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### DEATH OF MR. R. J. M. CLUCAS

#### LIBRARIAN AND LECTURER

Mr. Robert John Miller Clucas, who died at Wattle-street, Fullarton Estate, on Sunday, was born in the Isle of Man 58 years ago. He came to Australia with his parents when 10 years of age. His father, the late Mr. John Clucas, was for many years a teacher in the Education Department. Mr. Clucas also entered the Education Department, and was stationed at several schools including Parkside.

In 1900 Mr. Clucas was appointed librarian at the University of Adelaide, a position he retained up to the time of his death. In 1901 Mr. Clucas took over the secretaryship of public examinations. At that time the University catered not only for South Australia, but also for Western Australia. When first in charge of these examinations, there were 1,600 candidates, of which number over 800 sat for the primary test (since abolished). The figures had greatly increased since then. Mr. Clucas was lecturer in economic geography. He took his B.A. degree in Adelaide. He leaves a widow, but no family.

# "Results Of Work At Urrbrae

# Must Be Passed On To Farmers"

## IMPORTANT ADDITION TO WAITE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

### Govr.-General Opens John Darling Laboratory

#### "TESTIMONIAL TO PIONEERS"

LABORATORIES such as the Waite Institute are indispensable to the security of the Empire—but if publicity is not given to the results of the experiments conducted at Urrbrae, the work of the scientists will be almost valueless," said the Governor-General (Lord Stonehaven) when opening the John Darling laboratory at Urrbrae yesterday.

The Chancellor of the University (Sir George Murray) said the building would be a testimonial for all time to the liberality of some of the pioneers. When the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research decided to establish a soil research centre at the Waite Institute, the University was unable to provide the necessary building, but the family of Mr. John Darling had stepped forward with a gift of £10,000.

"The building is now placed at the service of Australia," said Sir George. The Governor-General said the building testified in a most remarkable manner to real progress, and was a manifestation of a determination which deserved to be cultivated throughout the Empire.

Lord Stonehaven described his visits to areas ravaged by prickly pear, blowfly, Buffalo fly, tomato wilt, take-all, and other diseases and pests. "All these nuisances are being scientifically attacked in this institute, and only by such



Sir George Murray

activity are you going to realise the potentialities of Australia," he said. "I hope that great thought will be given to the problem, and that great trouble is taken to see that the results are made known to the man on the land.

"Publicity is a science—almost an art—the use of which is indispensable to the proper dissemination and utilisation of the knowledge acquired in this institute."

The chairman of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (Sir George Julius Price, the master of St. Mark's College, said there had been nothing of greater significance during Lord Stonehaven's stay in Australia than the opening of the laboratory.

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

"ALL IS NOT WELL"  
To the Editor  
Sir—It has been customary to assume that University students are fairly intelligent, but information recently disclosed by the results of the examinations in English Literature and Education seems to indicate either that the students are mentally backward or that their teachers lack some necessary qualification. At the Education examination only about a quarter of the students passed; many of them secured less than 20 per cent., and some dozen or so received no marks at all. In English, things were just a trifle better, although they also were bad, for of the 108 people who sat, 69 were plucked. What is the reason for this poor showing? I am one of many who believe that more than 25 per cent of University students are intelligent and studious; yet they have to submit, for reasons unknown to them, to the plucking of their examiners. Surely it is time for the University to overhaul the methods which some of its lecturers practise. Let the University, yes, and the Education Department, too, make sure that the examiners are neither eccentric nor bigoted. There is, unfortunately, prevailing at the present time a feeling that all is not well.—I am, Sir, &c.,  
"DOCECIL"

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Mr. A. Grenfell Price, the master of St. Mark's College, Brisbane, having given before the University of Queensland the Macrossan Memorial Lectures, on the history of the Northern Territory.

News 13-9-30

### POORLY EQUIPPED

#### Melbourne University Library

### NOT UP TO ADELAIDE

MELBOURNE. Today

Compared with similar libraries in other Australian cities, the Melbourne University library is poorly equipped for the needs of students, who are increasing in numbers.

This was emphasised by Mr. Leigh Scott (librarian).

"The library has never had a substantial endowment," he said. "Many grants are made to establish scholarships which benefit only one student each year, but a donation to the library would benefit hundreds for many years."

An appeal for donations, which was opened in 1927, is to be renewed.

Badly neglected during the early days of the university, the library was endowed with £3,000 a year out of general revenue several years ago, but the amount is too small. The need for new books and overseas periodicals is pressing.

Mr. Scott said that Melbourne was far behind the Sydney and Adelaide Universities in its library facilities. The excellently endowed Fisher library in Sydney contained 180,000 volumes, and had a staff of 16, in addition to a Law library in the city. In Melbourne there were only 70,000 and a staff of eight.

Even the Adelaide University contained roughly 80,000 books. In Sydney last year £3 a student was spent on the library, and in Adelaide £1 19. In Melbourne only £2 11 was allowed.

## The Register NEWS - PICTORIAL

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### SCIENCE AND THE FARM

THE opening of the Darling Laboratory at Waite Agricultural Institute should be an occasion of pride to the whole State. The Commonwealth proposal to make the South Australian division responsible for soils research for the Commonwealth was very largely a recognition of the outstanding work of Professor A. E. V. Richardson and Professor J. A. Prescott. The building itself, like the Waite Institute, is an example of the public spirit of a South Australian pastoral family who follow the State's tradition that those who take their wealth from the soil give something back for richer yield to those who come after them. At a time when it seems inevitable that essential research in primary production must depend more than ever upon private benevolence, it is a heartening reflection that, in this State, at least, pastoralists and agriculturalists have been generous in their recognition of public duty. Pastoralist princes have bequeathed fortunes to the cause of higher education and to scientific research; the story of the University's foundation and growth is largely the story of their benevolence. Progress in research throughout the Commonwealth in the immediate future will depend greatly on the continuance of this magnificent tradition.

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MORE FACILITIES for winning secrets from Nature will be provided at Waite Agriculture Research Institute with the addition of the Darling Laboratory, which was opened yesterday. The new laboratory is on the left of the picture.

### INDUSTRIAL COURT

#### MR. W. R. KELLY, PRESIDENT

Mr. W. R. Kelly, S.M., in Executive Council yesterday, was appointed President of the Industrial Court and president of the Board of Industry, in succession to Dr. T. Hewitson, who retired a few months ago.

Born in India, Mr. Kelly came to South Australia when a boy, and received his early education at the Christian Brothers' College. He graduated L.L.B. at the Adelaide University in 1920, and won the David Scholarship in international law, and also the Stow prize. He served his articles with Mr. H. T. Ward, and then went into practice at Yorketown, and was mayor of the town. He was appointed S.M. at Wallaroo in 1926, and a few months ago was made acting president of the State Industrial Court, and acting president of the Board of Industry.