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Mr. C. Schilsky Dead

TAUGHT VIOLIN AT CONSERVATORIUM

Mr. Charles Schilsky, who was first violin teacher of Elder Conservatorium from 1924 to 1929, and had since been working as an examiner of the Trinity College of Music, died at North Adelaide this morning after several months' illness.

"He loved music with all his heart, and lived for it with singleness of purpose and utter devotion," said Dr. E. Harold Davies (director of the Conservatorium). "His work as leader of the Conservatorium String Quartet will long be remembered." On resigning from the Conservatorium Mr. Schilsky went to England, but returned to Australia in March last year. He became ill in Brisbane in May, revisited Adelaide six weeks ago with the desire to return to England, but was unable to continue the journey.

Under the direction of Mr. Schilsky the Conservatorium String Quartet did notable work, including three seasons of chamber music recitals in Adelaide and a visit to Melbourne. The same musicians were associated in the quartet throughout—Mr. Schilsky as first violin, Miss Kathleen Meegan (second violin), Miss Sylvia Whittington (viola), and Mr. Harold Parsons (cellist).

"First and foremost he was an artist," said Dr. Davies, "but his friends knew him also as a charming man—polished, lovable, and full of kindly wit—a linguist and world traveller, with many reminiscences of his interesting career."

Mr. Schilsky was born in London. His father was a native of Poland. Mr. Schilsky distinguished himself as a pupil of Sauret, renowned French violinist and composer. Concert appearances throughout Europe won him musical fame, and he had a fine teaching record as a professor of Trinity College. He has left a widow.

The remains of Mr. Schilsky will be cremated tomorrow, and the ashes interred at West Terrace Cemetery on Thursday morning. Archdeacon W. J. Bussell will officiate.

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MR. CHAS. SCHILSKY DEAD

Former Conservatorium Teacher

Music lovers throughout the State will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Charles Schilsky, a talented violinist, who was for several years on the staff of the Elder Conservatorium. Mr. Schilsky had arranged to sail for England some time ago, but was prevented from leaving the State owing to illness.

Mr. Schilsky, who was born in London, had a brilliant musical career. He came to Adelaide in 1924 to join the Conservatorium staff as first violin teacher. He was first trained as a violinist by Benoit Hollander, and later published by the famous Emile Sauret. After some time spent in Paris with the Lamoureux Orchestra, he was invited to Russia where he made his debut with the great Wagnerian singer, Theodore Reichmann. Then he visited Poland and subsequently returned to England, and became vice-leader of the Glasgow Symphony Orchestra under Henschel. His appointment as professor of the violin at the Belfast Conservatorium was followed by his appearance in London as a member of the world-renowned quartet, the Kruse string quartet. He became a teacher at the London Academy of Music and the Hampstead Conservatoire, and also held the position of vice-leader of the Queen's Hall Orchestra, under Sir Henry Wood.



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Professor J. A. Prescott, Waite Research Institute, received the H. G. Smith memorial medal at a branch meeting of the Australian Chemical Institute last night.

The president (Mr. W. E. C. Baudinet), who made the presentation, said Professor Prescott's main work in Australia had been on soil fertility and soil surveys. His latest work had been on the principles of soil classification, including soil and vegetable maps. The Smith medal, which commemorated one of the founders of the Chemical Institute, had been awarded to Dr. A. C. D. Rivett (Melbourne) and Dr. Jones (Queensland University).

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Distinguished South Australian

SIR Thomas Hudson Beare, Regius Professor of Engineering at the University of Edinburgh, who recently celebrated his 72nd birthday, writing to his sister, Mrs. Kennedy, of Narracoorte, says—"One cannot but realise that the span of life is growing shorter; still, if one keeps busy and cheerful, and takes a reasonable amount of care of oneself, life is pleasant, and the world, in spite of all the present-day ills, is a beautiful place. We are not taking our summer holiday this year, as I am busy with the big new block of buildings I am putting up for the University engineering department. It will cost, when complete, nearly £60,000, and will be ready for occupation at the opening of the new session in October. It has taken about two years to construct, and is a very fine building. When I embarked on the scheme two years ago, I had great doubt as to whether I was shouldering a task too big for a man of my years, but, thanks to the help of a fine, loyal staff, it has been carried through practically now to completion. The building will be opened officially in October by the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. Our financial troubles are just what Australia has suffered from, and cannot be cured by any other process than that you have had to face—cut down expenditure of every kind, wages, salaries, interest, &c., until our expenditure is equal to our income. Since 1918 we have lived in a fool's paradise, and now the day of reckoning has come. I send every good wish for happier better days for my dear native land of Australia."

