

PROFESSOR HANCOCK'S BOOK PUBLISHED

Writes Interestingly Of Austn. Politics, Art, And Literature

(Register World Cables) LONDON, Wednesday.—Australia, by Professor William K. Hancock, of the chair of modern history at the Adelaide University, a former Melbourne Rhodes scholar, has been published by Benn's. Professor Hancock acknowledges his indebtedness to Professor E. O. G. Shan, of West Australia, Mr. Fred Eggleston, Professor Scott, and Vance Palmer and his wife, Betty Palmer, among others. The book fosters uninspiredly but conscientiously the colonisation and settlement of Australia. It is a series of essays rather than a consecutive history, but nevertheless it is informative, particularly regarding political developments. Dealing with aspects of Australian society, Professor Hancock says that Australians made their Legislatures schools of bad manners. His summary of Australian literature, although just, breaks no new ground. He is much more interesting dealing with Australian art. [At the time of his appointment in 1924, Professor Hancock was the youngest professor in the Empire.]

EARLY UNIVERSITY DAYS IN ADELAIDE

Sir Hudson Beare Recalls Brilliant Students

Mr. Stephen Parsons, Adelaide, writes:—Some time ago "The News" published an article by me on the early days of Adelaide University in which I referred to a number of students who have distinguished themselves in various commercial and professional walks of life. Among them was Hudson Beare (then a first year student for his B.A. degree at Adelaide), now Sir Thomas Hudson Beare, Regius Professor of Engineering, and Dean of the Faculty of Science of the University of Edinburgh, whose name is well known by engineering men in all the universities of Great Britain. Thinking that my article might interest the professor and enable him to live over again some of the days of long ago, I posted it to him, and have received a most interesting reply. I take such extracts from his letter as I think might be of interest to readers.

VISIT FROM DR. MITCHELL

The professor says:—"I read your article with great interest, although with much grief to find that so many of the fellows who were with me either at Prince Alfred College or in the early days of the University have passed out. "I had a visit a few weeks ago from Dr. Mitchell, who was a Prince Alfred College boy when I was there, and was also with me for the first year or two at the University. He has now retired from active medical work, and was taking a tour of Europe. On the Sunday he spent with us we had a long and an interesting talk about college days." A brilliant boy who worked side by side with Beare was Hans Mack, to whom I referred in my article as being unable to trace, although I believed that he had left Adelaide for England to pursue his studies. I therefore asked the professor if he could give any information concerning him. He says:—"Mack came to England to study medicine. I cannot find his

name on the official medical register, so I am afraid he, too, has passed over. He had a family, and two of his boys were at Cambridge, and I think did well there. "Two or three years ago Prof. H. Lamb, of Adelaide University, was president of the British Association, when it held its meeting at Southampton," continued Sir Hudson. "When I met him there he said, 'I wonder whether you ever think of the old days we spent together in those temporary rooms in Victoria square occupied by the University of Adelaide in its early days.' Although well over 80, he is still taking an active share in scientific work. One of his sons is a professor in one of the London University Colleges.

MEMORIES OF MR. HARTLEY

"I was surprised when I was in Adelaide in 1914 at the tremendous progress the University had made. From the figures given in your letter and article I can see that its growth has been phenomenal. Any success I may have made of my life I ascribe almost entirely to the good training I had under the late Mr. J. A. Hartley at Prince Alfred College, and I still treasure the annual reports of my school days signed by him. "I think that I am connected with more universities than almost anybody else, as I matriculated at Melbourne University, obtained my Bachelor of Arts degree at Adelaide, my Science degree at London, and am now a member of Edinburgh. Thus I have been directly associated with four universities. Of course, I have been indirectly connected with practically every university in Great Britain, having acted as examiner in all of them."

Fifty-four years have sped since as boys Hudson Beare and I first met at Prince Alfred College, and I am thankful now for the privilege to renew acquaintance after such a long interval.

The Register NEWS-PICTORIAL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1930. LESS MONEY FOR EDUCATION

MR. Hill had another unpalatable truth to utter yesterday when he told Parliament that the Government had to consider making savings in the cost of schools. Education has been costing the State nearly £1,000,000 a year, and although it has undoubtedly been money well spent, it is out of proportion to what we can now afford. It is deplorable that ample money should not be available for schools; but the facts must be faced. Parents must prepare themselves for some drastic reductions in the educational services. Even education can only take its share of the sadly diminished sum available for Government activities. As it is, boys and girls are being given an expensive education only to find, at the end of high school or technical training, that the country cannot afford to employ them. To make the State bankrupt to meet the heavy educational bill, would ruin their future careers irrevocably. The problem before the Government is to make the necessary economies without impairing, more than is absolutely necessary, the efficiency of the system. The education grant must be put to the best possible use.

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SAVING ON EDUCATION

"Thorough Investigation," Promised By Mr. Hill

In the Assembly yesterday, Mr. Anthony (Lib.) questioned the Premier about the cost of education. "It was stated recently that the Government intended shortly to charge parents whose children attended Government high schools," Mr. Anthony said, "and that the Government intended to reduce expenditure on education. Is the report true, and what is the intention of the Government?" Mr. Hill—I cannot say whether the statement is true. I do not know of any move to approach the Government to reduce the cost, but I know that the Government intends to make a thorough investigation respecting possible savings in the Education Department without affecting the efficiency of the service.

SCIENTISTS BACK FROM CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Secure Full Vocabulary Of Native Language

"Considering the limited time at our disposal, our trip has been the most successful scientific expedition ever undertaken in Australia," said Professor J. B. Cleland, leader of the Adelaide University party which returned yesterday after spending a month in Central Australia studying aboriginal conditions. Records of native songs were made and a full vocabulary of the native language was secured, said Prof. Cleland. Moving pictures were taken of aboriginal customs. More than 60 aborigines were examined by medical and scientific experts, and details secured of limbs and skulls, skin pigments and colours, hair texture, and finger prints.

