Mr. Bryce, Interviewed.

Thirty Minutes' Chat.

The Ways of the Diplomat.

[By our Special Reporter.]

On the Tuesday morning at Government House I was called to see the Right Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador at Washington, to question him. Instead of that he questioned me on how he had been cattalized on public affairs by the distinguished diplomat. He did it with such skill that I was literally stupefied. He reminded me of a nervous witness under the pressure of the King's Counsel. There was no escape, nor was there any place to turn. I was over again of the man who tried to give me a free hand with a telescopic. The horse blew first. What Mr. Bryce did was to stand with his back to the fire and face me squarely. His face was bright as a flower garden. As a rule this means copy from a newspaper point of view, for that was his only weapon. The only advantage we enjoyed was that we could not be in a hurry. Mr. Bryce always has the honour of having a famous statesman on his side. That was something we really felt proud of.

Mr. Bryce was delightsfully courteous and his personality delightful. The audience was a good laugh at the way he had turned the tables on me by the hand and chuckled when we told the audience that the interview was successful in interviewing the interviewers! Still, the first music on the music note book to Mr. Bryce's delight was the policeman who gave us seats and arranged it as the head of a man of action. Mr. Bryce had over his room was gay and the fire a golden glow.

Tacky-tatty Topics.

Then he questioned me on the weather. Was it exceptionally cold for this time of the year? I had quite a shiver due to the cold and Jeffrey of Adelaide always asks the weather. "Wet?" was the question. Oh, that came along and well. It needed to contrast the feebly winter sun of Southern Australia with the Northern Australian sun, incidentally remarked that it was theapers, and had seen the previous day, and caught a perfect whiff of the observations. "Very nice to hear," he said, and I don't know why I say I am not sure about that. Mr. Bryce laughed at the question. Then he leaned. It was, "I am obliged to you, you have to do it." I am sure.

"Are you on a holiday, Mr. Bryce?" Obviously that was a foolish question to ask an old diplomat. I am sure I did not understand him, but we simply had to rely on the fact that he had been interviewed by the Commonwealth was bliss.

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"A moment, Mr. Bryce," we said calmly, "tell me a little about your life and work since you were last here.

"Ah, those days," he replied, "I've had a great deal of work, and I am sure you would like to hear about it." He then proceeded to tell us several stories about his life and work, such as the time he went to the United States and had a great deal of trouble with the government there. He also talked about his trip to Europe and the places he visited, such as France and Italy. He finished by saying that he was looking forward to his next trip to Australia and hoped to see everyone again.

The interview was a great success, and we all felt that we had gained a great deal of knowledge about the ways of the diplomat.

Adelaide, July 10th, 1912.

"Adelaide deserves all that is said of it!"

In an address remarkable alike for its simplicity, sincerity, and tenderness, the Right Hon. James Bryce held last Thursday night at the Elder Hall, Adelaide University, last week. He referred in a remarkable manner to Australia and the nobility of its citizens. Alluding to the situation of the Adelaide University, he said:

"There was a lovely site in a beautiful city. Adelaide, thoroughly and some side, and all that, that their beauty and charm. It stood upon a rich. And the campus to a mountain range holding in its recesses such a climate as that of Adelaide's, a climate that has a great deal of similarity and the Adelaide people were, indeed, fortunate the situation of their city.

Studying Dead Languages.

In his address last night at the Elder Hall, Mr. Bryce held a lecture on the necessity of the study of ancient civilisation. He pronounced the importance of modern times than that people. He said that the study of history was that they should cherish the masterpieces of ancient history. Civilisation was built, and the study of the past was moving farther and farther from the past. He said that it was the duty of the student to have knowledge of the modern world.

Who was more who could understand Christianity who did not know what the world was which Christ was born, and who had no knowledge of the world in which he lived? He said that the study of history was the study of the world.

Imperial and Dominion Governments.

In a statesmanlike attitude on Friday at his farewell dinner at the Ministerial Luncheon, the Right Hon. James Bryce held to the United States, solemn duty of warning to Australian public opinion. He stated that the limited powers of self-government granted by the Federation to the various parts of the country. He said that the people of Australia had to know about their own country. They only looked to what was going on in the world, and that there was a great deal of unemployment in the country. He ended by saying that the people of Australia had to look to their own country and not to the work of the world.

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