A Distinguished Student. On Saturday morning their Honors Mr. Justice Gordon, Mr. Justice Murray, and Mr. Justice Blundell, paid a visit to the Daily News printing offices, when they were entertained by Mr. B. W. Ferguson, the manager, who also gave them an account of the working of the plant. The visitors were accorded a hearty welcome by the employees, and were shown around the premises by Mr. Ferguson, who explained the various processes and departments of the establishment. The visitors were much impressed by the efficiency and organization of the plant, and expressed their admiration for the high standard of workmanship and the professional skill of the staff. After visiting the printing offices, the visitors proceeded to the Daily News office, where they were received by the editor, Mr. A. B. Reddick. The visitors were shown around the office, and were given a detailed account of the work of the editorial staff. The visitors were much impressed by the thoroughness and dedication of the staff, and expressed their admiration for the high standard of journalism that is produced in the Daily News.

Forestry. Water recognition of the aesthetic and utilitarian importance of forests has led to a welcome reversion of public interest in afforestation. The formation of the Australian Forest League affords a pleasant proof of the vigour of the new era of forest conservation. The League has been able to point to the efforts of this body of patriotic private citizens in co-operation with official departments. Nor has the League come into existence a day too soon. The continuing process of the unwise and inexplicable denudation of natural timber resources which is still proceeding—although, fortunately, not so large an extent as formerly—all over Australia. So experienced an observer as Sir Ivor Haggard, during the investigations of the Empire Trade Commission, deplored the destruction of the commonwealth’s manmade forest resources, and deplored the unceasing neglect of forestry matters. The extent and economic value of that inheritance are admirably illustrated in an official publication prepared by Mr. T. H. Howitt, the able Instructor in Forestry in the Woods and Forests Department. The interest of which is not affected by the circumstance that it was written in October, 1911, and revised in October, 1913. The useful compilation, “Facts and Figures Concerning Forestry in Australia,” covers a wide range of subjects, and the reader finds considerable labour and care on the part of the author. Mr. Corbin, in a pitiful survey of the aims of the Forestry, remarks that the widespread destruction of the commonwealth’s forested lands is reflected in the prevailing high prices required for large and sound timber. The location of good timber is likely to rise steadily for many years, owing to its scarcity and the fact that the lumberman has to go further afield. The first importance of civilization into the “wood capital” of the forest has made it necessary for the lumberman to utilize inferior and immature timber in order to meet the demands of a certain class of manufacturers. The situation is such that timber-exporting countries are raising their export duties on forest produce, and are vigorously conserving their forests, as well as in many cases afforesting new areas, in the hope of being able to produce enough timber for their own consumption, as well as for export. The extent of Australia’s timber imports and exports is suggestive. Between 1900 and 1910 the Commonwealth imported wood values...