

The testimony that has been received from an auditor... of how highly Professor Shann was regarded by men engaged in national and financial problems...

Prime Minister's Tribute

LONDON, May 23.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Lyons) describes Professor Shann's death not only as a blow to Australia, but a serious personal loss.

Death A National Loss, Says

Dr. Page

SYDNEY, May 24.

The Acting Prime Minister (Dr. Page) said today that he desired to express to the Commonwealth Government and his own personal regrets at the untimely death of Professor Shann...

"His work was characterized by a large vision and great public spirit," said Dr. Page, "and his death is a national loss."

friend of Professor Shann. After Professor Portus had read passages of Scripture, he delivered a most impressive address, paying an eloquent tribute to the memory of his old friend and colleague.

Service To Country

He said—"It is difficult to speak in public of those we love. What shall I say to you about a dear friend of mine, Edward Shann? Most of you scarce knew him enough to appreciate him. What he has done for the public life of Australia who have gathered from the remarkable tributes paid to him by the political leaders of this country...

"Edward Shann was a clever man, and a good man, and a man of good without being clever; and some few, I suppose, are clever without being good. No man can be good unless he desires the homage of those he uses his intellect to discover it. Shann was a man of this kind, and he was a man of reality. He was forever treading on the heels of reform. It was this quality in him that prickled him on, in his historical work to keep on comparing the past with the present; and this led him to foresee—before most of us—our professional and amateur, and before any other publicists—the onset of the depression of 1929. Even since he has come among us, he has not ceased to argue, his speculations in a practical direction. In his very first public utterance in the Adelaide University he warned lest they be caught in the toils of an administrative habit and traditional outlook in the very important matter of the University of the future. He was certainly as this week, he was setting his practical imagination to work to suggest a way out of the financial difficulties of the University. He was in the front ranks of the Commonwealth and the States.

"Whilal, he was a humble-minded man. He did not vaunt himself. He was not puffed up. Time and time again I myself have been shamed, and have been glad to be shamed, by the way he was setting himself to work to 'relearn his Economics, as he phrased it.

Record As Teacher

"Of his gifts as a teacher, this University has no doubt had a long experience. But his record in Melbourne, in Brisbane, and in Perth speaks for itself. Is there any other academic man among us who has done more for Australian universities? He was an inspiring lecturer, all the more so because he deprecated declamation and relied on dry statistics. And he spoke with ironic humor, to drive his points home.

"Presently I am going to ask you to renew with me the League of the Kingdome! I want you to remember when you are saying that, that Shann was the man that Kingdome I mean. He would have deprecated this estimate of himself. I can see the humorous twist of his mouth as he disclaimed such a role. But the Kingdome is not a future state. It is with us here and now—in actual operation. The Kingdome of God is within and among us. It is gaining ground with ever advance that we make in our intellectual life and in our social institutions. The Kingdom of God penetrates every organization in society, gradually, establishing what is good in such organization, and just as relentlessly removing the evil out of it.

"So it is that the Kingdome is always coming. We cannot lay our hands upon it and say—'Lo! It is here, or 'Lo! It is there,' but we do know that our happiest memories are those of the blows which we struck for the Kingdome, and we know that our most humiliating recollections are those of the 30 pieces of silver which, from time to time, we have taken to betray it.

"So it was that Edward Shann worked for the Kingdome. He worked for it by his moral intellect, by his realism, and above all, by his sympathy. Let George Meredith speak his epitaph—

"When I remember, friend, whom I lost I call, Becket, my man beloved, my man beloved, The tender humor and the fire of sense, And all that I have seen, how full of heart for all, And chiefly for the weaker by the wall. You see the lamp and candle, too, and see, Then see I found you Death's grim shadowed face."

Divide, and at your feet his emblems fall. For surely you are one with the white host, Spirit, whose memory's in our vital air, Through the great love of earth, that laid, in these, Like beams, that throw the path on lesser men. Can this be I, who keep them in the shade, Partakers of a strife they joyed to share? "And if the spirit of a man returns to the places which he loved, and to the causes for which he worked on earth, then, be well assured that Shann's spirit will be with each one of us, wherever and whenever we fight the eternal battle against ignorance, pedantry, and routine."

The service concluded with the Lord's Prayer and a Benediction.

Many Messages

Among the mourners were Mr. Frank Shann, of Victoria (brother of Professor Shann), the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Adelaide (Sir William Mitchell), the registrar (Mr. Eardley), Mr. John A. La Nauze (assistant lecturer in economics, who represented the guild of undergraduates of Western Australia, members of the University Council, professors and lecturers, members of the staff, and of the University Senate and students.

Many official messages of sympathy were received at the University on Saturday.

A telegram from the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Australia (Professor H. E. White) recalled the late Professor Shann's 22 years of scholastic work in Perth. The general manager of the Bank of New South Wales (Mr. A. C. Davidson) wrote, inter alia—"The loss to Australia of such an outstanding figure is immeasurable."

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W.A. Memorial Service To Professor Shann

PERTH, May 23.

As a good builder, a servant of his country, and a very human teacher, said the Primate of Australia (Archbishop Le Fanu), the registrar of Professor E. O. G. Shann at a memorial service held in St. George's Cathedral today. The service, which was short and simple, was attended by members of the University Senate, members of teaching staff, students and others who had known Professor Shann.

