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AUSTRALIAN MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

New Exhibition For Candidates

The annual conference of the Australian Music Examinations Board has just concluded in Melbourne. Dr. E. Harold Davies, who presided, said yesterday that among the many matters discussed was the establishment of a Licentiate (Teacher) Diploma for aural training and musical appreciation, to come into operation next year.

The conference had accepted the offer of an exhibition of £50 a year made by the Associated Board of the Royal College and Royal Academy. Beginning next year, it will be awarded only to candidates of the A.M.E.B., and would be tenable for two years either at an approved school of music in Australia, or at one of the Royal schools in London. Excepting for its Licentiate Diploma, the Associated board had now ceased to examine in Australia, and music teachers who formerly supported the Board's examinations, had been advised to enter their candidates in future for the A.M.E.B.

Dr. Edgar Bainton, the newly appointed Director of the State Conservatorium in Sydney, was a delegate from N.S.W. Professor Davies said Dr. Bainton had already had long and intimate experience of musical education work with the Royal schools, and his association with the A.M.E.B. would be of great value in helping to frame future policy for the development of musical education in Australia.

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Miss Agnes Dorch, who has been chosen as the Catherine Helen Spence scholar, was given a farewell yesterday at the office of the Director of Education by members of the Catherine Helen Spence advisory committee. Miss Dorch will leave on Wednesday to study infant and maternal welfare abroad. She will visit Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia, Germany, Sweden, Canada, and the United States, and will return in introduction from the Acting Prime Minister. (Dr. Page) to officials in those countries. Miss Dorch expects to be absent from Australia until 1937. The scholarship, which is for a period of four years, carries an allowance of £42.

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Sir William Mitchell, Vice-Chancellor of the Adelaide University, returned from a holiday visit to England and Scotland by the Comorin, which arrived at Outer Harbor from London on Saturday. Sir William Mitchell left in November and spent most of his time with members of his family near Rugby and Aberdeen. At Cambridge he saw Sir Charles Martin, who was formerly in charge of the Animal Nutrition Department at Birmingham and met Prof. W. K. Hancock.

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Praise For New Professor For University

"THE difficulty in securing professors for Australia is that salaries are much higher in England," said the vice-chancellor of the Adelaide University (Sir William Mitchell) today. Sir William returned to South Australia in the Comorin on Saturday from a holiday visit to England and Scotland. While abroad he arranged for the appointment of Mr. J. I. M. Stewart, of the University of Leeds, to the Jury Chair of English language and literature at the Adelaide University. Mr. Stewart is 28 years old.

The vice-chancellor said that there was a particular difficulty regarding an English chair appointment. At present professors of English were being trained as scholars, specially in editing Elizabethan and other old authors. The ability to read and collate old manuscripts was, of course, useless in Australia, where there was none.

"Mr. Stewart has had an education of the old type in which professors of English had a foundation of Latin, Greek, and philosophy," said Sir William, for he received his education at the Edinburgh Academy, which is recognised as one of the first in Britain.

"Mr. Stewart went through the whole of the classical side, and instead of proceeding to the University of Edinburgh went to Oxford, where he studied English for three years and since then he has spent a year abroad, mainly in Vienna."

Sir William said Mr. Stewart would bring a knowledge of modern languages to the Adelaide chair, as well as a high standard in ancient languages. He was much interested in teaching English, and the professor of English at Leeds University (Prof. J. B. Wilson) had testified very warmly to the influence that Mr. Stewart had as a medical graduate, and there were two small children.

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University's Appeal

The University of Sydney would like to meet a generous donor who is prepared to give the year to establish a chair of music. The interest on that sum would defray the cost of the chair which the University is anxious to establish. The Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Wallace) said that the chair should be established as soon as possible. He contrasted Sydney, the largest city in Australia, with Melbourne and Adelaide, which are up-to-date and include music in the matriculation subjects and arts courses. The omission in Sydney is all the more remarkable as the citizens pride themselves on being undergraduates. His wife was abundantly demonstrated that fact. The young world violinist, Yehudi Menuhin, is still playing to packed houses at the Town Hall, and many nightly are unable to obtain admission.

Death Of Dr. F. L. Stow In Perth

Dr. Francis Leslie Stow, former Commissioner of Lands in Western Australia, who was the younger son of the late Mr. Justice R. I. Stow, of South Australia, died yesterday. He is reported from Claremont, Western Australia.

