

tion of life is said to have increased some 15 years since the days of our grandfathers. Perhaps even more important than that, our men of 80 can thoroughly enjoy their existence, and citizens of 60 are honestly surprised when described as elderly. Much remains to be done, but it is not being neglected. Research for the public welfare is going on unceasingly, not boasted of, and so only heard of on the rarest occasions. But the work of the Adelaide University's medical Faculty, of the animal-nutrition research, or of the health officers of the State, is not the less appreciated, though retiring and unobtrusive. It has its reward in the steadily-increasing welfare of the public.

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ELDER CONSERVATORIUM CHAMBER CONCERT

Fifth Of Excellent Series

By Alex. Burnard
The fifth chamber concert of the Elder Conservatorium's excellent series was given in the Elder Hall yesterday afternoon. Good news also must spread fast, for each audience is larger than the last. The string quartet—Peter Bornstein, Kathleen Meegan, Sylvia Whittington, and Harold Parsons—opened with the Haydn G minor, Op 74, No. 3, whose atmosphere of cheery bustle was preserved throughout, save in the slow movement, when the quiet and simplicity found sympathetic interpreters. The Minuet and final Rondo were in equally happy vein, the tempo kept well in hand even in the most tempting passage work. I noted, however, in the Beethoven finale, the leader's slight tendency to become a thought too exuberant in the matter of pace whenever notes-values became very short. The movement, nevertheless, was firmly cohesive, and went with springing step. The work was op. 18 No. 2, in G major. The little episode of the Adagio sparkled brilliantly, but otherwise its dreamy emotional import was quite as affecting as when it was penned, despite the stark simplicity of its harmonies. The Scherzo (what a vivacious little waltz of a subject!) was productive of some very crisp bowing, and a delight to the ear throughout.

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VALUABLE NAVAL SERVICE

Dr. Wheatley Former Adelaide Schoolmaster

Dr. F. W. Wheatley, who is headmaster of Cranbrook School, Sydney, was born near Kapunda, South Australia. He joined Way College as an assistant master in 1892, and was there until 1902, when the college was merged with Prince Alfred College. Dr. Wheatley became a master at P.A.C., and left there to take charge of the Rockhampton Grammar School, Queensland. He later studied at Oxford, and, on his return from there, he was made a Doctor of Science at the Adelaide University in 1913 for a thesis he submitted. He assisted in drawing up the original educational requirements of an Australian Naval College, and in 1914 became senior naval instructor at the Royal Australian Naval College, Geelong. On the outbreak of war he was transferred to the Navy Office, and was attached to the war staff. He was given charge of all intercepted German wireless telegraph messages. He also translated a German book on New Guinea with instructions enabling destroyers to proceed up Sepic River. He worked out mathematically the key to the code the German Pacific squadron was using in the Pacific, and deciphered the itinerary of the von Spee squadron, beside numerous signals of international importance. He was appointed headmaster designate of the Naval College at Jervis Bay in 1919. After 1921 he gave valuable service as senior educational officer of the R.A.N. service. Dr. Wheatley has now retired from the service.

Canberra, June 2.
The Governor-General (Sir Isaac Isaacs) announced tonight that the King had been pleased, on the occasion of his birthday, to confer the following Commonwealth honors:—
Knight Grand Cross of the British Empire (G.B.E.)
Sir ROBERT GIBSON, K.B.E., chairman of the Commonwealth Bank Board.
Knight Commander Of St. Michael and St. George (K.C.M.G.)
Hon. GEORGE EDWARD RICH, Justice of the High Court of Australia.
Knight Bachelor
Air - Commodore KINGSFORD SMITH, M.C., A.F.C.
Mr. MACPHERSON ROBERTSON, head of the manufacturing firm of MacRobertson, Melbourne.

Commander of British Empire (C.B.E.)
Brigadier-General George Henry Dean, V.D., South Australia.
Mrs. Alice Mabel Maud Emmerton, O.B.E., of Victoria.
Brigadier-General John Jackson Paine, V.D., New South Wales.
Mr. John Howard Vaughan, South Australia.
Dr. Frederick William Wheatley, ex-headmaster of the Royal Australian Naval College.