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Dr. Cecil J. Hackett, assistant lecturer and demonstrator in the department of human physiology and pharmacology at the University of Adelaide, will leave by the express this evening for Melbourne and Sydney. Dr. Hackett will continue his investigations in the Northern Territory next year. While in the eastern States, Dr. Hackett will look for samples of bone formation in the Melbourne and Sydney Museums.

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MORE than 300 citizens, representative of the academic and business life of Adelaide, attended the funeral of Prof. Shann today.

In a simple but impressive service at the Crematorium, Prof. Portus made a brief address and read the burial service.

Among floral tributes received were wreaths from the Commonwealth Government; the staff of the Adelaide University; the Commerce Students' Association of the Adelaide University; the Council of the Adelaide University; the Adelaide University Men's Union; the Adelaide University Women's Union; the University of Western Australia; the economic department of the Bank of New South Wales; Sir Douglas and Lady Mawson; Prof. Copland and Prof. G. L. Wood, of the Melbourne University; Dr. and Mrs. A. Grenfell Price, the president and committee of the Perth Economic Society; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Davidson, of Sydney; the Economic Society of Melbourne; the South Australian branch of the Economic Society of Australia; and New Zealand, Sir Wallace and Lady Bruce, the inspector, executive officers, and staff of the Bank of New South Wales; Premier Australia; the Commercial Travelers' Association of Western Australia; the New South Wales branch of the Economic Society of Australia; New Zealand; Dr. and Mrs. Edward White, of Toorak; Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Weale, the inspector, executive officers, and staff of the Commercial Travelers' Association of Western Australia; Wales, South Australia; director of Advertising Newspapers Ltd., J. B. Wers and Son, and P. Wilkinson, Smith, Mrs. R. G. Casey and Mrs. Casey, Canberra, and Prof. H. J. Wilkinson.

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FUNERAL OF PROFESSOR SHANN

Service Conducted By Professor Portus

ELOQUENT TRIBUTE TO OLD COLLEAGUE

Striking tributes to the memory of the late Professor E. O. G. Shann, of the chair of economics at the Adelaide University, distinguished his funeral on Saturday; and further evidence of the high esteem in which he was held was provided by the many beautiful messages of sympathy received from political and scholastic leaders in all States, and by the large attendance of University representatives and leading citizens.

The funeral left the University at 11.15 a.m. for the crematorium, via West terrace, and then to the Crematorium. At the Crematorium a simple, impressive, and unconventional service was conducted by Professor G. V. Portus, professor of political science and history at the Adelaide University, who was a close

"New Approach To Economics"

"His permanent interest in 'teaching economics,' continued Sir William Leitch, and he has now completed a new approach, escaping from the abstractness of the classical school and the empirical character of the historical school. This was this new scheme that made him unwilling to take a rest. Last week he confided to me a manuscript of his new method. He thought that a change of air would keep him fit, but he had often during his life suffered from the ailments of his undergraduate years, and he was worse when he came back from London. His cheerfulness actually deceived us, and until he told me, I had no idea that he was feeling the strain."

Acting Premier Grieved

"Only very recently I had an interview with Professor Shann, in which he indicated a line of study which he had undertaken concerning the reduction of the national debt," said the Acting Premier (Mr. Lyons) who paid a tribute to the splendid service given by Professor Shann in connection with the economic situation during the past few years.

"I am grieved indeed at the death of so fine a citizen, and at the very serious loss which Australia has sustained," said the Acting Premier. "It is with much interest I was much impressed with the zealous attitude which Professor Shann adopted towards the economic situation of the State in expressing deepest sympathy, on behalf of the Government, to those who are distressed."

Sir Walter Young said last night—"Apart from my associations with him at Adelaide University, I have known Professor Shann during the discussions on the Premiers' Plan, and I can hardly exaggerate the loss his death means to both Australia, or rather to Australia."

The president of the Adelaide University (Mr. H. J. Wilkinson) said that Professor Shann had become well established in the affection of the students in the short time he had been in Perth. "He was a personality that was distinctly attractive to the students, and at the few social occasions he came in contact with them they felt that he was one who understood them and could identify himself to enter wholeheartedly into their sentiments without any loss of dignity."

"Great Teacher And Friend"

"I was shocked indeed to learn of the tragic death of Professor Shann," said the president of the Adelaide University Men's Union (Mr. M. F. Bonin). "In the short time that he was with us, he had already impressed himself on those who were fortunate enough to come into contact with him as a man who was in every way worthy of the highest respect and esteem. From the first moment that I met him, I could not but be struck with the gentleness and unassuming friendliness of his manner, his enthusiasm and almost youthful eagerness in conversation, his deep-seated sense of humor, and his happy ability for bridging, at one stroke, the gulf between professor and student. I feel that, with his passing, the students have lost a great teacher and a friend."

"I regarded Professor Shann as a man of singular charm of manner, with a clarity of expression that made it almost impossible for him to be making," said the chairman of the Associated Banks of South Australia (Mr. E. J. W. Hill). "He was so richly endowed with the rare quality of commonsense that his opinions were of unusual worth. Australia, and Adelaide in particular, is the poorer by his death."

At the weekly luncheon of the Young Lawyers' Association, the chairman (Mr. K. C. Wilson) referred sympathetically to the death of Professor Shann, and the members stood for two minutes in silence in honor of respect. On behalf of the Commonwealth Government, the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Lyons) made a message of sympathy to the relatives of Professor Shann. A wreath will be sent to the funeral today.