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BRISTOL UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR FAVORS BUSINESS TRAINING

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BRISTOL, England—Sir Isaac Masefield, vice-chancellor of Bristol University, is desirous that this, one of the latest of modern English seats of learning should be of practical utility to the actual industry of commerce.

Many years ago he endeavored to urge in connection with another university that it should take up the question of teaching of commercial science to be taught as a part of a liberal education.

The surprise is that any one who studies the requirements of the present day and realizes how our commercial prosperity is interwoven with the very heart of our national life should ever have had any other wish than that devisied by the worthy vice-chancellor. In ancient times it probably was possible to get through somehow commercially, and to leave the universities to look after the professions, but in these days of stress and competition an up-to-date university without a commercial department strikes the average business man as moving in the direction of playing Hamlet with the part of the Prince of Denmark left out.

Sir Isaac Masefield, however, is alive to the difficulties, for he adds that it is impossible to build bricks into a wall unless they had a foundation to put that wall upon. He lays down as a principle that university education must be founded on school education and until the latter has been received into their classrooms a supply of students who come up from school after having received a sound and thorough commercial education it would be Utopian to expect universities to be of large practical utility in this connection.

Whether it is the work of the universities or the schools of England to inaugurate some system of dealing with commercial education on broad lines is perhaps not so important in the view of the ordinary business man, as is the question of really getting the business men in touch with the subject so that a start may be made on more practical lines before other countries have forged too far ahead.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS.

By the Melbourne express on Thursday there arrived a number of representatives of various universities who will hold a conference in Melbourne on the establishment of uniformity in regard to music examinations in Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, and South Australia. For some time past there has been some annual conference of university deans, which have met alternately in Melbourne and Adelaide. Since 1905 Adelaide and Melbourne Universities have entered into a closer connection with the holding of music examinations in Nova Scotia and Queensland and have joined, and it is expected that they will come into line soon. It is hoped that the conference, now being held in an Australian Music Board, and that existing in the standard by which faculties are tested will be arrived at. A. Thompson (Queensland), Mr. A. H. Nicholson (Tas- mania), Dr. Price and Mr. W. A. Layen (Mel- bourne), and other members of the Public Examination Board, including prof. W. H. Boas, Harry Holman, and Mr. Eugene Aitken.