STATE HONORS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Mr. R. R. Stuckey, Under-Treasurer, to be C.M.G.
VICTORIA.—Mr. Harold Daniel Luxton, M.L.A., to be Knight Bachelor. Sir Harold Luxton occupies a leading position in the business life of Melbourne. He was Lord Mayor of Melbourne from 1928 to 1931. He has been a member of the Legislative Assembly since 1930. He served at the war for three years as an airman.

QUEENSLAND.—Colonel Donald Charles Cameron, C.M.G., D.S.O., to be K.C.M.G. Sir Donald Cameron represented North Brisbane for many years in the Queensland Legislative Assembly. As a soldier, he saw active service in Peking, during the Boxer outbreak, went to the South African war, and enlisted for the Great War. He was twice wounded at Gallipoli. On his return to Australia he was elected to the House of Representatives as member for Brisbane seat, but at the last general elections was defeated.

Mr. W. J. J. Short, chairman of the Queensland Sugar Board, to be C.B.E.
Mr. J. E. Broadbent, Parliamentary draftsman, Imperial Service Order (I.S.O.).
TASMANIA.—Mr. Edward Parkes, Under Secretary and chief electoral officer, and Mr. William N. T. Hurst, Secretary for Lands, Imperial Service Order.

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BOOK TAXES RELAXED

Primage Duty Off Public Library Volumes

"ONLY BEGINNING"

Canberra, June 2.

Strong representations to the Commonwealth Government to have educational works exempt from primage duty, have at last had some result.

A proclamation issued by the Governor-General tonight exempts the following goods from payment of primage.

Books and periodicals imported by the public libraries of the six States, including the Mitchell Library, Sydney; also by the National Library, Canberra, and by the libraries of the various universities.

Historical records in print, picture or manuscript imported by or for public libraries, including the Mitchell Library, Sydney.

Hymn books and prayer books for congregational use at public worship. Literature published by or issued under authority of the League of Nations.

"Pleasing News"

Mr. H. Rutherford Purnell, Public Librarian, said last night that the removal of the primary duty of 6 per cent. was pleasing news, but it represented only the minimum relief sought by institutions and societies. He hoped that the welcome action of the Federal Ministry was only the beginning of a movement to lift the tax on knowledge. The Book Tax Protest Committee would not be satisfied until books and periodicals necessary to the

community's cultural welfare were exempt from all imposts.

Adelaide Movement

Removal of portion of the embargo on books represents the fruits of a nation-wide protest which followed publication in "The Advertiser" of an article by Mr. Purnell disclosing the serious burdens imposed on all libraries and educational bodies and institutions. At the protest meeting in Adelaide 130 societies were represented. Since then other States have combined in repeated representations to the Government.

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Australian List

G.B.E.
Sir Robert Gibson, K.B.E., chairman of the Commonwealth Bank Board.

K.C.M.G.
Mr. Justice Northmore, Chief Justice of Western Australia.
Mr. Justice Rich, of the High Court.
Col. Cameron, M.P., of Brisbane.

K.B.
Air-Commodore Kingsford Smith.
Mr. Macpherson Robertson, head of the manufacturing firm of MacRobertson, Melbourne.

C.B.E.
Mr. H. D. Luxton, M.L.A., formerly Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

C.B.E.
Brig.-Gen. G. H. Dean, V.D., of Adelaide.

O.B.E., of Victoria.
Brig.-Gen. J. J. Paine, V.D., of New South Wales.
Mr. J. H. Vaughan, of Adelaide.
Mr. W. J. J. Short, chairman of the Queensland Sugar Board.
Dr. F. W. Wheatley, ex-head master of the R.A.N. Naval College.

C.M.G.
Mr. R. R. Stuckey, Under Treasurer of South Australia.

I.S.O.
Mr. E. Parkes, Tasmanian Under Secretary.

O.B.E.
Mr. Robert Connell, Commissioner of Police in Western Australia.

Sir John Northmore was born in Adelaide in 1866, and was educated at St. Peter's College. He subsequently studied at the Adelaide University, where he obtained his law degree. He was called to the South Australian Bar in 1896. For many years he was leading counsel in Western Australia, being first associated with the late Mr. Justice Moorhead, and later with the legal firm of Northmore, Hale, Davy, and Leake.

