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UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.

FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS.

Mr. W. E. Cooke, hon. secretary university committee, writes as follows:—
Doubtless many people are feeling disappointed and probably angry at being unable to obtain even standing accommodation at Monday night's lecture. Let me ask their kindly consideration when they bear in mind the following facts, viz., that the members of the local university committee are all busy men or women who give their services gratuitously, and can scarcely be blamed if their arrangements break down under totally unexpected pressure; and that neither the sale of season tickets nor the experience of previous years warranted the assumption that the accommodation in St. George's Hall would be inadequate.

It is very gratifying to feel that so much interest is being taken, and the cause is not far to seek. A course of lectures on such a subject, and by such an acknowledged expert, is unique not only in this State but in Australia. That all who realised this would wish to attend might perhaps be taken for granted, but it was a little difficult to foresee that this realisation would be so widespread.

But enough of apology. I wish to state the arrangements which have been made for future lectures.

1. These will be given in the Queen's hall.

2. Mr. Soddy has very kindly undertaken to re-deliver last night's lecture tomorrow evening (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Queen's hall.

3. Every consideration will be given to season-ticket holders. I must emphasise the fact that this is not by any means a commercial undertaking, and must deny any imputation of wishing to push the sale of these tickets from a financial aspect. We are spending funds that have been entrusted to us—not making money—and cannot possibly hope to pay expenses at the nominal rates charged. But the principal point of the whole series is that the very latest facts and theories are to be placed before us by one who comes straight from the midst of the intellectual battle, and it is only fair to Mr. Soddy and to ourselves that we should give him the opportunity of leading up to his subject in his own way. At all future lectures, therefore, a number of seats in the best portions of the hall equal to the number of season tickets sold will be reserved until five minutes to 8. This will still leave plenty of room for those who wish to attend single lectures only and pay at the door, but we mean to guarantee a good seat to any season-ticket holder who arrives before five minutes to 8. After that they must take their chance with the rest.

4. For greater convenience still arrangements are being made whereby subscribers may now book their seats for the whole season on payment of 2s. 6d. per seat (5d. per lecture). The two best places in Queen's hall are undoubtedly the central portion of the gallery and the front seats in the hall, and these will be reserved. I wish to be clear upon this point. Subscribers can be certain of a good seat anyhow if they arrive before 7.55, but in addition they may secure any fastened chair for the season by payment of 2s. 6d., which will barely cover the extra expenses incidental to booking. Under no circumstances, however, will seats be guaranteed after five minutes to 8.

5. These seats may be booked at the Queen's hall on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday next between the hours of 1.30 and 4 p.m.

6. Season tickets available for the whole course can still be purchased.

7. Mr. Soddy advises the use of opera glasses to those who sit at the back of the hall in order that they may see some of the more delicate experiments to the greatest advantage.

8. In consequence of the change of hall it has been found necessary to alter the dates. The lectures will now be as follow:—
Thursday, repetition of lecture 1; Saturday, June 25, lecture 2; Friday, July 1, lecture 3. The dates for lectures 4, 5, and 6, if altered, will be announced later on.

THE RHODES SCHOLAR.

MR. N. W. JOLLY SELECTED.

A DISTINGUISHED SCHOLASTIC CAREER.

The committee appointed to select a suitable candidate for the Rhodes scholarship, announced their decision on Thursday afternoon. The heads which were laid down for them in the will of the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes on which the qualifications were to be based were thus:—

- Literary and scholastic attainments.
- Fondness for and success in mainly outdoor sports.
- Qualities of manhood, truth, &c.
- Exhibition during school days or subsequently of moral force of character and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in his school mates, &c.

Mr. Rhodes also inserted in his will an explanatory clause, "as mere suggestions for the guidance of those who will have the choice of students," and in this clause he records that his ideal qualified student would combine the four qualifications in the proportions of three-tenths for each of the first and third qualifications, and two-tenths for each of the second and fourth. The marks for the several qualifications would be awarded independently; in the first case by competitive examination; in the second and third by ballot by the fellow-students of the candidates; and in the fourth by the headmaster of the candidate's school. It was clearly Mr. Rhodes' idea that nothing should be left to chance in the effort to arrive at the ideal qualified student. There were, however, many difficulties in the way of carrying out the letter of Mr. Rhodes' instructions, although the spirit of them has been maintained.

The Necessary Qualifications.

The trustees of the will were given wide discretionary powers, and in order better to equip themselves for the formation of rules governing the granting of the scholarship in various countries they sent out Dr. Parkin on a tour of the Empire. He discussed the details of the scheme with those most capable of judging and of giving an opinion, and from his observations much information that was of vital interest in the awarding of the scholarships was obtained by the trustees. It was found that in Australia schoolboys would have little chance of selection. The minimum age was fixed at 19 years, and as few boys capable of passing the Responsions at Oxford remain at school until that age the field was practically limited to university students. The trustees therefore provided that each candidate must furnish to the chairman of the committee of selection the following particulars:—

- A certificate that he is within the eligible limits of age.
- A certificate from the head of his school or college, stating that the candidate is, in his opinion, able to pass the Responsions examination at Oxford.
- A certificate from his school or college that he has been selected as the candidate for that college or school who best fulfils the ideas of Mr. Rhodes' bequest.
- A statement from his school or college of the grounds upon which he was chosen, including his educational qualifications, his record in athletics, and such testimonials from his masters at school or his professors at college in reference to the qualities indicated by Mr. Rhodes as seem best adapted to guide the judgment of the selecting committee.
- A statement from any other person or persons competent to deal with his qualifications for the scholarship.

