

UNIVERSITY MEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Melbourne University to Keep Prof. Wadhams

Need For Openings Urged

The need of openings in administrative posts in Australia for University men was stressed by Mr. C. T. Madgen, Lecturer in Geology at the University, in a lunch hour talk to members of the Institute of Public Administration yesterday.

It was announced today that means had been found to enable the University of Melbourne to give to the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture (Professor M. Wadhams) the tenure for which he was asked. The University of Cambridge has agreed to release Professor Wadhams from the agreement which binds it, and he will remain in Melbourne.

Mr. Madgen, who is a Rhodes scholar, said when he relinquished an administrative post in the Sudan after the war in order that he might engage in public service, he had hoped and expected that there would be similar posts available in this country. He had quickly been disillusioned to find that public service is to be the best it could attract the best men, Mr. Madgen said. "Rhodes scholars are sent away to be trained particularly for administrative work, and returning to Australia at the age of 26, find such positions available. That is wrong."

TOO MANY TEACHERS

Training College Problem

At the end of the year 235 teachers will complete their course at the Training College. What is to be done with them is one of the problems confronting the Education Department. Up to last month there had been created only 60 vacancies by resignations, deaths and other causes.

The Director of Education (Mr. Adey) said yesterday that the teachers who would finish their training next month had been at the college for service from one to four years. He intended to explain to the college before they left to explain their position, what could be done, and what was impossible in present circumstances, which would not be known definitely until about Christmas time how many of the teachers could be absorbed, but he could not give jobs. Mr. Adey said he was very sorry for them.

Lowest Number For Years

"We have no short course people going at the college," explained the Director. "Next year the number in training will be reduced to about 120, the lowest for a long time. Those in attendance will be finishing their course and the roll will be 75 per cent. below that of a year ago. The 60 teaching vacancies in the department at the end of October is the lowest number we have ever had. There are many teachers who work today, in normal circumstances, would have been married, but today a large majority are breadwinners, and in other circumstances, would have been married. Teachers cannot be trained in a day but the department is doing its best to curtail the numbers at the college, so that the difficulty of absorbing them will be minimized."

Teachers' Training College

From H. A. Curtis, Editor read last week in a letter from a correspondent to "The Advertiser" that there is no Faculty of Education at the University. That is so, but I think the public should be told that lectures on education are given at the University, and that a degree is conferred to a degree in that subject is granted by the Adelaide University.

MR. ADEY ON COSTS

The fact that 235 teachers will leave the Training College at the end of the year, and that the great majority of them will be unable to find positions, as pointed out in "The Advertiser" on Thursday, has raised the question of the cost of the college.

Further Reductions In Staff

The Premier (Mr. Hill), as Minister of Education, supplied yesterday a statement by the Director on the whole position.

Death of Resignations

The work done in our State schools, and the progress of these institutions

Agency or otherwise, of the training college, it is impossible to reach a standard of efficiency without an institution where teachers may be trained for their specific duties. It is only because there has been resignations of teachers that we have been able to reduce expenditure at the college without materially affecting the work of the department. Eventually we shall have to call again for suitable candidates for our teaching service.

Mr. Adey explains that, in a normal year, more than 200 teachers resign before 1929. The average number was about 210, and arrangements had to be made to engage additional teachers to meet the demand. It is expected that in 1929, with the normal return, there will be an abnormal number of resignations, because many would have left not for financial reasons. The drastic reduction which has been made in cost is only temporary.

Further Reductions Next Year

"The department is trying to meet prevailing conditions in every direction, as regards the cost of the staff, and economy is being explored. Many of the reductions are due to exceptional circumstances. The teaching staff at the Training College is now also a reduction in the number of demonstrating teachers in the practice schools, and the cost of the Educational Department is working on a minimum scale. Some of the teaching staff at the Training College are being placed in necessary positions. It would be a serious mistake to let these teachers go, and their services will be needed again. They are picked men and women."

Dealing with the cost of the Training College Mr. Adey said next year the annual expenditure would be down to £116,000. The outlay was £23,619, and in 1931 only £30,630. The total cost of the college in 1927 was £48,471, in 1928 £53,000, and in 1929 £60,490. The maximum number of teachers in training has fallen from 688 in 1929 to 490 for the present year.

Adv. 17-11-31

Professor W. A. Laver, who is examining for the Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart Universities, and for the Australian Music Examinations Board arrived from Melbourne yesterday. He will assist in the final music examinations for diplomas and degrees.

Adv. 19-11-31

Professor W. A. Laver, who has been dealing with the Federal University Conservatorium since its foundation, and is chairman of the Musical Examination Board, will assist E. Harold Davies, of candidates sitting for the final year of the diploma and music baccalaureate at the Adelaide University.

Adv. 20-11-31

MEMORIAL TO LATE MISS REES GEORGE

Most South Australians are aware of the valuable services rendered to the cause of education in this State by the late Miss M. Rees George, and it is gratifying to learn that the local branch of the League of the Empire has initiated a movement to establish University prize scholarship in her memory. It will be known as the M. Rees George Memorial. Miss George was also the founder of the local branch of the League of the Empire, and acted as its honorary secretary for about 30 years. To give effect to a scheme a strong committee, representing the League of the Empire, schools, colleges, and other institutions with which Miss George was associated, has been formed, with Mr. W. Bennett, 122, Watson avenue, Rose Park, as hon. secretary.

