

ROYAL VISIT ARRANGEMENTS

Citizens' Committee Of 127 Formed

Arrangements for the welcome to H.R.H. Prince George during his visit to Adelaide from October 12 to 16 were placed in the hands of a Citizens' Committee at a meeting in the Adelaide City Council chamber yesterday. Mr. H. E. Winterbottom was appointed honorary secretary and treasurer.

The Lord Mayor (Mr. Cain) who presided, said that loyalty to the Royal House was a characteristic of the British people which should be an object lesson to the whole world.

"It is something to be proud of," he said, "to belong to a nation which, in these times, insists on paying its debts, even though it means submitting to a rate of taxation which no people in the world have ever been asked to pay."

On the motion of Sir Wallace Bruce, seconded by Mr. J. A. Rinder, the following were appointed a general committee to arrange for the entertainment of the Prince:—

The Premier (Mr. Butler), the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. Cain) members of the Adelaide City Council, Sir David Gordon, M.L.C., Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir Walter Young, Sir William Goodman, Sir Wallace Bruce, Sir Edward Lucas, Sir Sidney Kidman, Sir Herbert Phillipps, Sir William Sowden, Sir Henry Newland, Lady Bruce, Lady Goodman, Mrs. R. L. Butler, Mrs. Lavington Bonython, Mrs. J. H. Gosse, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Barr Smith, Mr. Whitmore B. Carr, Mr. A. A. Simpson, Mr. Duncan, M.L.C., Dr. A. Grenfell Price, Mr. McBride, M.H.R., the leader of the Opposition (Mr. Lacey), Messrs. Morphett, M.P., J. A. Rinder, Newland, M.P., C. R. J. Glover, W. T. Rofe, Frank Forwood, S. McGregor Reid, Norman H. Taylor, A. E. Clarkson, A. F. Scammell, O. Sepelt, Major L. A. Lewis, Messrs. Harold Burston, J. K. Samuel, E. A. Farr, Ian Hayward, Norman Myer, T. C. Craven, W. C. Craig, P. S. Dixon, W. A. Sneyd, J. H. Gosse, M. J. Noonan, P. J. Flannagan, Dr. A. V. Benson, Mr. James Hall, Mr. Young, M.L.C., Dr. A. M. Cudmore, Dr. Puleine, Messrs. T. A. Corbin, G. J. Cowie, E. W. Holden, H. W. Hodgetts, Dudley C. Turner, H. A. Morris, J. H. Morish, W. A. Piper, W. P. A. Laphorne.

Senator McLachlan, Senator Duncan Hughes, Brigadier-General S. Price Weir, the District Naval Officer (Commander S. R. Symonds) the District Base Commandant (Brigadier J. L. Hardie), Messrs. F. W. H. Wheadon, G. M. O'Dea, W. J. Gunson, the Under Secretary (Mr. A. L. Read), Messrs. A. E. Simpson, Victor H. Ryan, S. J. Jacobs, Nat. Solomons, the president of the Returned Soldiers' League (Mr. R. B. Jacob), Brigadier-General R. L. Leane, Mr. A. H. Dalziel, the Bishop of Adelaide, the Archbishop of Adelaide, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, the President of the Methodist Conference, the Chairman of the Congregational Union, the President of the Churches of Christ Conference, Rev. E. Belfer, Messrs. E. A. Brooks, A. E. Hamilton, H. J. Finnis, A. G. Rymill, C. L. Hosking, J. Wallace Sandford, G. Cawthorne, A. J. Chapman, H. R. Pinkerton, Andrew D. Young, E. H. McMichael, A. C. Minchin, B. V. Scrymgour, W. H. Jeanes, T. S. O'Halloran, K.C., Eric Millhouse, J. A. Riley, Allan Giles, W. Murray Fowler, G. I. B. Sheridan, R. K. Wood, W. Miller, W. E. Chinner, A. H. Preston, P. J. A. Lawrence, E. C. Grasyb, T. Lawton, H. Blinman, Fred Walsh, Harry Hammer, J. G. Sinclair, F. L. Parsons, W. J. Adey, A. L. Taylor, H. W. Lloyd, M. G. Anderson, R. M. Milne, O. A. P. Tonkin, Gordon Sunter, H. Law Smith, C. L. Jessop, Cherry (Central Traders), and W. G. Wilson.