Mr. N. W. Jolly.

The South Australian applicant who is considered by the selection committee to combine in the highest degree all the qualities which it was the wish of the late Mr. Rhodes that his scholar should possess is Mr. Norman William Jolly. Mr. Jolly was born at Mintaro, and is one of a family of eight children—four boys and four girls—his father being Mr. H. D. Jolly, share-broker, of East Adelaide. Mr. N. W. Jolly will be 22 years of age on August 5, although he looks much older, and has easily passed for 26 or 27 on more than one occasion. He received his preliminary education at the Mintaro State school, and reached the compulsory standard at the age of 9 years. After the family removed to Adelaide he entered Prince Alfred College in 1893, beginning in the lowest fourth form at the age of 11. His progress was rapid.

A Forecast Fulfilled.

He passed the University preliminary examination in 1893, the junior public in 1895, in the first class, and in 1896 he won the college foundation scholarship. In 1897 he passed the senior public in eight subjects with four credits, and won the first of the three scholarships awarded to the most successful candidates in this examination, but he resigned it and continued his studies. In this year also he won the Colton scholarship, awarded by the college for proficiency in languages. He again sat for the senior in 1898, and came out with flying colors, having passed with credits in eight subjects—English, Latin, Greek, German, pure mathematics, applied mathematics, chemistry and physics—a hitherto unprecedented feat, and this at the age of 16 years. In this year also he won the first Elder scholarship awarded by bequest of the late Sir Thomas Elder, through the college committee, and the first Hartley studentship awarded by the University. For the greater part of 1897 and right through 1898 he was dux of Prince Alfred College. In his speech on the occasion of the break-up in the latter year, the headmaster of the college (Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc.), in referring to the University examinations, said that Mr. Jolly had eclipsed all previous records in having taken up eight subjects, and obtained a credit in every one of them, "Our school scholarships," Mr. Chapple observed, "fall into deserving hands. The Sir Thomas Elder, worth £150, has been awarded to N. W. Jolly, and it gives me great pleasure to note that he is a P.A.C.

boy of the second generation; his father was at Prince Alfred College before him. On the material side he belongs to us as well." The Lieutenant-Governor (Sir S. J. Way), in his speech, delivered after the headmaster's report had been read, said the greatest success of the year was that of Jolly, who "had done better than any boy in South Australia had ever done before. . . . If he could put the clock back half a century, and go to school again, he would rather have the record of Jolly than the biggest score Clem. Hill ever made. (Loud cheers.) The time would come when they would be as proud at the University of the Elder scholar, Jolly, as they were of his achievements now. (Loud cheers.)"

The Graduate Course.

In March, 1899, Mr. Jolly entered the University B.Sc. degree course, and passed his first year in mathematics, physics, and chemistry, with credit, and in biology. In the second year he gained credits in mathematics and physics, and in the third year he completed the course with second class honors in mathematics and physics, graduating at the age of 19. In March, 1902, he was appointed junior demonstrator in the physical laboratory of the University, where he remained until September, when he accepted the position of science master at the Townsville Grammar School, Queensland. In July, 1903, he was promoted to the position of senior mathematics and sports master, and after spending 21 months at the Grammar School he returned a few weeks ago. On leaving Townsville he was the recipient of a presentation and address from the pupils of the school and a letter of thanks from the trustees.

A Promising Footballer.

Mr. Jolly has excelled in many games. For three years (1895-8) he was a member of the P.A.C. first football twenty, and in his last year was vice-captain, and won the second of three trophies for the best players in the annual inter-collegiate match with St. Peter's. He played cricket for the college in the first eleven in 1897-8, and in the latter year was vice-captain, obtaining top batting average, and winning a bat for the highest score in an inter-collegiate match. During 1897-8 he won five silver medals. While at college he was a member of several committees, and among other things was in 1898, manager of the School Chronicle, secretary of the annual sports, and school delegate to the committee of organisation in connection with the first inter-collegiate sports meeting. On leaving college he joined the Norwood Electorate Football Club, and played senior football during 1899 and 1900. In the following year he was elected a member of the committee, and though only 18 years old was chosen to play for South Australia against Victoria. Owing to the demands of the electorate system, he played for the Sturt club during the next two years, and was twice picked as a member of South Australian inter-State teams in 1901 and once in 1902. He was a member of the committee, practice captain for the first year, and vice-captain for the second.

As a cricketer Mr. Jolly has also a good record. In the season of 1900-1 he was a member of the combined South Australian team against the Victorian Juniors, and in 1901-2 was first wicketkeeper of the Sturt club. In Townsville he was captain of the cricket team which won the competition for the senior association, and of the representative team which played for the premiership of North Queensland. In the next season he severed his connection with the association, and devoted his time to organising school cricket, looking after

sports, and editing the magazine of his school. When at the University he was a rowing member of the boat club, and one of the eight-oar crew which rowed against Melbourne and Sydney on the Port River in 1902. He plays tennis and cycles, and is an all-round athlete. Bodily he is sound, well-made, sturdy, and muscular. He is of middle height. He is popular among his friends, schoolmates, and acquaintances, and, to sum him up, "a good, all-round fellow."