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HERE TO STUDY
HILLS FOSSILS

Sir Edgeworth David
in Adelaide

QUEER ANIMALS

Prof. Sir T. W. Edgeworth David, of the Sydney University, arrived in Adelaide today to continue his study of fossils from Teatree Gully and from Goldsack's Quarries, at Beaumont.

The Royal and Geological Societies of London recently made a small grant for this research to Sir Douglas Mawson, Dr. R. J. Tillyard (Chief Federal Entomologist), and Sid Edgeworth.

These fossils are swimming animals, probably marine, and are older than those found elsewhere. Their age, estimated by radio-active methods, is about 600 million years, according to Sir Edgeworth. He said that originally they were buried to a depth of at least 30,000 feet, but had been so compressed and heated that they had been greatly distorted. In most cases the fossils dissolved completely away.

SANDWORMS AND SHRIMPS

Sir Edgeworth hopes now to obtain evidence sufficiently conclusive to convince even the most sceptical persons that a large assemblage of giant sandworms, crayfish-like creatures, and pod shrimps flourished near Adelaide in remote times.

Sir Edgeworth is collaborating, too, with Adelaide men, in a three volume book on geology and mineral resources of the Commonwealth. Dr. Ward is writing a chapter on artesian water, and Prof. Howchin is dealing with glacial deposits discovered by him and known as the Sturtian tillite, also the later glacial beds of Hallett's Cove and Inman Valley.

Dr. Charles Fenner is contributing a chapter on the physiograph of South Australia and Victoria, while Prof. Madigan is summarising for the book his recent discoveries in Central Australia.

Sir Edgeworth is the guest of Prof. Howchin.

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WHERE AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES LEAD

"Preparatory System Better Than American"

NEW YORK, April 12.

A representative of the Australian Press Association today interviewed Dr. R. S. Wallace, vice-chancellor of the Sydney University, and a member of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, before he sailed for England, where, after a week, he will leave for Australia. Dr. Wallace spent nine weeks studying American universities, principally in the midwest, and said that, whereas the United States institutions were higher in learning and, during the past amassed vast plants, laboratories, and so on of exceptional value, they were now suffering extremely from a lack of funds.

In one respect the American universities were not in as good a position as Australian universities, Dr. Wallace said. In Australia the preparatory work was much better than in America. Some educators held that the Australian preparatory school graduate had the equivalent of the first two years at an American university.

Dr. Wallace said he found that American universities suffered from a lack of uniform standards of admission and the existence of many minor and inferior colleges was impressed upon him. However, university procedure in the United States was notably careful in the medical examination and continuous medical care of the students. He stressed the point that the alertness and progressive spirit of the American higher education held good promise for the future.

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Mueller Medal Presented To Mr. J. M. Black

The opening meeting of the Royal Society of South Australia for this season was held at the Institute Building on Thursday evening. The president (Professor J. A. Prescott), in making the presentation of the Mueller Medal on behalf of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science to Mr. J. M. Black, said that, of the 12 recipients of the medal since its establishment, four had been Fellows of the Royal Society of South Australia—Professor W. Howchin (1913), Professor Wood Jones (1926), Sir Douglas Mawson (1930), and Mr. Black (1932).

Sir Edgeworth David, who is on a visit to Adelaide and is a member of the committee for the award of the medal, complimented the recipient on his botanical work.

Mr. Black, in acknowledging the honor, referred to the increased interest taken in botany in South Australia, compared with 20 or 30 years ago, and to the valuable collections which had recently been made by botanists and plant-lovers in various districts.

Dr. L. Keith Ward read a paper on "Inflammable Gases Occluded in Pre-Palaeozoic Rocks of S.A." He said the presence of some of the gases was curious, and difficult of explanation, and suggested the necessity of further research.

Mr. Norman B. Tindale read a paper entitled "Geological Notes On the Cockatoo Creek and Mount Liebig Country," which drew forth comments from Dr. Keith Ward, Mr. C. T. Madigan, and Dr. E. Chewings.

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DR. M. H. DOWNEY DIES SUDDENLY

Superintendent Of Mental Hospital

Dr. M. H. Downey, medical superintendent of the Parkside Medical Hospital, who was taken suddenly ill at his home on Sunday morning, died at a private hospital yesterday morning. He was 54 years of age, and had been associated with the Parkside hospital since 1905.

Dr. Downey was a recognised expert on mental diseases, which he had studied under Dr. Beattie Smith, of Melbourne, and Sir Thomas Clouston, at Edinburgh. Many changes, mostly for the comfort of patients, have been made at Parkside since his appointment as medical superintendent in 1915.

"He filled the position with much credit to himself and to the department, and will be greatly missed," said the Inspector-General of Hospitals (Dr. B. H. Morris) last night, in expressing regret at the death of Dr. Downey.

Dr. Downey undertook extensive research in medical diseases after he had graduated at the Melbourne University. He also obtained the degrees of L.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S. at Edinburgh. His services were acquired by the University of Adelaide as lecturer in mental diseases, and he was also a member of the Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland, and vice-president of Psychological Medicine and Neurology section at the Australasian Medical Congress. He has always believed in bringing as much brightness as possible into the lives of mental patients.