Sub-Committees

The following sub-committees were appointed on the motion of Mr. M. J. Noonan, seconded by Mr. H. R. Pinkerton:—

Executive and finance sub-committee—Sir Wallace Bruce (chairman), Sir Walter Young, Sir William Goodman, Mr. Duncan, M.L.C., Alderman I. Isaacs, Alderman George McEwin, Messrs. A. E. Clarkson, T. E. Barr Smith, J. H. Gosse, Lavington Bonython, J. A. Rinder, A. A. Simpson, C. D. I. Sheridan, P. J. A. Lawrence, H. W. Lloyd, Lance Lewis, W. B. Carr, E. H. McMichael, A. G. Rymill, and H. E. Winterbottom.

Decorations sub-committee—Sir William Goodman (chairman), the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Cain), Alderman G. McEwin, Messrs. E. H. McMichael, P. W. H. Wheadon, G. M. O'Dea, F. L. Parsons, T. C. Craven, E. A. Farr, I. Hayward, Norman Myer, W. A. Sneyd,

W. E. Chinner, A. E. Simpson, F. Smith, E. W. Peet, A. G. Rymill, W. C. D. Veale, and H. E. Winterbottom.

Entertainment sub-committee—Mr. J. A. Rinder (chairman), the Lady Mayoress, Lady Bruce, Lady Goodman, Mrs. R. L. Butler, Mrs. Lavington Bonython, Mr. R. B. Jacob, Mrs. Barr Smith, Mrs. J. H. Gosse, Alderman J. S. Rees, Messrs. W. A. Sneyd, B. V. Scrymgour, James Hall, N. Solomon, A. G. Rymill, H. J. Finnis, Allen Norris, C. L. Hosking, W. J. Gunson, W. J. Adey, M. J. Noonan, P. J. Flannagan, A. C. Minchin, Eric Millhouse, W. A. Morton, and A. J. Lyon.

Athletic sports sub-committee—Mr. A. G. Rymill (chairman), Commander Symonds, Brigadier Hardie, Messrs. W. B. Carr, T. S. O'Halloran, B. V. Scrymgour, Clem Hill, A. G. Fenner, A. Leslie Taylor, H. I. Rymill, P. H. Andrews, F. Marlow, W. H. Jeanes, A. L. Andrew, A. D. Young, W. F. Buttrose, and A. C. Rymill.

The Lord Mayor, the secretary, and the chairman of each sub-committee are ex-officio members of all sub-committees.

Adv. 16-3-34

Professor R. W. Chapman has been appointed a member of the centenary executive committee.

Adv. 20-3-34

CONSERVATORIUM STUDENT RECITAL

Large Audience At Elder Hall

The first Conservatorium recital of the year in the Elder Hall last night attracted a large audience. It was an invitation concert, and the response augured well for the policy of the director (Dr. Davies) in encouraging student recitals and making the advanced students' concerts free this season.

Six advanced pupils of Madame Delmar Hall and Mr. Winsloe Hall, assisted by a solo pianist, gave a most interesting programme. Kenneth Ward opened with "Sapphic Ode" (Brahms) and "Sea Fever" (John Ireland). He revealed a fine baritone quality voice, but showed a tendency to tighten unnecessarily in "Sea Fever." Beryl Kekwick first essayed a very difficult Bach solo from Magnificat in D, and was much happier in the aria, "Polacca," from "Mignon" (Thomas), the florid passages of which suited her brilliant soprano. Alan Coad revealed a keen sense of interpretation in his two songs, "Love and Sleep," a beautiful composition by Fritz Hart of Melbourne, and "To the Forest" (Tchaikowsky). He achieved excellent tone and color in his rendering of the latter. The sweet quality of Howard Piltzner's tenor was revealed in the aria "The Dream," from Massenet's "Manon" although he did not produce quite enough dreamy legato singing. "The Answer" (Quilter), was a charming song, feelingly rendered.

Margaret Pirie's rich mezzo-soprano was heard at its best in a group of four songs, admirably chosen. "Ein Schwan" and "Ein Traum," by Greig, were both beautifully sung, and her interpretation of "Les Larmes" (Massenet), and "Song of Spring" (Rachmaninof), left little to be desired. The song cycle, "A Persian Garden" (Liza Lehmann) was presented by Beryl Kekwick (soprano), Rita Watson (contralto), Howard Piltzner (tenor), and Alan Coad (bass).

