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UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.

The Amending University Act passed last session provided that there should be five additional members of the University Council elected by Parliament. Two of these were to be chosen by the Legislative Council and three by the House of Assembly. After the Act was assented to the Legislative Council selected as its representatives the Hon. Sir Lancelot Stirling and the Hon. J. J. Duncan, and the Assembly chose Messrs. Coneybeer, Rudall, and Senior. The Act states: "In case any member appointed under this Act ceases to be a member of the House of Parliament which appointed him, other than by the expiration or dissolution of Parliament, he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Council of the University." The Premier (Hon. A. H. Peake) stated on Tuesday that in accordance with this provision an election will be held on the Thursday on which the Parliament shall meet to elect a member for the Assembly in the place of Mr. Senior, who was defeated for Victoria and Albert.

THE ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.

Monday was the first day of the new term at the Elder Conservatorium, and the director (Dr. Ennis) was busy receiving new students. A number of alterations have been made in the teaching staff. In the singing department the Conservatorium has enlisted the services of Madame Delmar Hall and Mrs. Quesnell, in addition to Mr. Frederick Bevan and Mr. Wanslow Hall. Mr. Reimann will be the sole teacher of the pianoforte, and Miss Ruby Davy, Mus. Bac., will be in charge of the theory classes in the place of Mr. T. H. Jones, Mus. Bac., who is spending a holiday in Europe.

THE UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

The calendar of the Adelaide University for the year 1912 is in reality a record of the days of 1911. That was a most important year in the history of the institution, for in it was first accepted the principle of Parliamentary representation on the University Council, the governing body. The senate—practically the whole body of graduates—will continue to elect 20 members, besides the Chancellor; but in future two members of the Legislative Council, and three of the Assembly, will be added. The last Parliament nominated the Hon. J. J. Duncan and Sir Lancelot Stirling, with the Hon. F. W. Coneybeer and Messrs. Rudall and Senior, but the incoming Parliament will have to make a fresh selection. Of the other members, Dr. J. A. G. Hamilton retired after 14 years' service, and was replaced by Professor Lowrie. Mr. Chapple retains his honoured place as Warden (or Chairman) of the Senate, and Mr. Ainslie Caterer as its clerk. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Douglas Mawson, lecturer in mineralogy, to enable him to take charge of the antarctic expedition, and to Mr. Hodge, the registrar, whose health had given way after 27 years' service, but who has happily returned from Europe in renewed vigour. Mr. Bryceson Treharne resigned from the Conservatorium, where also additional teachers of singing have been appointed in Mrs. Georgina Delmar Hall and Mrs. Quesnell. The University, of course, examines in music, as well as incidentally teaching it; and the system of joint action with Melbourne, in force since 1906, was strengthened during 1911 by the joining of Tasmania and Queensland. New Zealand is expected to come in shortly, and the University puts forth a strong plea that examinations in music—attracting thousands of candidates—should be in the hands of the allied Universities. The figures given in the annual report are always interesting. The number of undergraduates is 365, and 27 other students are taking various courses. At the Conservatorium are 278 more. The various examinations in general education attracted nearly 3,000 candidates last year. On the question of finance, the Government made a special grant of £12,000, which is allocated to new buildings now nearly complete. The annual grant of 5 per cent. on all endowments (amounting at present to about £7,000) is also to be increased by a lump sum of £4,000 each year. Fees brought in £9,000, and investments nearly £5,000. The work of the University is extending enormously. The new Act gives it power to grant degrees in engineering, and an offer of £600 a year from the Government towards the salary of a Professor of Botany (to be available for public service as required) is leading to the establishment of a chair in that subject. Extension lectures were, and will be, given by various professors at country centres, as well as in the city. Those promised for the coming winter are by Professor Henderson on "The Romantic Revival in English Literature," by Professor Kerr Grant, on "Progress in the Art of Illumination," and by Mr. Howchin, on "Australia Under Ice"—three lectures in each series. At the coming conference of the Universities of the Empire, in London, Adelaide will be represented by the former, Professors Lamb and Bragg, and (it is hoped) by Professor Darnley Naylor and the Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way). The Orient Company generously gives two free return tickets each year to graduates recommended by the University, who go to Europe to continue their studies. The Calendar contains full lists of graduates, copies of all statutes and regulations, and much other interesting matter; but examination papers are now published in separate volumes. Even so the Calendar runs to 430 pages.

