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**—Mr. Sowden's Address.—**  
 Mr. W. J. Sowden delivered from a spectator's point of view a comprehensive address, which is given in another column.

**—Votes of Thanks.—**  
 Mr. Pavia, in moving a vote of thanks to His Excellency, remarked that they had noted the full significance of his presence. Whenever Sir Day visited country districts the schools were never overlooked. They wished to thank him most heartily for all the interest he had taken in the teachers. (Applause.) The motion was enthusiastically carried.

In replying, His Excellency remarked that Mr. Sowden's address had brought back to his mind something he had wished to say in connection with school buildings. He had travelled about the State, and seen many schools. It was true that they had been built long ago, but he had often wondered why those who had built them had not paid more attention to ventilation. It was a very important aspect of the educational problem. When he visited a school he could see by the general appearance of the children—where they were healthy or had spectacles—what the interior of the school building was like. It was important that the school buildings should be constructed so that the children should be in no way handicapped. (Applause.)

Mr. T. Ryan proposed a vote of thanks to the other speakers, and it was carried with applause.

The Commissioner of Public Works, in responding for Mr. Peake, said not only the Minister of Education, but every member of the Government was desirous of perfecting the State's educational system. It need not be feared that because the speaker happened to be where he was, he would stand in the way of reasonable expenditure. It was perhaps a good omen that the Minister of Education was also Treasurer. (Laughter, and Hear, hear.)

The singing of Miss Violet Paine and Mr. W. Robyns was much enjoyed. The former contributed "Arietta" from "Mirella" (Gounod), and Mr. Robyns, "My old Shako" (Protere).

**TEACHERS ENTERTAINED.**

**CONCERT IN ELDER HALL.**  
 One of the most pleasant of all the gatherings in connection with Teachers' Conference week is the concert specially provided annually by the authorities of the Elder Conservatorium of Music. The programme arranged this year and given on Wednesday evening under the direction of Professor Ennis, was an enjoyable festival of high-class singing and music, and there was a large attendance in the Elder Hall to do justice to it.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University (Dr. Barlow) welcomed the teachers and their friends, and expressed satisfaction at the fact that since they assembled there a year ago the Director of Education (Mr. A. Williams) and the Chief Inspector (Mr. M. M. Maughan) had returned to South Australia so much restored in health that they could resume their work in the spirited and able manner characteristic of them. (Applause.) As for the teachers themselves, he noted that Mr. Sowden had announced with generous sympathy that they were too much lectured in their holiday time. He heartily agreed, and did not wish to detain them longer than a few minutes. For one thing he was deterred by the largeness of the class before him that he would have to teach, because it numbered hundreds, and His Excellency the Governor had said the idea of 60 or 70 was appalling. (Hear, hear.) Still he wished to remark how fortunate they were in having connected with the University a School of Music so admirably staffed. Some of its former students, including Misses Maud Puddy, Kleinschmidt, and Daisy Kennedy, were proving in Europe how excellent was the instruction received there. (Applause.) Dr. Barlow also referred to the success of distinguished graduates in other walks of life. He would like to renew his assurance, as in bygone years, that the alliance between the teachers and the University of Adelaide matured as time went on, and to welcome them to that hall of harmony and song, where for the nonce their pupils ceased from troubling and they could enjoy an evening's rest. (Applause.) Every number of the programme was admirably given, and the performers were accorded hearty applause. The items were:—Duet, "A night in Venice" (Lucantoni), Miss Doris Metters and Mr. Frank Smith; songs, "A songster's awakening" (Fletcher), Miss Beryl Warren; "The wreath" (Kenneth Rae), and "Until" (Sanderson), Miss Marjory Thomas; "I'll sing thee songs of Araby" (Clay), Mr. Leslie Martin; "Love is meant to make us glad" (E. German), Miss Elsie Grant; "A summer night" (Goring Thomas), Miss May Forsaith; "Yes, let me like a soldier fall" (Wallace), Mr. Frank Smith; "The two Grenadiers" (Schumann), Mr. Richard Correll; recitative and aria, "Softly sighs" (Weber), Miss Hilda Wheeler; part-songs, "The long day closes" and "Hush thee, my baby" (Sullivan), Misses Wheeler and Forsaith, Messrs. Martin and Correll; organ solo; "Pastorale" (Guilmant), Professor Ennis; violin solos, "Polonaise, Op. 38" (Vieuxtemps), Miss Hilda Reimann; "Legende" (Wieniawski), Miss Erica Chaplin; pianoforte solo, "Ballade in G minor" (Chopin), Miss Dorothy McBride; duo for two pianos, "Op. 73" (Chopin), Misses Dorothy McBride and D'Arcy Irvine.