Good balance of tone was achieved in the quartets and duets, and the melodious solo numbers were most acceptably sung.

The work of Miss Topsis Doenau at the piano in the song cycle and in all the accompaniments was a feature of the evening. She played with artistry and sympathy throughout.

Trixie Shepherd (pupil of Mr. William Silver) was solo pianist, and revealed a remarkable technique in the first and second movements of Liszt's Concerto in E Flat. Mr. Silver was at the second piano. The clever young pianist later gave Nocturne in B Major (Chopin), and Rhapsodie in B Minor (Brahms), the latter a most ambitious choice, which she rendered with much credit.

Surgeons' Conference

REQUIREMENTS OF PERFECT SURGEON

"Heart Of A Lion, Hand Of A Lady"

"The perfect surgeon should have the heart of a lion and the hand of a lady, not the claws of a lion and the heart of a sheep," said Sir Henry Simpson Newland, in his presidential address. He was quoting Lord Moynihan who, in a well-known passage condemning tearaway surgeons and extolling those who dealt tenderly with their patients, stated:—"There are surgeons who operate upon the principle of savage attack, and the biting and tearing of tissues are terrible to witness. These are they who operate with one eye on the clock, and who judge the beauty of any procedure by the fewness of the minutes it has taken to complete. There are other surgeons who believe in the light hand, who use the utmost gentleness, and who deal lovingly with every tissue they touch. The scalpel is indeed an instrument of most precious use—in some hands a royal sceptre, in others but a rude mattock."

Objects Of The College

Sir Henry said the college had taken steps to assist those who aspired to its fellowship to obtain that adequate and special training in surgery which was a necessary qualification for it. In view of the fact that it was now necessary for a candidate to possess a senior surgical qualification, the council had been instrumental in achieving almost complete uniformity in the regulations governing admission to the senior surgical degrees in the Australian Universities. The council had maintained the closest possible association with the Royal College of Surgeons of England. That college had already held one primary fellowship examination in Australia, and at the end of this year would conduct another. The period of training of those who were candidates for the fellowship of the Australasian College must extend over a minimum period of five years, most of which time must be spent in gaining practical experience in hospital.

Operations By General Practitioners

It was not the policy of the college to object to a general practitioner performing an operation himself provided he was quite clear as to the possible result, Sir Henry said. If he were not clear, his conscience ought to lead him to consult an experienced surgeon in order to gain a clear idea of the indications, dangers, and technique of the operation. The doctor was most to be commended who established a correct diagnosis at once, and regardless of other considerations sent his patients for early operation to the place where there was the best prospect of a permanently successful result. He could then consider that he had been the chief cause of the success, and he was certainly more to be congratulated than the man who, unconscious of his limitations, could not resist the temptation of trying to prove his ability as an operator under conditions where the requisites for success were unattainable.

Another object of the college was the promotion of research in surgery, he added. The college was keenly anxious to promote the practice of surgery under proper conditions by securing the improvement of hospitals and of hospital methods, and for that purpose had appointed special hospital committees. Finally, it must be borne in mind that Australia and New Zealand were jointly and equally concerned in the future of the college. One of the objects for which it existed therefore was to bring together periodically the surgeons of Australia and New Zealand for the scientific discussion and practical demonstration of surgical subjects. For such and other purposes it was necessary that the college should have a habitation of its own, and on a fine site in Melbourne, granted by the Government of Victoria, a building not unfit to rank with the homes of the Colleges of Surgeons of the world was rising from its foundations. It was hoped that H.R.H. Prince George would lay the foundation stone. Sir Holbert Waring, president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, would open the college next year.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven) said he had had the pleasure of meeting many members of their profession as friends, but he was pleased to say that he had met very few of them in their professional capacity. Much as everybody admired their profession, most persons hoped that they would never have the opportunity of judging their efficiency from personal experience.

"I have come to the conclusion, after six years' experience as a Governor, that good health, a good digestion, and a strong constitution are essential in the performance of one's duties," he added. "The hospitality of Australians is renowned throughout the world, and if a Governor were to partake freely of the refreshment, solid and liquid, that is constantly being placed before him, he would require the constant attention of all the most skilled surgeons and physicians that even Australia could produce."

