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Games And Other Fixtures

The report read by Mr. Ryan at the meeting reviewed the lines along which organisation is proceeding. The following are the arrangements already completed:

The Australian National Games will be held in Adelaide from January 25 to February 1, 1936. Reports indicate that there will be a good representation of competitors, as entrants for the Olympic Games, to be held in Germany in August, 1936, must qualify by competing in this competition in Adelaide.

The Centennial Exhibition will last from March 20 to May 16, and reference to it and the Games is being included in the Centenary publicity.

On Kangaroo Island residents have formed a Centenary committee to commemorate July 27, the date when the first settlers landed on the island 100 years ago. They propose to hold a week's celebrations during the tourist season later in the year.

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Dr. R. F. Matters was today appointed to the Executive Council honorary commissioner to inquire into and report upon the cause and treatment of cancer in the United Kingdom, Europe, and America during his forthcoming trip abroad.

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POINTS FROM LETTERS

Some Aspects Of Education

From "Mother":—Miss Lucy Shaw (of the Kindergarten Girls' College) is right in stating that cramming for exams. is not education, but that so long as employers and universities insist on children doing the same as other children, and then other children doing the same thing ad infinitum, so long will the examination bugbear hinder full and complete education in the widest sense. As a newspaper in this city, and interested in education, I find it examination mad; everybody is either for or against it. Is it good or bad for them. Why is it? Is there so little else doing in the city that people must study to prevent boredom? Why a certificate from an established school should not be sufficient for employers, is hard to understand. Why must it be a University certificate? Obviously it is a fine revenue-producer for your University, but I see no other virtue in it. Why students are tortured into sitting for the leaving examination, unless they are going for a University degree, is beyond comprehension.

Cadets For Field Work In New Guinea

CANBERRA, July 11.

Young men between 20 and 24 seeking a career of adventure, with prospects of advancement in the public service, may apply for appointment as cadets in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea. The salary will begin at £200 a year, and the appointment will be for a probationary period of two years. After a course of instruction at Rabaul, the cadets will be drafted out under district officers for field work, and those showing special proficiency will be given courses in practical anthropology.

"The duties are concerned mainly with the extension of Government influence among the native population. A minimum educational standard, equivalent to a University certificate, is required. Application should be made before August 15 to the Prime Minister's Department, Canberra.

Mr. A. G. Strickland, Chief Horticultural Instructor in the Department of Agriculture and a Master of Agricultural Science (Melbourne University), and Mr. David B. Adam, Plant Pathologist at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute and a Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Melbourne University), were elected Fellows of the Royal Society of South Australia last night.

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Study of Languages

Not Popular in Adelaide

ALTHOUGH the study of modern languages is reported to be increasing in Brisbane, Adelaide people do not seem to take much interest in any language but French.

Only one Adelaide University classes in French, German, Spanish, and Italian are growing in numbers; in the Adelaide University there are no professors of French, showing no increase in recent years, and none of German, showing a slight increase.

There are no classes in any other modern language, but the registrar (Mr. F. W. Eardley) said today that if a sufficient number wished to learn consideration would be given to the forming of classes.

Provision was made for the teaching of French and Italian at the Conservatorium, but there were no students of these languages there at present.

The vice-chancellor of the University (Sir William Mitchell) said that although there was no professor of modern languages at the University, the appointment of such a professor had often been requested by the faculty of arts, and only a lack of money prevented the council from establishing it.

Not for Police Here

Because there are many fewer foreigners in South Australia than in Queensland, the Police Department does not find any need for teaching foreign languages to its officers, as is being done in Brisbane.

The Queensland move will enable constables to speak to foreigners on the cane fields in their own tongues.

Many South Australian police officers can speak German as a result of their upbringing in districts where Teutonic families predominated. Inspector Treloar, of Port Adelaide, who was formerly shipping detective at the seaport, speaks German fluently.

Knowledge of foreign tongues is not essential for police officers visiting steamers. Most of the officers speak English.

Several policemen doing service at Far Northern stations are able to talk to aborigines in some of the native dialects.

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HIGHER STANDARD OF MUSIC TEACHING

Plea For Legislation

MUSICIANS' CONFERENCE

A deputation to ask the Government to introduce legislation requiring teachers of music to pass qualification standards set by the Musical Association of South Australia was suggested by the president (Mr. Arthur Williams) at the first annual conference of the association yesterday. He said it was felt, also, that the standard of music in State schools would be improved if a regular teacher from the association visited each school in turn, on one day a week.

The conference was opened by the Minister of Education (Mr. Jeffries), who said people were more alive to the value of having their children taught by competent teachers than they had been a few years ago. In the near future legislation might be made that would raise the profession of music teacher in the eyes of the public.

The patron of the association (Dr. E. Harold Davies) gave an address on "The Ways of Study," in which he said the elements that composed a good student were: Intellect, brain, and character. Third-class talent combined with good brain and character succeeded better than brilliant talent that was accompanied by poor brain and character.

Dr. Davies denounced the unimaginative competition of the student whose cry was "The more I practise the worse I get;" the habit of living in an "intellectual fog" without being guided by a teacher. Seeing intelligently, doing thoughtfully, and realising critically were the essentials of good work.