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ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS

The unfortunate delay in building the additions to the Adelaide University is likely to cause some inconvenience in the early portion of the first term, which will begin on March 12. It is hoped, however, that at least the lecture-rooms on the eastern side will be ready by March 18, when the lectures will be commenced. At present the workmen are putting on the roof of the additional storey behind the library, also the second storey of the biological laboratory, to provide for a department of botany. The latter portion of the work is progressing slowly and will not be finished for some weeks yet.

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FIRST SPENCE SCHOLAR.

Miss E. D. Proud Chosen.

The Advisory Committee of the Spence Scholarship has decided to recommend Miss Dorothea Proud for the first Spence Scholarship, founded to perpetuate the memory of Catherine Helen Spence and to create a deeper interest in sociology. It is open to women of South Australia between the ages of 20 and 35 years. It is a Government travelling scholarship, valued at £300, to which has been added the interest on £210 invested by the Citizens' Spence Memorial Committee with the Public Trustee. The course of study will include the investigation of the treatment of social problems in Australia, Europe, and America, in addition to the study of kindred subjects for one or two years at the Adelaide University. There were 12 applicants for the scholarship.



MISS E. D. PROUD, B.A.

—Biographical.—

Miss E. Dorothea Proud, B.A., has lived in South Australia since her birth on June 19, 1885. She was educated at Holmesdale kindergarten and school until she passed the University Preliminary Examination at the age of 12. The next three years she spent at the Advanced School for Girls, during which time she passed the Junior and Senior Public Examinations. For three years she taught at North Adelaide Public School as a pupil teacher under Mr. John Donnell. The years 1905-6 she spent at the University of Adelaide, and was admitted to the rank of Bachelor of Arts in December 1906. Miss Proud spent a few months at Goodwood as assistant teacher under Mr. C. Bronner, and in July, 1907, joined the staff at Kyre College, Unley Park, of which Mr. D. H. Hollidge, M.A., is principal. She is still a member of that staff. Since graduating she has studied at the University of Adelaide under Professor Mitchell. In six consecutive years (1898-1903) she was awarded a prize in connection with the annual examination of the South Australian Sunday School Union, and in 1910 for an essay on land values taxation she gained the Max Hirsch memorial prize, which was open for competition to all Australian students. In 1911 Miss Proud took a share of the work in connection with the Progressive Club for Factory Girls, and she has been associated with the Blackwood, Ceromandel, and Bear Girls' Club, and the Blackwood Literary Society since their inception about seven years ago.

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UNIVERSITY PATHOLOGICAL BLOCK.

Messrs. J. King & Sons, the contractor for the new pathological block at the Adelaide Hospital, have made a start on this important building. The foundations have been taken out, and it is expected that the work will be pushed forward with expedition. The old mortuary has been removed to make room for the new building, which, it is anticipated, will be the most modern in Australia. It will comprise a large pathological theatre 30 ft. x 20 ft., with galleries for the accommodation of students, a pathologist's room, preparation-room, mortuary room, freezing-room, chapel, and waiting room. Externally the building will be a plain brick structure, but internally it will be fitted in the most modern way with the best scientific appliances for the work.

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ELDER CONSERVATORIUM STUDENTS.

About 130 students taking solo subjects have enrolled for the first term at the Elder Conservatorium, and nearly all the classes are in full swing. The number of students corresponds with the enrolment for the first term of 1911, and the director (Dr. Ennis) is looking forward to a year of useful work. The ladies' part-singing class and the University choral class will begin this week. The membership roll contains the names of a large number of new students, taking the place of those who have completed their studies.

Today Mr. C. R. Hodge celebrates his 29th year as Registrar of the Adelaide University. The council at their meeting in January, 1892, accepted the resignation of Mr. J. W. Tyas, the then Registrar, and in February Mr. Hodge was appointed to the position, beginning his duties on March 1. Altogether he has been 28 years in the service of the University.