

Conservatorium Concert

For the Conservatorium students concert, the Elder Hall was well filled and the night was one of general excellence, creditable alike to teachers and taught, was revealed.

Of the pianoforte items, Miss Jean Virena's rendering of Beethoven's Op. 10, No. 3 and variations was marked by admirable clarity and expressiveness. Mrs. Ruth Treen played the Beethoven Concerto in F minor Arensky concerto in brilliant fashion. In the first A flat Chopin étude, Miss Betty Puddy was not heard to so great advantage as in her Debussy piece, "La plus que lente."

The former was marked by a tendency to singularity, but she was an ingenious use of the sostenuto pedal, the latter receiving far more felicitous treatment. Miss Evelyn Green's Lachner waltz and toccata started rather crudely but improved as it went on.

Among the singers, Miss Rita Nelson (soprano) was particularly successful, her voice, excellent enunciation, and delightful expressiveness in "The Snowdrop" (Gretchenbrot) and "O God, but Express in Song" (Mafalshin) with much charm. Mr. Clement Hardman sang two "Lullaburys" excellently, and Mrs. Evelyn Green sang "O Eve" in highly creditable fashion. The recitative and aria from "Eloise" by Miss Betty Kekwick, two Schubert songs by Miss Joyce Kofe, and the "Air de Laila" from "L'Alcazar" by Miss Gertrude G. Gault showed promise, and the need for sedulous care in securing smoother tones.

A brilliant finale was provided by the rendering of the Dohnanyi pianoforte quintet in C minor, played in superb style by Miss Evelyn Green, Miss Helen Maszary, Gladys Verco, and Helena Harris, and Master C. Tribute is due to the good work of the accompanists—Mrs. Jean Black, Miss Helen Maszary, Gladys Verco, Gwen Paul, Jean Painter, and Owen Thomsom.

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IT is not anticipated that of students at the University of Adelaide who proceed to degrees in economics many will make careers in public service. Prof. J. McKellar Stewart explained today at the first annual conference of the South Australian regional group of the Institute of Public Administration, Brig.-Gen. R. L. Leane (Commissioner of Police) was in the chair.

"The University," continued Prof. Stewart, "will touch professional life through its chair of economics. If at all, by training teachers and officers for the higher positions in the Public Service. In the ambition of the institute for the professional standing of its members it may hopefully look to the University for sympathy and support. The University has abandoned the task of professional training not gradually, as something forced upon it, but willingly, as one immediate service which it can and ought to render to the community.

"It is altogether desirable, from the standpoint of both of the University and the community, that the scope of professional training should be widened. The advantage to the University is the outlet that is given to the power which it has by virtue of its peculiar nature. Professional training is based upon two faculties—arts and science. These constitute the central nervous system controlling all the practical activity of specific professions. As the scope of this system so will be the efficiency of the training in its essential features.

"The spirit of the University is that of the investigator, it finds its chief satisfaction in extending the bounds of knowledge. It has sought for men animated by this spirit. So far as it is possible, men equipped with the knowledge already gained in some department of science, literature, history, or philosophy, and equipped for the adventure of further knowledge. The strength of the University for its task of training men for professions will depend upon its success in securing such men for its service. The University secures an advantage in the outlet given to the power that works the central system, it makes a new call for the communication of knowledge acquired and discovered. It also furnishes a new opportunity for awakening and training in an enlarged manner the spirit of investigation, for cultivating the virtues of intellectual sincerity and humility, patience, perseverance, veracity, and self-discipline.

"THE advantage to the community reveals itself in the gain of a number of men who have acquired such knowledge as will fit them to use their skill in rendering service to the public. Knowledge, however, does not end, there. In acquiring knowledge these men will, in varying degrees, have caught the spirit of free enquiry, have trained themselves to think in the analysis and solution of problems, and have cultivated the intellectual virtues necessary to the work.

"The full reward could be attained, added Prof. Stewart, only by those who became absorbed in the task. This principle had controlled her arrangement of courses for the diploma in public administration as well as for the degree in economics. It is argued well for the growth of the relations between the institute and the University that the University should be able to provide the objectives, "to maintain the high ideals and traditions of the Public Services and promote the professional interests. He continued, "took the thoughts of the public servant away from his own private advantage to the task he was called upon to perform and the service it was his privilege to render. Further, the more complete his surrender to the task and the service the stronger would be his tendency to fit himself adequately, and in determining condition of professional status was the standard of mental training.