Dr. Downey served with distinction for three years in the Great War, was mentioned in dispatches, and received the D.S.O. He began his military career as a member of the Officers' Corps of the Melbourne University, saw active service with the R.A.M.C. in the Boer War, and enlisted in the Great War in February, 1916, as surgeon lieutenant-colonel in charge of the 11th Field Ambulance. In 1918 he was promoted to colonel, and was assistant director of medical services on divisional headquarters staff, Belgium.

Dr. Downey left a widow. Mr. D. R. Downey, judges' associate at the Supreme Court, Adelaide, and recently assistant Public Solicitor, is a son.

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UNIVERSITY ON SITE OF HALL

Condemns Pulteney Street Extension

"RUIN OF PLAN"

The Lord Mayor (Mr. Glover) submitted to the City Council this afternoon a letter from the council of the Adelaide University in which it strongly opposed any extension of Pulteney street to Frome road through the University grounds.

He reported on his interview with the acting Vice-Chancellor of the University (Prof. Chapman) on the proposed building of a Great Hall on the University grounds on North terrace.

Plans and specifications have been completed for this building, which will be known as the Bonython Hall, and tenders for its erection will be called tomorrow for the first time.

"RECONSIDER INTENTIONS"

Mr. Glover said he suggested to Prof. Chapman that the University Council might reconsider its intention of using the whole of the land recently granted to it by the Government apart from any plans it had already formed.

The University Council had replied that it would be nothing short of disastrous to the future of the University if the present beautiful site were spoiled and thrown out of balance by a road which the council regarded as unnecessary.

The University Council pointed out that in 1929, when the Bill to grant the land to the University was passed, the possibility of the extension of Pulteney street was discussed.

The University Council said that it had prepared a general scheme, so that all buildings to be erected in the future would form part of the complete plan.

The University said that the Barr Smith Library, recently erected as part of the contemplated scheme, would entirely lose its fine architectural features if the suggested road were constructed. The library would be on the outer boundary of the University block instead of in the centre as at present.

"NOISE OF TRAFFIC"

The University's letter said that in addition to taking a large area, that could be ill afforded, the proposed roadway would divide the University block into two parts. The smaller part would be so shaped as to be of very much reduced value for building purposes.

"A main roadway with the noise of its traffic alongside library and classrooms would be most objectionable," it said.

Ald. Cain said that prominent business people in the east end of Rundle street were concerned. They advocated an extension of Pulteney street. Business in the east end was languishing because of its natural disabilities being cut off by the parklands.

"Victoria square spoils the city," he said, amid exclamations from members. He suggested the square would be a good site for the Great Hall.

The report of the Lord Mayor was adopted.

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PULTENEY ST. EXTENSION

University View Of Proposal

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The question of the extension of Pulteney street northwards through the University grounds, was revived in the Adelaide City Council yesterday. Although opinions were expressed in favor of making Pulteney street a "northern highway," members pointed out that the decision of the University Council to proceed with its building scheme blocked any such proposal.

The matter was re-introduced by a statement by the Lord Mayor (Mr. C. R. J. Glover) that he had discussed with the acting Vice-Chancellor of the University (Professor Chapman) the possibility of the University Council making available to the corporation a portion of the land recently dedicated to the University so that Pulteney street might be extended to a point on Frome road, near the Albert Bridge. The Lord Mayor said that the Uni-

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versity Council had stated that it would be disastrous to the future of the University if the present site were spoiled and thrown out of balance by a road, which it regarded as unnecessary. The University also pointed out that the Barr Smith Library, which had recently been erected as part of the contemplated scheme, would, if the suggested road were constructed, be placed on an outer boundary of the University block alongside a road which, because of the embankment necessary, would be many feet above the level of the land on which the library stood.

Alderman Rees, who moved the adoption of the Lord Mayor's report, said he could see the University's viewpoint. Mr. Lavington Bonython, a former Lord Mayor, had, in 1929, expressed the opinion when the land was transferred to the University, that the City Council had then missed its opportunity. It appeared that sectional interests must predominate over those of the community.

Ald. Cain, in seconding the adoption of the report, said every member of the council was in sympathy with the University authorities, but felt that business and commercial interests should receive consideration.

"A quite useless thing is Victoria square," said Ald. Cain. "That would be a suitable place in which to erect the Bonython Hall."

The Lord Mayor's report was adopted.

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NEW CABINET AT WORK TODAY

Swearing-In Ceremony Hastened

LAST-MINUTE CHANGE

Three Members New To Work

The new Liberal and Country Party Government, led by Mr. Butler, was sworn in yesterday afternoon, after the resignation of Mr. Richards and the members of his Cabinet. The new Ministry, which will begin its duties at 10 a.m. today, is:—

- MR. BUTLER, Premier and Treasurer.
- MR. RITCHIE, Chief Secretary, Minister of Mines, and Minister of Afforestation.
- MR. JEFFRIES, Attorney-General, Minister of Education, and Minister of Industry and Employment.
- MR. McINTOSH, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Minister of Repatriation, and Minister of Irrigation.
- MR. HUDD, Commissioner of Public Works, Minister of Railways, Minister of Marine.
- MR. BLESING, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Local Government.

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TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until noon of FRIDAY, 19th May, for BUILDING THE GREAT HALL of the UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE, to be known as "THE BONYTHON HALL."

Neither the lowest nor any tender necessarily accepted.

Applicants may be called upon to lodge a deposit.

WOODS, BAGOT, FF.R.A.I.A., LAYBOURNE SMITH & IRWIN, Architects, Richards Buildings, Currie street.

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