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PROFESSOR JETHRO BROWN ADVOCATES WIDE APPLICATION OF CO-OPERATIVE SYSTEM

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The appearance of the exclusive interview with Mr. Meredith Atkinson, M. L. A., on the subject "The Education of the Worker" and the aims of the Workers' Educational Association in yesterday's issue of "The Daily Herald" was a topic of much discussion in educational circles yesterday. Mr. Atkinson's exposition of the New Force—that force which makes possible the compatibility of Labor with the attainment of higher knowledge—naturally, because those who concern themselves with such matters of importance, and many were the opinions and words of concurrence expressed in the city.

PROFESSOR BROWN'S VIEWS

THE POLITICAL FUTURE CONCERNED THE NEED FOR EDUCATION OF THE VOTER

"It is very hard to say anything further on the subject. The interview is excellent, and seems to embrace every point." The observation was made by Professor W. Jethro Brown, of the Adelaide University, when approached for his views on the subject of Mr. Meredith Atkinson's remarks. "I am absolutely in favor of the tutorial methods of education. I have been trying to introduce co-operative study between teachers and students at the University here. I think the system might be even more widely applied than in the case of tutorial classes, and it should be introduced in the universities themselves. There is only one point of Mr. Atkinson's upon which I have any doubt, and that is where he indicates that the methods approved by the Workers' Educational Association classes are not allowed to exist in the case of tutorial classes, and that it is not convinced of the value of excluding 'bread-and-butcher' subjects, because such subjects may be as purely educational in the best sense of developing the mind or knowledge of the critical faculties as the subjects which are called 'bread-and-butcher' ones. Of course, on that the possible reason for the exclusion is the appeal to the worker to take up the study of these subjects which will make him a more competent citizen and voter. However, it is assumed that there are existing adequate means of studying the subjects which are applied in commercial and trade life. There are evening classes at the universities, and there are, also, of course, the schools of mines. The subject should most like be taken up and those teaching upon political responsibilities, such as politics, are the most effective in the political institutions, and history of political institutions. Very strongly that the average voter in this State, whether belonging to a working class or not, is exceedingly ignorant of his duty when called upon to exercise his right of suffrage. There is a great deal of unrest, but very little knowledge about Labor matters."

"Unanimously," said Mr. Brown. "I think currently it was attended him in his electioneering campaign and heard them use proper epithets, but from what I have seen of election meetings and the questions asked at them, I am inclined to the conclusion that the small section of the audience has any adequate knowledge for criticizing the policy submitted to it. As a result, the vote is more often than not given by reference to imagined self-interests. I am not criticizing the working-class trade associations, but I do not want to create that impression. Instead of an Australian Labor political, told me this, he had heard far more intelligent discussions of political problems by Workers' Educational Association workers and students. I am myself, having an admiration for Mr. Atkinson's idea of allowing the workers to be persuaded of the political ideas of the State and the Commonwealth."

"The ultimate movement towards the establishment of tutorial classes will clash with the efforts towards the establishment of complete democratic educational facilities. On the contrary, I think it will assist greatly. I shall welcome heartily the activity of the Workers' Educational Association, because, as I have indicated, I am strongly in favor of the principles of tutorial education. At the present time, a number of Australian students, do not have enough knowledge to be fully informed. It is not too much to hope that in the future, if the workers of Australia will come to find in education the most delightful form of recreation."

ADELAIDE BRANCH FORMED

MEETS ON THURSDAY NEXT

TO SELECT OFFICERS

Tutorial classes in connection with the Workers' Educational Association are to be set up in Adelaide. On Thursday evening a meeting will be held in the Trades Hall for the purpose of considering the constitution of the association, electing officers and making arrangements for the formation of the association. Mr. T. B. Berry is secretary to the association. The association has been drawn up as follows:

- The name of the association shall be the "Workers' Educational Association of South Australia."
- The association shall be non-political and non-party.
- The subject is to promote the higher education of working men and women.

The method is as follows:

- Invitations shall be sent to all interested workers in the metropolitan area, and to members of the State branch on payment of a minimum annual subscription of one shilling per annum. A further payment of 2s. per month will be charged for the monthly copy of the "New Age." Pensions issued in England and posted to the nearest railway station.

The central council shall consist of a president, two vice-president, secretary, treasurer, two each from universities, public library, art gallery, and two each from the original associations or branches, and two members to be elected by the representatives present at the annual conference of the association. The central council shall meet at least six times a year and hold such time or dates as may be determined. Any member absented himself from two consecutive annual meetings without reason shall be summarily removed from the rolls of members of the State branch or payment of a minimum annual subscription of one shilling per annum.

National movements, institutions, societies, associations, and unions operating throughout the State shall be affiliated to the metropolitan area, may affiliate directly with the association or may establish branches. Branches of such societies, as the branch or any parties, or any party to the association, may, at their own expense, establish local branches to be affiliated with the association, at the expense of the local branch, if paid in addition to the annual subscription, of the State branch.