The Governor said that doctors had no definite working hours. He had never even heard it suggested that there should be a 44-hour week for surgeons. They were at the beck and call of the public at all hours of the day and night, and were often called upon to attend patients whom they knew would never pay them. The amount of unremunerative aid that was being done by their profession every day, and particularly during the past few years, had called forth the admiration of everybody.

Admitted As Fellows

The following were admitted as fellows of the college:—Drs. C. S. Colvin, E. J. Egan, and R. W. Walsh (N.S.W.), P. L. O'Halloran (Qld.), I. A. Hamilton and A. K. Lendon (S.A.), J. J. Kelly and W. B. Wishart (Vic.), and R. W. Johnson, H. H. Stewart and S. E. Craig (W.A.).

The censor-in-chief (Dr. Alan Newton) announced that that meeting coincided with the inception of the examination of candidates as part of the qualification for Fellowship of the college—a notable change in its regulations. At meetings held this week in Melbourne and Adelaide the Australian board of censors had examined 14 candidates for surgery, seven of whom were approved, four candidates in laryngology, of whom two were approved, and four in ophthalmology, all of whom were approved. He then presented the following South Australian candidates who passed the examination:—In surgery, Drs. J. C. Mayo and D. G. McKay; in ophthalmology, Dr. G. H. B. Black.

Technical Exhibition

After the opening ceremony an inspection was made of the exhibits on view in the Lady Symon Building. Most of them were lent by Adelaide surgeons and physicians. In addition, many technical exhibits were shown by firms here and in other States. Several exhibits of the pre-anaesthetic era before 1842 attracted much attention. One was a picture of an old amputation scene, showing the crude operating table. A photo of Morton's first ether inhaler, and a portrait of Mr. J. Y. Simpson, of Edinburgh, who introduced chloroform, were among other interesting things seen. The first ether apparatus used in South Australia was a sponge wrapped in a towel. In another room was an exhibit of medicinal products, surgical instruments, and ligatures. A demonstration of a local anaesthetic proved interesting, when goldfish were used for physiological standardisation. If one tablet of the anaesthetic was put in the water where the fish were, they would go to sleep for about half an hour, but would recover again quite normally. Artificial limbs and orthopedic appliances were also exhibited. The latest precision X-ray apparatus attracted much attention, and the latest types of hospital beds, as well as a modern operating table, were among the exhibits on the ground floor. The use of motion pictures in medical science was explained to the guests.

Supper In The Refectory

About 350 guests were entertained at supper in the refectory. The tables were decorated with bowls of mixed autumn tinted flowers. Many interstate surgeons were present, some of whom were accompanied by their wives.

Adelaide guests invited were:—

The Chancellor of the University (Sir George Murray) and Miss Murray, the Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Mitchell), the Chief Secretary (Mr. Ritchie) and Mrs. Ritchie, the Commissioner of Public Works (Mr. Hudd) and Mrs. Hudd, the Lord Mayor (Mr. Cain) and Mrs. Cain, the Archbishop of Adelaide (Dr. Spence), the Coadjutor-Archbishop (Dr. Killian), the Dean of Adelaide (Rev. G. H. Jose), Archdeacon and Mrs. Howson, Mr. Justice Richards and Mrs. Richards, Mr. Justice Angus Parsons and Mrs. Parsons, Mr. Justice Piper and Mrs. Piper, Judge Paine and Mrs. Paine, Professor and Mrs. Kerr Grant, Professor and Mrs. McKellar Stewart, Professor and Mrs. Harvey Johnston, Professor and Mrs. H. Wilkinson, Professor and Mrs. J. B. Cleland, Professor and Mrs. C. S. Hicks, Professor and Mrs. A. K. Macbeth, Professor and Mrs. J. A. Fitzherbert, Professor and Mrs. Harold Davies, Professor and Mrs. A. E. V. Richardson, Professor J. R. Wilton, Professor Watson, the District Naval Officer (Commander S. R. Symonds and Mrs. Symonds), the Military Commandant (Brigadier Hardie) and Mrs. Hardie, Brigadier and Mrs. S. Price Weir, Sir David Gordon, Sir Herbert Phillipps, Sir Douglas and Lady Mawson, Sir William and Lady Sowden, Sir William and Lady Goodman, Lady Newland, Hon. W. G. and Mrs. Duncan, Alderman J. S. Rees, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. M. Kirkwood,