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LONDON UNIVERSITY.

VALUABLE SITE OFFERED.
LONDON, May 20.

The Government has offered 11 acres behind the British Museum as a site for the London University. The position is worth £1,000,000, but the condition of the national finances will not permit the Government providing the premises.

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Auckland University College, New Zealand.

COMPETITIVE DESIGNS FOR ARTS BUILDING
AND ACCESSORIES.

The Auckland University College Council invites Architects to submit preliminary sketch designs in competition for the erection of an Arts Building and Accessories, which it proposes to erect on the site known as the Metropolitan Ground, facing Princes street, Auckland.

From the preliminary sketch designs six (6) will be selected, the authors of which will be invited to submit final designs, and on their so doing, in accordance with the prescribed conditions, a final selection will be made of a design to be placed first, and each of the five unsuccessful architects will receive an honorarium of One Hundred Pounds (£100). The author of the first design will receive as a premium the sum of Five Hundred Pounds (£500).

Designs for the preliminary competition must be delivered, addressed to the Registrar, Auckland University College, Symonds street, Auckland, by the 14th August, 1920. The award for the preliminary competition will be made within 21 days of the above date. The date for sending in the designs in the final competition will be determined hereafter, but at least 12 weeks will be allowed, and the final award will be made within 21 days of the date so determined.

Copies of conditions and particulars may be obtained on application to the Registrars of the University Colleges at Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch; of Otago University, Dunedin; and of the Universities of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, and Adelaide; also of the offices of the following journals:—Architecture, 16 Pitt street, Sydney; and Building, 20 Loftus street, Sydney.

Those applying for conditions must deposit the sum of Two Guineas (£2 2/), which will be returned to those competing when a selection is made.

Should any further information be desired, Competitors are requested to communicate with the Registrar, University College, Auckland.

A. B. CHAPPELL, M.A.,

Registrar.

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Professor Darnley Naylor and Mrs. Naylor will leave for Sydney to-day. Professor Naylor will represent the Adelaide University there at an Inter-University Conference, to deal with curricula. In Melbourne he will lecture, at the invitation of the Classical Association of Victoria, and in Sydney he will address the W.E.A.

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DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS

TROUBLE IN TASMANIA.

Hobart, October 29.

In the Legislative Council to-night, when dealing with the Hospitals Bill, the Attorney-General narrated the negotiations that had taken place since the Council last dealt with that measure. He said an endeavor had been made to secure a conference, and the secretary of the British Medical Association wrote that a conference would be agreed to provided Drs. Ratten, Clark, Magown, Crowther, and Ireland, who had assisted the Government, would be discussed. This the Premier objected to, and regretted such a condition should have been imposed. The dispute has reached a deadlock.

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UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.

Under the will of the late Mr. John Darling a bequest was made for the establishment of a medical school in connection with the Adelaide University, and when the building is completed according to the plans and specifications prepared by the architects (Messrs. Woods, Bagot, Jory, & Laybourne-Smith), it will be a fine addition to the solid block of structures in the education group on North terrace. The entrance will be at the rear of the Museum, but the principal frontage will overlook Victoria avenue, and the best view of the new premises will be from near the river at the back of the Jubilee Oval. The floor space will cover

square feet, and the building will have a frontage of 90 ft. by a depth of 137 ft. It will be two stories high, the ground floor being 15 ft. 6 in. to the ceiling, and the upper one 14 ft., while the total height to the ridge of the roof will be 50 ft. The contractor (Mr. F. Fricker) started work on the school late in last summer, but the progress has been retarded during the past two months owing to a strike on the part of the builders' labourers. This will probably mean a serious inconvenience to the University, as unless the new school is completed this year it will triplicate the usage of the existing classrooms, as there are at the present time approximately 150 medical students at the University. In the plans for the new structure provision has been made for the most efficient laboratory yet constructed in the State, as there will be 370 gas and 140 water points, while there will be advance laboratories for physiology and biochemistry. The windows are also designed in three sections, so that they can be regulated to obviate trouble at the Bunsen burners frequently occasioned by draughts. The medical library will be arranged on the ground floor, and the fittings will be of white enamel, so as to obtain all the light possible. Provision has also been made for a large lecture theatre, with raised seats, which will be fitted with all the requisites for a biograph. The plans, in addition, cover a large dark room for photographic purposes, a freezing plant with cool storage chambers, and a hot room will be installed, while compressed air will be conveyed to all the laboratories. Externally the building will be of brick, with Standard tile roofing, all of which will be made in the State. The floors will be composed of reinforced concrete, and the timber furnishings in Queensland hoop pine stained a chemical black, while the paintwork will be a dark grey. There will be a complete system of numbering in connection with every student's lockers, and the nerve centre of the new building will be the record room attached to Professor Ralford Robertson's headquarters, where a perfect organization of filing will be instituted.

