man of Mr. Young's temperament, that, of necessity, he has toiled in the background of public life. Indeed, he could not have done his work—it may be doubted whether he would have consented to attempt it—in the limelight. Now that he has retired, as quietly and unostentatiously as he has labored for so many months for the good of the State and everyone in it, we owe it to ourselves as South Australians to acknowledge the extent of our obligations; and Sir David Gordon's suggestion is worthy of the Government's most earnest consideration.

News 8-8-31
SERVICE TO STATE

Sir David Gordon Praises Finance Committee

Speaking in the Legislative Council during the week, Sir David Gordon paid a tribute to the work done for South Australia and the voluntary service given by members of the Advisory Committee on State Finance. The committee comprised Mr. W. J. Young (chairman), Prof. L. G. Melville, and Messrs. R. R. Stuckey, C. Hunkin, and J. W. Wainwright.

"Knowing something of what the committee has accomplished and the manner in which it has worked day and night," said Sir David, "I say that the Government and the State have been placed under a great obligation to these men for the way in which they carried out their important duties, and I suggest to the Chief Secretary that it would not be too much if the Government submitted motions in both Houses of Parliament publicly thanking them for their services.

"We are apt to overlook the voluntary work done in this community. To me it is wonderful to see the number of institutions which are run by men and women giving their services in the interests of the community. The various men named, except Mr. Young, are public servants. They worked frequently late into the night or the early hours of the morning, trying to carry out departmental duties, and at the same time concentrating on the work of the advisory committee.

"The amount of information that has been tabulated and made available must be of immense value to the Government and members who have seen the compilations. Now that the work has been finished the committee will be going out of existence. It would be regrettable if the Government allowed it to be disbanded without public recognition of the kind I have suggested."

NEW CHAIRMAN

"The Government and the committee worked in complete harmony, and consideration of the appointment of a new chairman will not be given by Cabinet until the return from Melbourne of the Hon. L. L. Hill (Premier)," said the Hon. W. J. Denny (Attorney-General) today. He was referring to the resignation of Mr. Young from the chairmanship of the committee.

"The resignations of other members of the committee have not been received," said Mr. Denny. "The committee was not appointed for any definite period, and no decision has been reached whether it shall continue to function or terminate its work. There is no doubt that the committee has done valuable work for the State, and the letter addressed by the Government to Mr. Young had the unanimous support of Ministers."

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Mr. L. A. G. Symons, a former pupil of St. Peter's College and St. Mark's College, Adelaide University, has gained a place on the list of senior optimes in the mathematics finals of the University of Cambridge. He gained first-class honors in mathematics at the Adelaide University and was awarded a Dominions exhibition at Trinity College, Cambridge. Mr. Symons has been appointed to the staff of Marlborough College (England).