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the leaving examination in 1926 Mr. Gray again headed the State with passes in eight subjects, credits being obtained in seven, including three first places. Next year he was again head of the school, coming top in the final examination in each of the six subjects for which he sat. As lux he obtained the Young Exhibition, and he also won the William Downer scholarship and the Westminster and Christchurch scholarships (for classics), but was unable to hold them along with the Farrell scholarship. Sitting for the leaving honors examination the same year Mr. Gray again put up a record for the examination, coming first on the general honors list with five credits, including four first places. As a result of that examination he was awarded a Government bursary, which enabled him to go to the University, the Hartley studentship, and the Archibald Peake scholarship.

Brilliant University Career

In 1928 Mr. Gray began a combined course of law and classics at the University, entering himself under the Faculty of Law. Early in the year he became the first recipient of the Poole Prize, which enabled him to reside at St. Mark's College for three years. At the end of the year he secured top credits in first-year Latin and Greek, thus obtaining the Andrew Scott and the Barr Smith Prizes. He also was placed top of the list in second-year Latin and Greek. The only law subject he took was elements of law, in which he also secured a credit. He was awarded a Stow Prize. At the beginning of the next year Mr. Gray abandoned the idea of doing a law course in conjunction with arts and began a course in honors (classics) and for the B.A. degree. That year he obtained first place in third-year Latin and Greek, first place in comparative philology (being awarded the James Gartrell Prize), and second place in English literature (first course). He completed his honors degree course this year, and at the recent examinations obtained a first-class B.A. honors degree in classics, and was awarded the David Murray scholarship. At the beginning of this year Mr. Gray was awarded the Harold Fisher bursary at St. Mark's College—the most important bursary given at that institution.

While at St. Peter's College Mr. Gray represented his house in inter-house matches in football and cricket, captaining the Da Costa House cricket team in his final year. Although he did not gain inter-collegiate honors, he played for the college regularly in other matches. When he left St. Peter's he was a school prefect, captain of Da Costa House, a member of the library, school mission, and chapel committees, and sub-editor of the school magazine. At the University Mr. Gray specialised in baseball and bowling, and regularly rowed for St. Mark's College in bumping races. He has been president of the University Literary and Debating Society for the past two years, and was a member of the committee that made the arrangements for the debates against the visiting American university team this year. He is sub-editor of the University Magazine, and one of the joint editors of the University paper, "The Ragge." He is also president of St. Mark's College Wranglers' Club, and has represented St. Mark's in inter-college debates against St. Andrew's.

ADV. 5-12-31

Tax On Books Condemned

At the annual meeting of the parents' association, held at Woodville District High School, yesterday afternoon, Professor W. K. Hancock, Adelaide University, addressed a large gathering of parents on the tax on books. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"This meeting of the Parents' Association, in conjunction with the Council of Woodville District High School, expresses keen disapproval of the tax on books, and calls upon all parties to do their utmost to rescind this costly tax knowledge."

News 5-12-31

University Scholarships

The council of the Adelaide University is awarded the following scholarships and prizes:— Ernest Ayers Scholarship in botany to Constance Margaret Eardley. David Murray Scholarship for research in science to Alan Beave Beck, B.Sc. Tate Memorial Medal to Nellie Hooper Woods, M.A. Robert Whinham Prize for elocution to Elsie Mary Collins. The council adopted the report of the examiners of the Australian Music Examinations Board that the theory of music scholarship be awarded to Enid Beatrice Petrie and the practice of music scholarship to Phillip Douglas Hrgrove. The examiners commended Mary Patricia Robinson.

Mail 5-12-31
Surgery Has Not Reached Its Limit

Sir Henry Newland on Future Progress

CAN surgery be made much more perfect than it is today? Lord Moynihan (president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England) has made the claim, and he has been criticised for doing so, that surgery "in so far as its craft is concerned has now almost reached its limit."

Sir Henry Newland is one eminent surgeon who does not agree with him.

In the annual Halford oration which he delivered at Canberra he pointed out it was dangerous to prophesy, even in surgery.

Surgical advances of the last half-century had shown the falsity of Erichsen's prophecy, made in 1884. It was curious, therefore, Sir Henry remarked, that Lord Moynihan should have ventured to foretell the future.

"The craft of surgery has in truth nearly reached its limit in respect both of range and of safety," Lord Moynihan had said. "We may find other and safer methods of dealing with disease, we may obtain earlier access to acute and malignant conditions, we may find that the application of radium to organs accessible but irremovable may render unnecessary the mutilations of surgery, but we can surely never hope to see the craft of surgery made much more perfect than it is today."

With much of what Lord Moynihan said, particularly in reference to the mutilations of surgery, Sir Henry expressed himself in agreement, but he declined to believe that "we can surely never hope to see the craft of surgery made much more perfect than it is today."

