The recent conference.

Professor Naylor interviewed.

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Professor Darley Naylor, of the Adelaide University, is a passenger by the steamer which arrived from London yesterday. He attended the first session of the Imperial University Conference, to be held in London. In an interview with a representative of "The Adelaide", he said the conference was the outcome of an informal gathering held five years ago. Many decisions of great importance were arrived at, and much of the work of the conference was effected largely on recommendations of the Australian delegates. He regarded the most important decision to establish an Information Bureau in the Empire, in means of which they would be able to arrange for an interchange of teachers and students throughout the Empire. He was not sure whether such a scheme had even been attempted before. The bureau would issue a year-book, giving complete information on what was being done in various Universities. It was hoped to find out how their institutions were working, and if they had been able to consult Msirrry, a German publisher. At the conference certain decisions were made in favor of the standardisation of teaching in Universities in the Empire, but this was strenuously opposed by a large minority. It was felt that the universities should be left to develop on their own lines, and in accordance with their own wishes. Before concluding his interview, the conference decided to meet again in five years, and appoint a permanent committee. Subsequently, the members travelled through England and Scotland, and from what he saw he was convinced that Australians had no reason to be ashamed of their Universities.

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The Rhodes Scholarship.

"One of the most attractive events which took place during the conference was the opening of the Rhodes Scholarship. There were many interesting speeches made on the occasion, and the scholars were received with much enthusiasm. TheRhodes scholars from Australia have a distinguishing feature, in that they are selected on the basis of individual excellence, rather than on the basis of the highest grade of scholarship. This is a very important feature, as it enables the Rhodes scholarship to be awarded on a just basis, and in a way that is in keeping with the spirit of the Rhodes Scholarship.

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