In 1910 Sir John was elevated to King's Counsel, and on the retirement of the late Sir Henry Parker from the judiciary he was appointed judge. Following the sudden death of the late Chief Justice (Sir Robert McMillan), Mr. Justice Northmore was appointed acting Chief Justice, and on September 29 of last year Cabinet appointed him Chief Justice and Administrator of Western Australia.

Mr. Connell was born on December 19, 1867, at Waterdille, County Kerry, Northern Ireland. He arrived in Western Australia in 1880, when barely 10 years of age, and in September of that year he joined the Police Force. Ultimately he became chief inspector of the Criminal Investigation Branch, and in 1912 was appointed Acting Commissioner of Police. The appointment was confirmed in the following year. Next September Mr. Connell will have completed 46 years of service with the Western Australian Police Force.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCES

Move For Friends' Society EXHIBITION LIKELY

The library and archives committee of the Public Library yesterday gave favorable consideration to the suggestion from Mr. R. C. Bald, of the University, that a society should be formed on the lines of the Friends of the National Libraries, England, and the Friends of the Bodleian Library at Oxford, in order to help the institution out of the plight into which it has fallen through diminished funds.

The chairman (Mr. W. H. Langham) was authorised to discuss the matter with Mr. Bald, and later to call a meeting of those interested in the proposal, to discuss the constitution

and launch the society. The suggestion that the library should hold a public exhibition of rare and valuable books only available at special request was also mentioned, and it is probable that, should the society come into being, some such means will be adopted.

Similar Societies In England

Important societies to provide special funds for the purchase of books by public and similar libraries have come into being since the war. Within the past two years the Friends of the National Libraries was formed in England to finance additional purchases for such institutions as the British Museum and the national libraries of Scotland and Wales. The advantage of special sources of funds for purchases was well exemplified in the case of the famous "Bedford Book of Hours," purchased by the British Museum for about £40,000 out of special funds. The Friends of the Bodleian, formed to finance extra purchases by the great library at Oxford University, came into being about 1928.

Mr. Langham said yesterday that if the proposed society of friends could be successfully founded, it should give a new incentive to the library movement in Australia, and supplement the work of early benefactors, the first of whom for South Australia was Robert Gouger, who in 1834 in London presented 64 books and four volumes of pamphlets as a nucleus for a library in the colony about to be formed. Some of these books are still preserved among the treasures of the library.

Federal Book Tax Concession

Commenting on the Federal Government's remission of the primage duty, amounting to 4 per cent., on books imported for public and university libraries in the Commonwealth, Professor W. K. Hancock, chairman of the South Australian Book Tax Protest Committee, said yesterday that the concession was very welcome, though it was only a part of the minimum concession for which the committee, in conjunction with the co-operating New South Wales body, had asked the Prime Minister, at his request.

After the deputation at Canberra, these bodies wrote the Prime Minister suggesting as the minimum the complete removal of the primage and sales taxes, amounting to 4 per cent. and 6 per cent. respectively, from publications imported by the public and university libraries and from publications exchanged by the learned societies.

The new concession, said Professor Hancock, did not touch the main problem, and the ultimate objective of those opposing the taxes must remain until their complete removal. If public and university libraries were essential to the intellectual advance of the country, so were also the learned societies, such as the Royal Society and the Royal Geographical Society, and so were the progressive doctor, the progressive industrialist, and the progressive bookseller. Some of the learned societies had had to ask kindred societies to cease sending publications to them, as they could not pay the taxes on them.

Many scientists, engineers, and manufacturers received as individuals trade publications containing matter of great economic and scientific importance, which would not get into the text books for some time. School children were still having to pay taxes on their books.

An English View

Professor Hancock drew attention to the remarks of Professor Ernest Barker, of Cambridge University, on the necessity for keeping Britain's general tariff off books, or "the commodity of thought." Professor Barker said that not only works of scholarship and research, but also works of imagination, of current controversy, and of every range of human capacity and interests, should pass freely and untaxed through all barriers.

"It is not," Professor Barker added, "merely a question of the free international circulation of knowledge, in the scholars' sense of the word, but it is also, and even more, a question of the free and international passage of the whole body of literature, the printed word in all its profane forms, by which each nation learns to understand the rest." The British Publishers' Association, the only body likely to benefit from a tariff on books, had itself declared for their exemption.

The Federal Government's primage tax concession means a saving of about £80 a year to the Adelaide Library.