News 20-11-31

Music Scholarships Recommended

The following music scholarships have been recommended by the examiners for the University of Adelaide—A. S. Schumann—Gwendolyn Gladys Koch (singing).—Mrs. Eugene Alderman Scholarship—Lynell Mand Hendrickson (violin); not in receipt of a stipend; highly commended, Harry Hutchings (violin).

EDUCATING SOLDIER CHILDREN

More Than £100,000 Spent

In the year ended June 30 disbursements made by the Soldiers' Children Education Board (South Australia) in respect of allowances and fees amounted to £113,174 4/5. It is estimated that £125,000 will be necessary to meet requirements for the ensuing year. Since the inception of the scheme 10 years ago, disbursements have amounted to £1,641,000.

UNDER THE SANITARIAN AIR

Mr. J. J. McCann, who is chairman of the board, has received approximately 2,250,000 from the trustees on behalf of children in this State. £45,510 12/7 of which was spent last year. The board is of opinion that the scheme has proved of immense benefit to the children of those who made supreme sacrifices in the great war.

It states in its report for the year ended June 30, which has just been issued, that applications for scholarships, and since the inception 1,399 applications were lodged. These have been dealt with in the following manner—Approved, 1,072; refused, 48; withdrawn before consideration, 70; pending at June 30, 8.

The number of applications for scholarships, and this will become more apparent in succeeding years. Nevertheless, the work of the board will not decrease appreciably. For some time, as the greater proportion of those in training are still at school, and supervision will have to be exercised in the home, as well as industrial and other groups.

RECEIVING BENEFITS

Approximately 40 applications are likely to be received in respect of eligible children during the ensuing year, and the number of potential beneficiaries to be met will be augmented from time to time, as other children will be embraced under the scheme consequent upon the deaths of former soldiers as a result of war service, and the acceptance of others being totally and permanently incapacitated.

Three hundred and ninety-three children are in receipt of benefits, and the following sets the position and reveals the annual liability:

Age Groups	No. in Training	Male	Female	Total	Annual Liability
At school, 13 to 16 years	114	113	27	141	£1,410
At school, 16 to 18 years	10	10	47	57	£570
Apprenticeship	10	10	39	49	£490
17 years or second year of apprenticeship	21	8	20	28	£280
Between 18 and 22 years	9	9	27	36	£360
Professional	8	8	40	48	£480
Industrial	19	13	32	45	£450
18 years or third year of apprenticeship	8	2	10	10	£100
20 years or fifth year of apprenticeship	2	2	4	6	£60
Fees for technical and other training	1	1	1	3	£30
Totals	204	189	300	489	£4,890

Increasing value is being placed on technical instruction, continues the report. Most of the children enter trades, and the importance of their acquiring technical instruction prior to apprenticeship is strongly recommended.

Seven beneficiaries are attending Roseworthy Agricultural College, where excellent facilities exist for instruction in all agricultural pursuits. This is a greater number of students under the scheme than has attended the school in any previous period.

Of the eight undergoing professional training are at the Teachers' Training College, and the others are attending the University.

BENEFITS CANCELLED

Benefits have been cancelled on behalf of 20 beneficiaries. Such action was taken because of the nature of many of employment contracts which precluded the granting of financial assistance. Six hundred and fifty-six beneficiaries have completed training. Included approximately 100 girls, who have completed the commercial course at various institutions.

The report is signed by Mr. W. J. King (Director of Education), who is chairman of the board. Members of the sub-committee are Mr. J. J. McCann, Mr. J. W. Bell, and Mr. E. King.

News 6-11-31

FIRE AND TOOLS USED 1,000,000 YEARS AGO

Chinese Discoveries Thrill Scientist

(“News” Special Representative)

LONDON, November 5. Most thrilling and of first-rate importance to the scientific world, a report by Elliott Smith, commenting on the report from China that the “Peking Man” who lived at least 1,000,000 years ago, used fire and stone implements.

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AUTHOR OF “HUMAN HISTORY”

Prof. Elliott Smith, who was born in New South Wales, is professor of anatomy at the University of London. He is the author of “Human History,” a standard work dealing with the prehistoric life of the human race. In that work he placed the earliest man at Peking, where he discovered the remains of a man whose bones were buried between the Himalaya Mountains and the heart of Africa. He visited China last August to examine the “Peking man” skull discovered in 1929.

Adv. 7-11-31

DID MAN LIVE BEFORE PEKIN TIME?

Search in China Reveals Tools and Implements

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Adv. 9-11-31

Melbourne University has been advised by the State Government (Minnesota, U.S.A.) to appoint a visiting lecturer at the Adelaide institution. The lecturer will arrive here for a few days. The lecturer will deliver a lecture the date of which has not yet been fixed.