Adv. 13-9-30

Reduction of Grants "It is proposed to reduce grants to a number of institutions, including libraries, the Adelaide University, the School of Mines, the Education Department, local governing bodies, and the Agriculture Department in respect of experimental farms, and in other directions. These economies will be outlined in the Budget."

ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS

ADDRESS BY PROFESSOR MANDER

At the Adelaide University yesterday Professor Mander gave an address on "Some Problems of Anglo-American Relations." On his travels he was appalled to hear the criticisms against the American people. America had been severely spoken of by the English and Australians because they did not join the League of Nations. One of America's views was that she had enough to do to keep peace with her own country of 120 millions of mixed races, and she was justified for this reason in keeping out of European affairs. The Republic always had risings to deal with around Mexico and the islands of Latin America. At the same time Great Britain did not always want to be thrust into European disturbances, but history showed that a certain part of Europe around the border of Belgium which adjoined France and Germany had always prompted the British to step in and assist the Belgians. That was a matter concerning a treaty with the League of Nations between European countries. Professor Mander clearly stated that this was one of the big problems concerned with the Anglo-American relations. In reality the United States contributed a great deal towards the League of Nations, but they were not officially connected with it. They were unofficial observers. The attitude of the United States in relation to war debts was dealt with, the lecturer pointing out that Europe was not the centre of the world to the American. At the congress held after the war America stated that the capital money of the war debts had to be paid. She believed in contracts. But what she did was to reduce the interest. America did this because she held that if European countries could afford to build up big armaments they could afford to pay war debts.

Adv. 6-9-30

SIR ARCHIBALD STRONG

Sir Archibald Strong was, up to the time of his death, a member of St. Mark's College Council. It would be impossible to estimate the value of his service to the college. A short memorial service will be held in St. Peter's Cathedral to-morrow morning at 9.30. This will take the place of the usual college service, and past and present members of St. Mark's are invited to be present. Members of the University and others who realise how much the late professor did to raise the standards of culture and education will be present.

Reg 8-9-30

At a memorial service to Sir Archibald Strong at St. Peter's Cathedral yesterday the Bishop of Adelaide officiated and the Rev. K. J. F. Bickersteth preached. The service was arranged by St. Mark's College. Sir Archibald Strong was a member of the council there.

Reg 10-9-30

Mr. B. M. Byles, of the Commonwealth Forestry Department staff, Canberra, who went abroad on a travelling scholarship, is returning by the Large Bay. He will submit a report to the Government on his visit to England, France, and the Mediterranean countries, where afforestation is being developed.

SIR ARCHIBALD STRONG

GREAT LOSS TO AUSTRALIA To the Editor

Sir—The recent and quite unexpected death of Sir Archibald Strong, Professor of English at the Adelaide University, has removed from our midst a power for good wherever the English language is spoken, but more particularly in Australia. As one who had on several occasions been brought into personal contact with Professor Strong, and having had many opportunities to listen to this cultured exponent of English literature, and more particularly the English language as it should be spoken, I deeply regret his death at the early age of 54. His influence had been of great assistance to students of English literature, and his ever-ready desire to assist those who are endeavoring to increase their knowledge of English literature, and his kindly advice, had endeared him to hundreds of persons. To-day when, as a result of the "talkie" picture films, so much "Americanism" is being introduced into Australia—and you can hear it in our streets quite often, especially from the young people—we as Australians can ill-afford to lose such a capable exponent of and insistent champion of English. Those who had been brought into close touch with him in educational matters will miss him most. It will be hard to fill the position which he had occupied so ably.—I am, Sir, &c., WALTER H. J. WELCH, Fullarton.

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MAWSON EXPEDITION

Plans Not Altered

"There will be no alteration on account of the financial stringency in the plans of the Mawson expedition for its second trip to the Antarctic," said Senator J. J. Daly (Vice-President of the Federal Executive Council) today. "The expedition will be partly financed from a special trust fund, and the balance of the money required, which would have been found by the Commonwealth, will be made available through the generosity of Mr. Macpherson Robertson, who handsomely assisted the first section of the expedition."

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Death of Mr. R. J. M. Clucas

CONSCIENTIOUS OFFICER

Mr. Robert John Miller Clucas, librarian at the University of Adelaide, died yesterday at his residence, Wattle street, Fullarton Estate, at the age of 58 years. He was born on the Isle of Man, and came to Australia with his parents at the age of 10 years. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. John Clucas, who was for many years a teacher in the Education Department. Mr. Clucas also became a teacher, and was stationed at various schools, including that of Parkside. In 1900 he was appointed to the position at the University.



Mr. R. J. M. Clucas of Hamley Bridge, a sister.

Prof. J. R. Wilton (chairman of the library committee at the University) said that Mr. Clucas had been librarian for 30 years. He was a most conscientious and competent officer. He read widely, and kept himself informed of all the improvements that were being made in various parts of the world, but particularly in America, in the building, equipment, and management of libraries. Among many other things, Mr. Clucas had made a special study of modern methods of lighting, and was able to make valuable suggestions, which were being incorporated in the design of the University library, now being built, said Prof. Wilton.

Mr. Clucas had a great knowledge of books, and an acquaintance, even if slight, with many European languages, other than those familiar to most of his colleagues. He was, in consequence, often able to be of great help to members of the staff in search of information such as the library could afford to one who knew so well where to seek it. "He will be greatly missed by all, and many will share my own feeling of sorrow in the loss of a good man and a dear friend," concluded Prof. Wilton.