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From Our Special Correspondent Melbourne, October 7. Shortage of Dentists

Strange as it may seem in these days when most of the professions are overcrowded, Professor Wilkinson, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University, forecasts a dearth of dentists in a few years. Not enough students are coming forward, he says. The dental course, it seems, is rather expensive, and it is not liberally provided with bursaries like the medical course.

There are, however, other reasons for the few students. People who have taken the degrees of dental science claim that the profession has been so swamped by the admission of untrained and unscientific persons who have been through no curriculum that parents and young men think twice before spending the time and money necessary to qualify through the University and the affiliated college of dentistry.

In 1910 a law was passed providing that no one, unless he took the University course, should be registered as a dentist. At that time between 300 and 400 men were recorded, and they have since been registered, though they have had no hospital training. Graduates contend that while it is possible for persons to enter the profession by "back door" methods, there will be little inducement for young men to embark upon an expensive scientific course of training.

University Socialists
The University Labor Club, a small organisation of students, desires to publish a magazine. At first it wished to appoint two editors who were not students, but now it has agreed to nominate students instead. There was some talk about the magazine at the meeting of the University Council, to which its publication was referred by the Professorial Board. Several members expressed disapproval of the splitting of the University into political sections, although Mr. Solly, M.L.A., a member of the council, and one of the veterans of the Labor Party, made a plea that the students should be given full liberty to run their paper, and to invite leading politicians or public men to address them. As an undertaking has been given that the magazine will be controlled within the University, it is probable that no further opposition will be raised to it. There is already a general students' magazine, "Farrago," which devotes much of its attention to the discussion of lectures on Soviet Russia.

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KEEPING ABREAST OF THE TIMES

'Varsity Students' Interest In Public Affairs

Although there is no likelihood of the Government's interfering with the Adelaide University Senate, as Mr. Lang proposes to do to make the Sydney University Senate more representative of "modern democratic thought," the students here, as in other Australian universities, ensure that their academic achievements and their knowledge of world affairs are kept abreast. Not that any of them hold any pronounced views on things in general, but they want to keep up to date.

The claim of the president of the Sydney University Labor Club is that that University is becoming more like Oxford every day. While the Adelaide University Men's Union has done much to foster the broad outlook and aid generally in the development of public leaders, it has not gone as far along the track as Sydney or Melbourne. For instance, it has no Labor Club, or any other political club, although the Men's Union would recognise them if they were organised. But the days of whole time concentration on examinations have given way to a prudent interest in world affairs, and regularly leaders of public thought are invited to address the students.

The latest body to have been formed at the Adelaide University is the International Club, which is primarily concerned with the study of current foreign affairs. Debates are a feature of the activities of this club, as well as of the Men's Union, and, of course, the Literary and Debating Society.

This organisation of the men students—of whom there are 700—which is always growing into something bigger and better may lead to the existence some day of a body with something of the power of the great Oxford University Union, which plays such an important part in moulding the character of Britain's men of affairs.

As it is, the fact that the bodies in existence at the Adelaide University keep alive an intelligent interest in Australian and world affairs and meet each other on a common ground in debate, is of no small importance, a University man said yesterday.

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Funeral of Mr. Charles Schilsky

Archdeacon W. J. Bussell officiated this morning at the burial of the ashes of Mr. Charles Schilsky at West Terrace Cemetery.

At the graveside were Prof. E. Harold Davies (director of music at Elder Conservatorium), members of the teaching staff, including Messrs. Harold S. Denton, John Horner, Harold Parsons, George Pearce, and Peter Bornstein, Mr. F. W. Eardley (registrar of the Adelaide University) Drs. J. O'Donnell and E. A. Matison, and Mr. H. E. Fuller. Floral tributes were sent by Sir George Murray (chancellor of the University), the Conservatorium Quartet (of which Mr. Schilsky was formerly violinist), the staff of the Conservatorium, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lavington Bonython, Miss Beatrix Bennett, Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Shorne, Dr. and Mrs. Matison, Mr. and Mrs. Harding Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Carey, Dr. Mildred Mocatta, Miss Maude Puddy, Miss M. Prosper, and Mr. G. Newton (Melbourne).

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Mr. Lawrence Campbell, of Sydney, who has been engaged by Adelaide University to conduct examinations in elocution under the Australian Music Examination Board, will arrive in Adelaide by train from Melbourne tomorrow morning. The examinations, which will be held at the University tomorrow and Saturday, will be for grade I. and licentiate candidates.



Mr. L. Campbell holds the associate diploma in elocution of the Royal College. From Adelaide Mr. Campbell will proceed to the Ballarat competitions at which he has already adjudicated 12 times.