Before giving his address, Dr. Davies paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. Ernest Reimann, who was the first president of the association, and for many years teacher of the violin at the Adelaide Conservatorium, for his long devotion to the cause of music. He referred to a tablet recently erected in his memory in the Conservatorium by the University Council.

Mr. Clifford Lathlean, in a paper on "Singing in Schools," discussed the importance of precise utterance in singing, apart from considerations of tonal quality. He said that English, with its simple vowel sounds, had deleteriously affected English singing, as English vowel sounds had different values of pronunciation. Church choirs were great offenders.

Miss Maude Puddy read a paper on Theodore Leschetizky, the famous Polish teacher of Paderewski and Paderewski, under whom Miss Puddy studied in Vienna.

At the evening session, Mr. Arved Kurtz gave an address on "The Violin." He said he agreed with the opinion of Mr. Ludwig Schwab that the six million population of Australia should be able to support an orchestra. In Europe and America, after studying, after finishing his studies, tried to get a job in an orchestra, he said, he was he forced to change his profession and to do other work at the same time to earn his daily bread.

Wireless Station Orchestras

"I believe that the broadcasting stations in Australia will probably take up the idea of having their own professional orchestras, if they are small ones," he said. "Those orchestras should be a foundation which can be enlarged for special public symphony concerts in the respective cities.

"We will need good orchestras, music very soon, especially as the Centenary of South Australia will be celebrated next year. Australia has produced a number of great artists, such as Dame Florence Austral, Alma Moodie, and Percy Grainger—and there are many other talented young people here who should be developed, so that one day we will have an opera house and symphony orchestra that will compare with any other in the world."

After Mr. Kurtz's address, Miss Heather Gell demonstrated Dalcroze principles in music education with the aid of a class of 15 girls.

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JUBILEE OF VARSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL

Exhibition Next Month

The registrar of the University (Mr. F. W. Eardley) said today that the jubilee of the medical school of the University would be celebrated next year, and an exhibition illustrating the progress in medical science in 50 years would be held on August 30 and 31.

On September 18 a special congregation and conferring of degrees would be held, at which distinguished visitors from other States and from Great Britain would be present.

In the evening a dinner for members of medical profession would be held in the University refectory.

Dr. Ronald Trudinger, of the Sudan United Mission, is visiting Adelaide on furlough, doing deputation work for the mission. He expects to be here about two months.

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Growing Interest In Foreign Languages

Interest was shown in Adelaide yesterday in the report from Brisbane published in "The Advertiser" that there seemed to be a revival of interest in foreign languages, especially Italian, in Queensland.

The Italian Consul (Mr. G. Amerio) said that the Italian community in South Australia was smaller than in any other State, and for that reason the language was little encouraged. He had approached the University of Adelaide authorities about teaching Italian, he was told that, if a sufficient number wanted to learn the language, consideration would be given to the forming of a class.

The president of L'Alliance Francaise (Mr. W. Goodhart) said that there were more persons anxious to learn and speak French.

Mr. Wallace Erdmann, a member of the Adelaide branch of the German Club, and a teacher of German, said that there appeared to be more learning of the language.

At the University there are about 100 students studying German, and a small number learning German.

The Registrar of the University (Mr. F. W. Eardley) said that there were no classes in any other foreign languages, but if a sufficient number wished to learn consideration would be given to the formation of classes. Provision had been made at the Elder Conservatorium for the teaching of French and Italian, but there were no students.

£12,000 Gift For Library For Queensland University

BRISBANE, July 12.

The Council of the Queensland University announced tonight the receipt of a gift of £12,000 to enable the University to erect a building to be known as "The James Forsyth Memorial Library."

The gift comes, jointly, from Mrs. Forsyth, widow of James Forsyth, of Toowong, Brisbane, and her niece, Miss H. B. Philp. The building is to be erected on the permanent site of the University at St. Lucia. The University received a previous gift from the same source, as, in 1925, under the terms of Mr. Forsyth's will, £5,000 was received for use in connection with the Faculty of Agriculture.

The late Mr. James Forsyth was formerly managing director in Queensland of Philp, Philp, and was for many years a member of the Queensland Parliament.

Jubilee Of Medical School

The Registrar of the University of Adelaide (Mr. F. W. Eardley) said yesterday that the jubilee of the medical school of the University of Adelaide would be celebrated this year. A convocation has been arranged for August 30 and 31, and would take the form of an exhibition, illustrating the progress of the school. Plans for a special programme of exhibits, films, and short talks was also being arranged. There would be a special congregation for the conferring of degrees on distinguished visitors at the University on September 18. In the evening there would be a jubilee dinner.

The Registrar added that Lord Horder and Sir Thomas Carnwath, and other distinguished visitors from overseas and the other States would be present.

Mr. Leslie Casson, who left Adelaide three years ago to enter Corpus Christi College, Oxford, has been appointed Professor in English Literature at King's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia. He is at present engaged in a course of research in Middle English poetry, under Professor H. C. K. Wyld, of Merton College, and will not complete his work at Oxford until the end of this year. He was formerly in the Education Department of this State, and is a son of Mr. Frank Casson, of Loxton.