It might be accepted that surgery as an operative craft was today nearly perfect, but history showed that the technique of the arts and crafts changed, and surgery was not likely to be an exception in this respect. Fifty years hence Lord Moynihan's prophecy would doubtless be as mistaken as that of Erichsen about 50 years ago. The fact that we had no knowledge of the future, no vision of the direction in which craftsmanship might advance, did not justify the prediction that no change for the better could or would take place. It need not be supposed that the technical side of surgery had reached finality. Every thoughtful surgeon was aware that his science was an ephemeral thing, bound to give way to less violent measures with the advance of knowledge. It was a welcome portent that such realisation was becoming more general on all sides. The present tendency to restrict the extent of surgical intervention was good, for the safety and ease with which the surgeon had learned to remove organs, or large portions of them, had sometimes led to too radical an outlook.

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Mr. H. H. Finlayson, of the Adelaide University, left yesterday to spend three months in field work on mammals in the Diamantina district and in the James Range.

ADV. 8-12-31

Melbourne University seeks Paid Vice-Chancellor

Melbourne, December 7. A committee which was appointed to consider the matter recommended to the University Council today that it should appoint a paid full-time Vice-Chancellor as the chief administrative officer of the University. It recommended also that the Council should begin to explore the field in Australia, Britain, and New Zealand to obtain the name of the most suitable prospective Vice-Chancellor available. The report was adopted.

News 7-12-31
American Varsity President Here

On a visit to New Zealand and Australia, Dr. Lotus D. Coffman, president of the University of Minnesota (U.S.A.), with his wife, reached Adelaide from Melbourne today.

The object of his visit is to learn more about the educational work of these countries with a view to passing information on to the trustees of the Carnegie Corporation so that they can act more intelligently with requests for grants placed before them.

He will inspect the Universities of Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane, after which he will leave Australia for the Philippine Islands, China, and Japan before returning to America. Today he visited Adelaide University.

Adv. 21-11-31



Dr. Lotus D. Coffman and his wife.

Recent London papers announce that the life of the late Mr. Cecil J. Sharp will be written by Mr. A. H. Fox Strangways, of 4, Maresfield Gardens, London, N.W.3, who will be glad to have any letters written by Mr. Sharp, and receive any particulars regarding him. Many South Australian will remember the late Mr. Sharp, who for some time was associate to the late Chief Justice Sir Samuel Way. During his stay in Adelaide, Mr. Sharp founded the Government House Choral Society, and during the absence of Mr. J. M. Dunn in England acted as organist at St. Peter's Cathedral. He also founded the Adelaide College of Music, in conjunction with Professor Reimann. He composed the music for the opera of "Sylvia," the libretto of which was written by the late Guy Boothby. He also first set nursery rhymes to music here, and they were sung at the Town Hall by choristers of St. Peter's Cathedral. In England, Mr. Sharp was recognised as an authority on folk songs, and in recognition of his work the British Government placed his name on the civil list, as a result of which he drew a pension until his death.

Adv. 26-11-31

Late Mr. C. J. Sharp From "P. R. O. Cllo":—In regard to the personal note in "The Advertiser" of November 21, about the late Mr. Cecil J. Sharp, and his connection with the Adelaide College of Music I would point out that Herr G. Reimann advertised in the Adelaide press on September 13, 1883, the opening of the following month of that college, and that on January 17 reference to the college appeared in the "Education Notices." There was no mention of Mr. C. J. Sharp, and indeed he did not join the staff of the Adelaide College of Music until some five or six years later. Mr. Sharp's splendid work as conductor for many years of the Adelaide Philharmonic Society, which had been under the baton of Professor Joshua Ives, was the first to be appointed to the chair of music at the University of Adelaide.

tomorrow night he will speak on "Higher Education" in the physics theatre at the University, and on Wednesday evening will leave Adelaide on his way to Brisbane.

Dr. Coffman is also acting as visiting professor for the Carnegie Endowment International Peace. This institution said Dr. Coffman today, has no money but receives grants from time to time from the Carnegie Corporation. Its object is to promote better understanding between nations.

Its activities have been devoted mainly to the publication of books, pamphlets, and lectures, and to the bringing of distinguished men to America and sending men of corresponding standard to other countries of the world to learn the problems of the countries to which they are sent.

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Dr. Coffman To Inspect Universities

To obtain first-hand information of the educational work being done in Australia and passing it on to the Carnegie Trust, so that it might deal more adequately with requests for grants, Dr. Loftus D. Coffman, president of the University of Minnesota (U.S.A.), accompanied by his wife, is visiting the Commonwealth.

He arrived in Adelaide by the express from Melbourne yesterday. He spent yesterday at the Adelaide University, and will lecture on "Higher Education" at the physics theatre this evening. He will leave Adelaide tomorrow for Brisbane. After visiting as many of the Australian Universities as possible, Dr. Coffman will leave for the Philippine Islands, and will later return to America by way of China and Japan.

In addition to his duties in connection with the Carnegie Trust, Dr. Coffman is representing the Carnegie Endowment of International Peace, the aim of which is to promote a better understanding between all nations. The movement has no money, but receives occasional grants from the Carnegie Trust.