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UNIVERSITIES.

A CONFERENCE IN SYDNEY.

Sydney, May 27.

Important motions were carried at to-day's sitting of the Conference of Australian Universities. The Conference recorded its strong opinion that the Australian Universities should be represented directly on the interchange committee of the Universities Bureau of the British Empire.

A proposal for an exchange of professors with other Universities was discussed, and it was decided to recommend an exchange of professors with Toronto, in accordance with a suggestion by that University, which had raised the question in the first instance.

The question of allowing students to matriculate during their University course was also discussed. Professor MacCullen said it had proved necessary sometimes to hold a student back in the middle of his course for failure to fulfil the matriculation requirements. It was better to make him pass his matriculation first. It was decided, on the motion of Professor Holme, to refer the question to the standing committee.

The Conference resolved in favor of the employment of co-examiners in examinations for professional degrees as well as in examinations for honors, and the higher degrees in non-professional schools.

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UNIVERSITIES' CONGRESS.

PHILOLOGICAL DEGREE REJECTED.

SYDNEY, May 27.

At to-day's sitting of the Interstate Universities' Conference it was resolved to recommend that a standing advisory committee be appointed. The proposal for the institution of a degree of doctor of philology was rejected. Questions of improved co-ordination in regard to degrees already granted, and to transfers of students from one university to another, were referred to the standing committee. The conference recommended that the Australian universities should continue for the present their subscription to the Universities' Bureau of the British Empire.

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THE UNIVERSITIES.

CONFERENCE CONCLUDED.

SYDNEY, May 28.

The universities' conference concluded its business to-day. It adopted the report of the subcommittee defining the functions of the standing advisory committee for Australian universities and recommending that the central office should be in Melbourne. A proposal for the extension of the 1851 scholarship to include candidates from all the universities was supported by all the delegates. At present the scholarship extends only to the Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide Universities. Several questions were referred to the advisory committee. A proposal that the medical course should be extended to six years was discussed, but the whole question was referred to the medical faculties of Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide Universities.

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THE UNIVERSITIES.

CONFERENCE IN SYDNEY.

Sydney, May 28.

The Inter-State University Conference to-day agreed that a matriculation test, different in character, though not in the standard of general intellectual attainment from the examination set to pupils leaving school, should be instituted for students of more advanced years, and that no one under 25 years of age should be admitted to such an examination. This motion followed a discussion on the question of adult education. The conference also agreed to submit to the standing committee the question of considering the appointment of an officer of high status who might adequately represent the administrative and educational aspects of a University as regards other Universities and the general public.

The report of the sub-committee appointed to consider the methods and functions of the proposed Universities' standing committee was adopted. It proposes that the committee shall have a central office in Melbourne, and as soon as possible a permanent salaried whole-time secretary. Its functions will be to collect information for arrangement in reports with advice to the constituent Universities; to consider and make recommendations tending towards the co-ordination of educational requirements; to arrange for the holding of inter-University conferences, and generally to promote the exchange of views between the constituent Universities; to compile a year-book of the Australian Universities, and to prepare such other publications of common interest as may be required to act as a medium for communication between Australian Universities and the Universities' Bureau of the British Empire and similar bodies in foreign countries. The University of Melbourne is to be asked to invite nominations for membership of the committee, and to arrange the time and place of the first meeting.