Educated at St. Peter's College, Dr. Stow was the first recipient of the doctorate of laws degree of the Adelaide University. He became Crown Prosecutor in Perth, and later Crown Commissioner of Lands. He was appointed Commissioner of Lands Titles. He retired a year or so ago. He has left a widow and three children. His dear brother, Mr. Percival Stow, resides at Kent street, Glenelg.

NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL

Empire's Doctors May Benefit

THE KING'S HOPE

(British Official Wireless)

LONDON, May 13. THE visit of the King and Queen to Hammersmith today to open the British Post-graduate Medical School was made another happy jubilee occasion. Their Majesties, who travelled in a closed motor car, were cordially cheered by crowds all the way from Buckingham Palace.

The new medical school, which has been founded through the co-operation of the Treasury and the London County Council, has been incorporated as a college of the University of London.

It will appoint its own staff, the clinical members of which will be full-time servants of the University, and will not be dependent for their livelihood on private or consulting practice. Each of four departments—medicine, surgery, obstetric, and pathology—has at its head a professor, with readers and assistants.

The school will offer facilities for medical men in Britain and the Dominions, to put themselves abreast of the latest medical and surgical developments. The King expressed his earnest hope that the school, with its happy union of ward and laboratory, of university and local authority, drawing students and teachers alike from all parts of the Empire, might prosper.

"May it play an Imperial role in the winning and dissemination of medical knowledge for the relief of suffering among my people in this country and overseas, and in enabling the doctors of all lands to come together in a task where all must be allies and helpers," said the King.

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Address on Economics By Prof. Shann

At a meeting of the South Australian branch of the Economic Society of Australia, and New Zealand next Tuesday night the speaker will be Prof. E. O. G. Shann, professor of economics at the Adelaide University. His topic will be "The Financial Tasks of the States and the Commonwealth."

The lecturer will trace the history of the allocation of financial powers to the Commonwealth and States through the opposition of the Free Trade Party in New South Wales to the Braddon Clause.

He will connect the post-1910 extravagance of development policies with the inadequacy of State revenues to the discharge of State responsibilities. Finally he will consider suggestions for easing the States' task in balancing their Budgets.

SCHOOLMASTER LOOKS AT EDUCATION

Living Question Marks REASON AND ROUTINE

In a series of three articles, of which this is the first, the vice-principal of the Adelaide High School will discuss, for the information of parents and children, some of the obvious but no less important problems of present-day education.

No. 1.—By C. M. WARD

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Examinations Problem

The University Public Examinations Board has in recent years given much thought to the setting of mathematical questions which require considerable use of commonsense and original thought. Success is becoming impossible for candidates who can merely reproduce rote-work and do stereotyped problems. This, admittedly, is only proper; but possibly the pendulum has swung too far. The questions set are not abstruse or beyond the syllabus, but they fairly bristle with points on which the student may be impaled in a moment of aberration. The pressure is on too much. The demand for two or three hours sustained use of something like commonsense is in itself a stern enough test. But it is also to be remembered that the manipulative processes of calculating, checking, drawing, measuring, and plotting graphs are going on at full speed. Under such conditions, unless there is a generous margin of time allowed, even the most careful students make what examiners lightly refer to as careless mistakes. Those responsible for this reform in the syllabus have naturally kept in view the requirements for calculation. They cannot, however, be charged with unduly emphasising the academic aspect; for they have at all times invited the criticism and co-operation of teachers and fairly considered their points of view. Whatever further modification may be thought desirable to meet the requirements of those who do not intend to go far with the study of mathematics, there cannot but be general appreciation for this or any other genuine effort to protect a subject from the dangers of a soporific routine.

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Chamber Music Recitals—Two Chamber music recitals will be given in the Elder Hall at the Elder Conservatorium on Monday, June 3, and Wednesday, June 5, by Mrs. Newby Greaves, in conjunction with the staff of the Elder Conservatorium and the Lyddian Singers, under the direction of Mr. John Horner.

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Duty of Graduates To University

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Adelaide University Men's Union on Saturday night, Professor R. W. Chapman stressed the importance of such bodies as a means of bringing about mutual understanding and cooperation among young men who were destined to enter many different professions and trades, and some of whom would play an important part in the history of the State. Loyalty to the University which had prepared them for their careers was a big factor in fostering that mutual understanding and cooperation, not only lacking in many graduates of the Adelaide University. The Men's Union could do much to foster a sense of loyalty.

The chairman (Mr. M. F. Bonnin) responded to the toast of the Men's Union.

Professor G. V. Portus said that the social aspect of sport was a most important one. He questioned whether any single organism was doing much to bring about world understanding and international sport.