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# QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY.

## FOUNDING A CHAIR OF AGRICULTURE.

LONDON, July 5.

Yesterday a meeting was held at the office of the Queensland Agent-General to consider the desirability of establishing a Chair of Agriculture in the University of Queensland. Lord Lamington (formerly Governor of Queensland) presided. It was stated that the proposed foundation would cost £25,000.

The Hon. R. Philp (an ex-Premier of the State) moved the appointment of a committee, including the Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Harcourt), Lord Lamington, Mr. Robert Christison, and Sir Thomas Robinson (Agent-General for Queensland), to deal with the subject. He stated that Mr. Christison had promised £1,000, and that the committee hoped to get £10,000 from Queenslanders towards the foundation.

Lord Incheape, in seconding the motion, said that Mr. Philp had promised £1,400.

Dr. Hirschfeld, a member of the Queensland University Senate, and others supported the motion, which was carried.

# CONGRESS OF UNIVERSITIES.

## ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

## THE EXTENSION MOVEMENT.

LONDON, July 5.

The Congress of Universities of the Empire yesterday morning discussed the question of standard entrance examinations.

Mr. Joynt, late Registrar of the University of New Zealand, deprecated a universal Imperial examination, and said the matriculation standard in the universities of Australia and New Zealand was well worthy of recognition by modern English universities.

At the afternoon session the university extension movement was discussed.

Dr. Lawrie said the extension movement never touched the Australian workers on the great questions of economics and politics. Australian workers were apt to think they could teach the rest of the country, including the university professors.

Professor H. Darnley Naylor, of Adelaide, paid a high tribute to the results of visits of English extension lecturers.

The Lord Mayor of London held a reception at the Mansion House in honour of the delegates to the congress.

The congress is in the highest degree representative. The General London Committee consists of distinguished persons, representing the three interests—the universities, the Empire, and London. It includes the Chancellors of the Universities of the United Kingdom, the High Commissioners of the dominions, the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, the Lord Mayor, and the Chairman of the London County Council. H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught is the President of this committee. Although the congress will last for but four days, the delegates will travel in one another's company, they will visit the various universities of Great Britain and Ireland for nearly a month.

Mr. H. E. Barff, Registrar of the University of Sydney, is acting as Secretary to the Australian delegates at the congress.

# EMPIRE UNIVERSITIES.

## THE EXTENSION QUESTION.

## WORKERS AND ECONOMICS.

LONDON, July 5.

The Congress of Universities of the Empire was continued yesterday.

At the morning session the congress discussed the standard of the entrance examinations.

Dr. J. W. Joynt, of the New Zealand University, deprecated any attempt to establish a universal Imperial examination. He said the matriculation standard in Australia and New Zealand was well worthy of recognition by the modern English universities.

At the afternoon session the congress discussed university extension.

Professor Lawrie said the extension movement never touched the Australian workers. In economics and politics the Australian workers were apt to think they could teach the rest of the country, including the university professors.

Professor Naylor (Adelaide) praised the results following the visits of the English extension lecturers to Australia.

In the evening the delegates were present at a reception in their honor by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House.

# QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY.

LONDON, July 5.

Lord Lamington presided yesterday at a meeting held in the office of the Agent-General of Queensland to consider the desirability of establishing a chair of agriculture at the University of Queensland, at a cost of £25,000.

A committee was formed to assist the movement, and donations were promised by Mr. Philp (ex-Premier of the State) and Mr. Robert Christison (a Queensland pastoralist) of £1,400 and £1,000 respectively. The committee hope to get £10,000 from the Queenslanders resident in London.