**AN EMPIRE CONGRESS,**  
**Fifty-three Universities Represented,**  
**Opened by Lord Rosebery.**

LONDON, July 2.  
 The Congress of Universities of the Empire was opened in London to-day. Fifty-three institutions are represented at the gathering.

In opening the congress Lord Rosebery remarked that the Empire was belted round with universities. Each had its own problem. Parliaments and municipalities all looked to the universities to supply honourable, incorruptible, strenuous men. Australia's seven Parliaments represented a drain on the intelligence and vitality of the Australian nation, which would be only adequately met if the universities did their duty. Lord Rosebery expressed the hope that the congress would result in the establishment of a permanent channel for intercommunications to solve these problems.

The congress debated the question of specialization of universities in the matter of post graduate study.

Professor Allen, who holds the Chair of Pathology in the University of Melbourne, urged the universities in the home land to modify their regulations in order to assist graduates of colonial universities desirous of continuing research work in Great Britain.

The Government gave a luncheon at the Savoy in honour of the members of the congress. Among those present at this gathering were Prince Arthur of Connaught, the Earl of Rosebery, Earl Curzon, the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Harcourt), the Foreign Secretary (Sir Edward Grey), the High Commissioner for the Commonwealth (Sir George Reid), the Agents-General, Sir John Cockburn (formerly Agent-General for South Australia), Mr. Philby (late Premier of Queensland), the Hon. Theodore Fink (a member of the Council of the University of Melbourne), Professor Allen, of Melbourne, and Professors Anderson Stuart and Warren, of Sydney.

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The winner of the Angus Engineering Scholarship, Mr. Hugh T. M. Angwin, B.Sc., is the second son of the Rev. T. B. Angwin, M.A., of the Methodist Circuit at Jamestown. The successful candidate has well deserved his prize, and the award is a popular one. Mr. Angwin had attended Prince Alfred College for several years previous to entering upon his University career. The scholarship is awarded by the examiners on a comparison of the academic records of the candidates, as well as on the merits of an original thesis, design, or investigation submitted and approved by the Faculty of Science. The scholarship is of the annual value of £200, and tenable for two years.

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**CONGRESS OF UNIVERSITIES.**

The congress of representatives of 52 Universities of the Empire, which was opened in London this week, is one of the most important assemblies ever held in connection with the educational world. Representatives of the ripened scholarship of the West will mingle with those reflecting the ancient learning of the East, and many problems which have engaged the attention of universities in all parts of the Empire will be discussed. The relation of education to economic conditions and the legislative treatment of universities and schools will be among the questions for consideration. In the present sharp conflict between capital and labour the congress may seek to find a way towards a settlement of the industrial problems which clog the wheels of progress. The industrial worker considers that the social organization of the future can be constructed only after a satisfactory economic basis has been fixed. In this connection education must play an important part. The efficiency of machinery has resulted in the division of labour, and is making specialization for the worker increasingly necessary. "The universities can do much to counteract and to defeat the tendency to premature specialization, which is the greatest educational danger," observes

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**UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.**

A meeting of the council of the University was held on June 28, and there were present the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Sir John Duncan, Mr. Angus, Mr. Crapple, Mr. Ebdell, Mr. Brookman, Mr. Justice Murray, Mr. Talbot Smith, Rev. Dr. Jeffries, Professors Rennie, Mitchell, Stirling, and Ennis, Dr. Hayward, Hon. F. W. Young, and Mr. Denay. The Chancellor, on behalf of the council, congratulated Sir John Duncan upon the distinction recently, and so deservedly conferred upon him. Sir John Duncan thanked the council for their congratulations. The faculty of science submitted proposed regulations for degrees in engineering. These were approved in principle, but were postponed for further consideration at a special meeting of council. The recommendations of the faculties of arts and science and the education committee, that in future, both in the faculty of arts and faculty of science, the results be issued in three classes in order of merit, were approved. Report of the Public Examination Board recommending examination for the primary public examination to be held in August was adopted. Report of the public examinations committee submitting syllabuses for 1913 was received and ordered to lie on the table for a month. Report of the joint board of the University and School of Mines in regard to admission of students to applied science courses, and the division of the subjects of mining and of ore-dressing between the two institutions, was announced.

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**MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY.**

**FURTHER GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE WANTED.**

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.—At a meeting of the University Council yesterday a report was presented in relation to the proposed new buildings at the University, showing that it was considered necessary to embark on a scheme which would cost about £100,000, of which amount the new arts and education school was estimated to cost £60,000.

The question of an increased annual expenditure on the work of the University was also considered, and it was estimated that the increase on salaries and maintenance would absorb £13,500. Such an increase would bring the total endowment by the Government to about £40,000, equal to the amount now given by the New South Wales Government to Sydney University. It was decided to approach the Government and ask for increased assistance for the University.