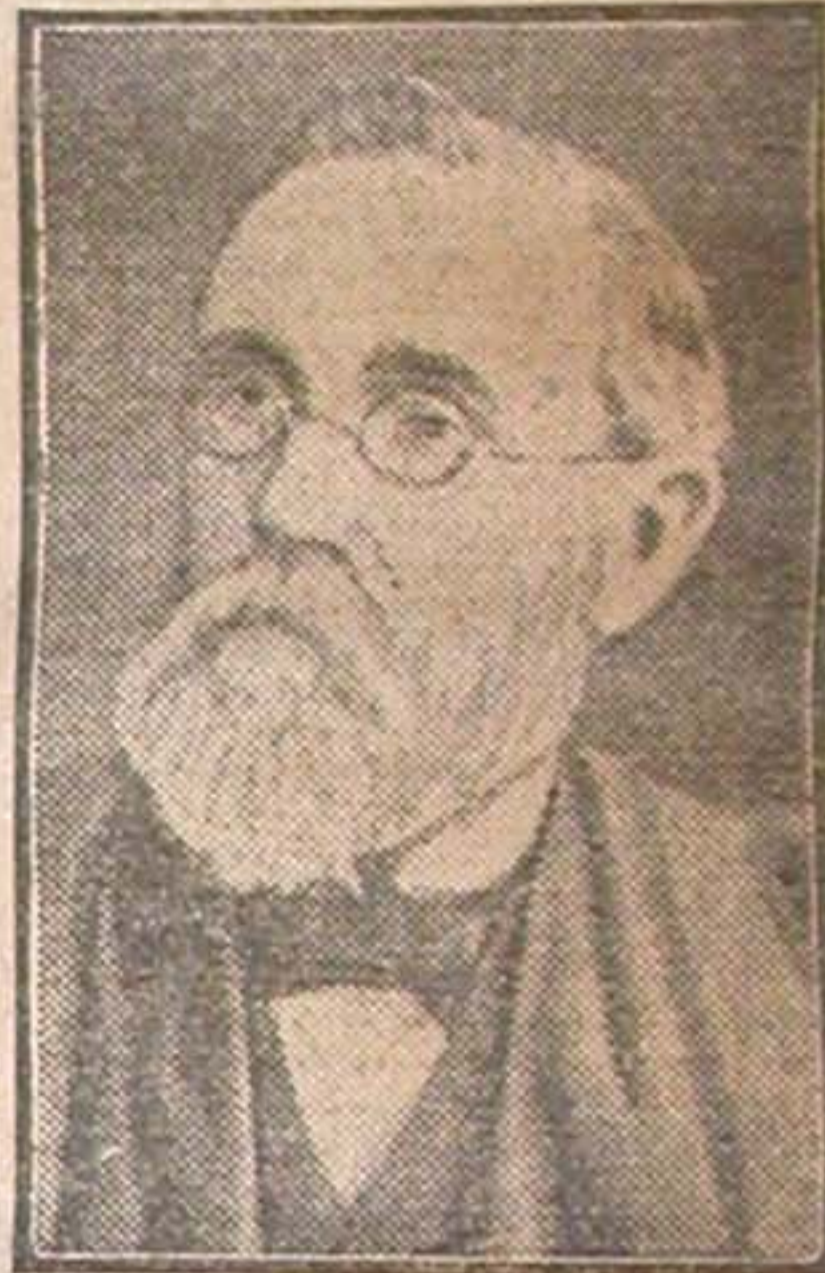
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GIFT TO ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

The Conservator of Forests of Western Australia has presented to the Adelaide University Forestry School the large and valuable exhibit of woods from that State which was shown at the recent Peace Exhibition in Adelaide.

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Professor Howchin wrote recently to the council of the Adelaide University intimating his intention to resign the chair of geology and palaeontology at the end of the current year in order that he might have time to devote himself to private research. The notice was received with great regret. It was resolved to ask him to deliver the annual address at the commemoration in December. He has been lecturer on geology at the University for the last 18 years, and is 75 years of age. He is a native of Norwich, England, and is a son of the manse. His education was received at the Academy, King's Lynn. When 19 years of age he went to the north of England, and was associated with scientific workers in the Newcastle district. He



PROFESSOR WALTER HOWCHIN, F.G.S.

came to South Australia in 1881, having previously been elected a Fellow of the Geological Society of London. In 1883 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Australia. The following year he was made a member of the council, and in 1895-6 he was President of the society. Mr. Howchin has filled many positions, including those of member of the Public Library Board and National Park Commissioner. He was lecturer on mineralogy at the School of Mines from 1899 to 1904. In 1907 he was awarded the Clarke Memorial Medal by the Royal Society of New South Wales for "Researches in Natural Science," and the Ferdinand von Mueller Medal was given to him by the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science in 1913. To him belongs the distinction of having received the first honorary professorship conferred by the Adelaide University, and his investigations into geological matters in this State cover a wide field.

Dr. B. Poulton, after 29 years' service, has resigned his lectureship at the Adelaide University on the principles and practice of surgery, and has been appointed lecturer in surgery, honoris causa. A native of Geelong (Vic.), he was educated at Flinders School there, at the Scotch College in Melbourne, and the Melbourne University, and afterwards was at St. Thomas's and St. Bartholomew's Hospitals in England. In 1881-5 he was resident surgeon at the Adelaide Hospital, and from 1886 until 1905 he was honorary surgeon there. Dr. Poulton, who is one of the best known and most successful men of his profession in South Australia, was also secretary of a couple of Australasian Medical Congresses.

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS.

GENEROUS LONDON.

THE KING'S TRIBUTE.

LONDON, May 28.

The King, who was accompanied by the Queen, to-day laid the foundation-stone of the new School of Economics in connection with the London University. The project has received substantial support from London merchants. The trustees of Sir Ernest Cassel have donated £300,000 to the funds. The Lord Mayor, on behalf of the city, to-day, donated a further £50,000.

In replying to an address of welcome, his Majesty paid a tribute to the response made by the Universities to the call of war, and their brilliant contributions to the science of modern warfare. He stated that the London University degree was valued far beyond the British Isles, as the advantages afforded by the resources of the metropolis gave the University a unique influence in the education system of the Empire.