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WEDNESDAY

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PREMIER OPENS CONFERENCE

"No officer of the Public Service should consider himself as qualified to say to a Minister 'This or that is wrong,'" declared the Premier (Mr. H. H. Hall) yesterday, when opening the first annual conference of the South Australian Institute of Public Administration.

Mr. Hall added that it was the task of the Minister to decide whether the advice was good or bad.

The conference was held at the Chamber of Commerce Building, and the president of the Institute (Brigadier-General R. L. Leane) opened the proceedings. The chairman said they all recognized the value of the work Mr. Hill had done on behalf of the Public Service. The conference had been made possible only by the cooperation shown by Mr. Leane and his Ministers, who knew the value to the community of a keen and efficient Public Service.

Value to State
The Premier said that he felt that the members of the institute were about to enter upon deliberations which would be of considerable value to the people of this State. There never was a time in the history of the country when the public service was so important on the part of public opinion as it was more pressing.

Heads of departments should be qualified together with the permanent officers, whereas it took a Minister 12 months to become conversant with the work of a department. To large extent Ministers had to rely on the Lord Mayor (Mr. Glover) and his knowledge of their officers. Any movement in the public service should be of benefit to the community, Stewart responding. "Our public service has been a failure. It is necessary for the public administration for the modern works manager. Last night members of the Government on the part of public opinion as it was more pressing.

An address on "University and the Public Service" was given by Professor J. McKellar Stewart, who laid stress on the importance of training in producing thinkers capable of applying a scientific mind to the solution of administrative problems. The Adelaide University was naturally in sympathy with that view. It is highly important that the service should be definitely trained, and that the public service should be definitely laid down. The Adelaide University has made special provision for such training, having a number of teachers and officers for the higher positions in the public service. The value of the training to the public service was shown to the fact that out of its annual grant of £100,000 the University devoted £34,000 to such training.

Civic Reception
At noon members of conference attended a civic reception to delegates by the Lord Mayor (Mr. Glover) in the Launceston Hotel.

Acknowledging the reception, Brigadier-General Leane said he regarded the establishment of the Institute as an historic event in the history of the regional group actively operating outside of Britain. The new body was the result of the settlement of the financial difficulties of the public administration at the University.

Membership Growth
On the resumption of the conference meeting, the secretary (Mr. G. G. Lewis) presented the annual report, which recorded the continued growth of membership, despite the national depression.

Executive elected—Chairman, Brigadier-General R. L. Leane; Deputy Chairman, Mr. G. E. Wilson; Treasurer, Mr. S. Price; Mr. V. E. Dumas, Mr. H. M. Holland; Secretary, Mr. G. G. Lewis; Auditors, Messrs. W. E. Rogers and J. W. Wainwright.

Brigadier-General S. Price left Adelaide at the conclusion of the conference. A paper on the training, promotion, and classification of recruits for the public service was read by Mr. G. E.

Wilson, Commonwealth Public Commissioner.

Senior Officers Not Paid
Mr. C. Harding Brown spoke recently from the Standpoint "outside it." He said he had the admiration for the civil service State. Some officers, whose quality was great and work important, were on too low a salary, he said.

He realised the danger of over-bureaucracy, but they had a right there was bound to be in the great deal of government by officials. Parliament should have more extensive use of its power on senior officers, for informal service is a recent development in the case of Sir Robert Gibson, who vacated the creation of two of the services in England, but a Australian conditions.

The question had been raised whether a university training was ideal for administrators. It was, he pointed out that as administrators functioned as the experts of the Government, and in day conditions were constantly being required high quality trained men.

Entrance Examinations
Expressing the opinion that competitive examinations were equivalent to a ticket in the system of entrance to the public service, Dr. V. E. Dumas, who favoured the abolition of the present examination and marking system, leaving standard the qualification, tending this would give the public service a more ambitious class of applicants. It was required complete nation results and personality, should give them the ideal recruit.

A protest against the measure was made by Mr. H. H. Hall. He claimed that the scientific management was necessary for the public administration for the modern works manager. Last night members of the Government on the part of public opinion as it was more pressing.

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At the next recital, Mr. Horne will play characteristic compositions by Bach, Chopin, Liszt, and Tchaikovsky, Czardas, Taylor, and Vienna.

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