# "ONE IN HEART AND MIND AND AFFECTION."

The Right Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador to America, speaking at Sydney University on Thursday, said:—"I think we can venture to say that if the English-speaking peoples, who are placed upon all the oceans, and whose flag is upon all the seas, and who hold so large a part of civilised mankind within their governments—if those English-speaking people hold together, and live with friendliness and goodwill, and cherish the sentiment for the maintenance of the peace of the earth, the peace of the earth will be preserved. It has been our mission to be the great discoverers, to be the great civilising influence which has flown forth from those small islands between the North Sea and the Atlantic to the ends of the earth, and over all the oceans; and our power as members of the British stock and British Empire is incomparably increased when we live on terms of friendship with the great Republic of the United States, for we feel that, although under different Governments, we are one in heart and mind and affection."

The Right Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador at Washington, will arrive in Melbourne from Sydney by the express on Thursday afternoon. There will be an invitation reception at Federal Parliament House at 3.30 p.m. the same day. On Friday the Federal Government will give the distinguished visitor a luncheon at Parliament House to which about 50 guests will be invited. In the evening he will be entertained by the State Governor at a small dinner party at Government House. Mr. Watt (the Premier) has telegraphed to Mr. McGowen (Premier of New South Wales) for information, so that special accommodation if necessary may be provided for Mr. Bryce on the express train from Albury to Melbourne. On arrival in Melbourne on Thursday Mr. Bryce will be welcomed by the State Ministers and leading members of the State Parliament. He will become the guest of Sir John Fuller, Governor, and social gatherings will be arranged after his wishes have been consulted.

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# WORKERS AND ECONOMICS.

## Professor Laurie's Statement.

## Criticised by Mr. Fisher.

MELBOURNE, July 7.

Professor H. Laurie, of the Melbourne University, is reported to have stated at the Empire University Congress that the university extension movement had never touched the Australian workers. In economics and politics, Professor Laurie continued, the Australian workers were apt to think they could teach the rest of the country, including the university professors. Referring to the matter on Saturday, the Prime Minister (Mr. Fisher) said the cable message was far too brief to enable any one to define exactly what the professor had in his mind. "But, generally speaking, it may be said that a remarkable feature of the world's developments that, with a few brilliant exceptions, the people have dragged the professors behind them in the march of progress. We have only to look to the representatives returned to Parliament by the university constituencies, and we find that they are almost universally Conservative, and in politics mostly wrong. In purely scientific matters," Mr. Fisher concluded, "the world is indebted to the universities and schools, but it is a different story with regard to economics."

# GENERAL NEWS.

## GOVERNOR-GENERAL VISITS THE UNIVERSITY.

On Wednesday afternoon his Excellency the Governor-General, accompanied by the State Governor, spent an interesting half-hour at the University of Adelaide. They were received by the Chancellor of the University (Sir Samuel Way) and the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Barlow) at the Elder Conservatorium, where the members of the Senate and Council and the professorial staff were introduced to Lord Denman. A number of students, mostly undergraduates, were assembled in the hall, and, as Lord Denman left the Conservatorium to inspect other parts of the institution, they gave hearty cheers. The viceregal visitors inspected the lavishly-appointed new wing, which is in course of completion, and then descended to the basement, where the dynamo room was visited. Here Lord Denman and Sir Day Bosanquet witnessed the manufacture of liquid air, and they were much interested to see it "boiling" when exposed to atmospheric influences. Several members of the viceregal party had a small quantity of liquid air poured on their hands. If the liquid is not allowed to remain on the hand for more than a moment no injury results, but otherwise the intense cold causes an irritation similar to a burn. Thence the distinguished visitors proceeded to the Prince of Wales Theatre, where Professor Rennie carried out several interesting experiments to demonstrate the peculiarities of liquid air. Their Excellencies then returned to Government House, having spent an enjoyable time.

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# UNIVERSITIES' CONGRESS.

## CLOSING SESSION.

LONDON, July 6.

The Congress of Universities of the Empire closed to-day.

It was decided to establish a permanent bureau in London, to assist in the matter of appointments, to publish a Year Book, and to distribute information. The committee appointed includes Australian and New Zealand representatives.

Congress recommended the holding of Imperial Congresses at intervals of five years, with more frequent local congresses.