

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.

PIANOFORTE AND VIOLIN RECITAL.

The pianoforte and violin recital given at the Adelaide Conservatorium on Monday night by Mr. William Silver (whose expressive interpretations are always so heartily appreciated) and Mr. Gerald Walenn (who has only recently returned from his trip to the old country, was of special interest and attraction. The audience expressed the welcome home to the violinist by most hearty applause on his appearance on the platform. The programme opened with the "Sonata in 3 flats for pianoforte and violin Op 18," by Richard Strauss. This composition of a great master of technique, full of ideas at once broad, full of vitality, and well contrasted, was interpreted by Mr. Silver and Mr. Walenn in a manner which brought out its characteristic qualities most admirably. Brilliant throughout, and making high demands on both performers, it was given with that artistic feeling which adds the quality of soul to the charm of technical facility. The fine decision of the first movement, and the tender, reflective feeling of the second one, were well contrasted, while the brilliant close was distinctly artistic. Mr. Silver's limpid and sympathetic touch and command of tone was markedly noticeable in this, as in his other numbers. First came a group from Chopin—the "Prelude in F minor," the "Nocturne in C minor," full of pathetic pleading, the fine tonal effects, and "Ballade in F major," with its tender haunting melody, and marked contrasting effects. Mr. Silver was recalled again and again, and finally, he was compelled to give an additional number. There was striking variety in his next group, which included a dreamy haunting "Berceuse" (by Merwolf), the "Prelude in F minor" (by Scriabine), Debussy's delightful "Clair de lune," and the quaint characteristically Spanish whiting "Seguidillas" (by Albeniz). Here again the pianist brought out finely the message of each composition, and had to submit to a second encore. Mr. Walenn's playing has always been marked by remarkable artistic finish. If there is any change since he went away, it is in an added depth and serenity, and an increased spontaneity. His rendering of the "Rhapsody" from "Pillbroch," a suite for violin and orchestra dedicated to Sarasate, by A. C. Mackenzie, aroused well-deserved enthusiasm. Mr. George Pearce, who was at the piano, gave just the right support in the accompaniment. Mr. Walenn's final bracket included two old French compositions, "Gavotte" (by Rameau), and a delightfully descriptive thing, "La Chasse (Caprice)" (by Cartier-Kreisler). Both were interpreted with real feeling and telling effect, but more impressive still was his handling of the picturesque and brilliant arrangement of "Russian Air," by Weinowski, which calls for so much consummate technical skill. Yet another additional number was demanded. Altogether, the recital was a brilliant success.

adjudicators will be Dr. Heaton and Messrs. H. Thomson and W. J. Hill. On Monday evening the losers of the first two debates will argue whether or not the influence of modern journalism is pernicious. The final debate will be contested next Tuesday night between the winners of the first two competitions, and the subject at issue will be whether the action of the French in the occupation of the Ruhr is justifiable. Professor Coleman Phillipson and Messrs. A. W. Piper, K.C., and N. H. Taylor will be the judges. Considerable public interest is being displayed in connection with the series of debates. Tickets for admission can be obtained at the University office and the W.E.A. office, North terrace.

STUDENTS' PROCESSIONS PROHIBITED.

Auckland University Council's Decision.

AUCKLAND, Monday.

A report on the complaints regarding horseplay in connection with the university students' procession on the occasion of the recent "capping day" has been submitted to the college council by the board of professors. It stated that while the procession itself was orderly, there were cases of unseemly conduct before and after it. The board decided that processions should be prohibited in future, and the council endorsed that action.



Dr. H. W. Davies, son of Professor Harold Davies, who was recently awarded a Research Fellowship at the Rockefeller Institute, America.

INSTITUTE OF SECRETARIES.

A Progressive Year.

The annual meeting of the South Australian branch of the Institute of Secretaries was held at the South Australian Hotel, Adelaide, on Wednesday evening. The business was preceded by a dinner, at which Mr. G. Robertson (President) occupied the chair. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:—President, Mr. Robertson; Vice-President, Mr. Charles Allen; Councillors, Messrs. D. M. Ballans, G. M. O'Dea, J. L. Forss, and C. A. Smith; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. N. Twiss; Auditor, Mr. A. R. S. Craig; Registrar, Mr. A. Laughton.

Proposed Scholarship.

The report mentioned that there were 238 members, including 159 fellows, 78 associates, and 1 honorary member. The council had been asked by the Adelaide Chamber of Commerce for an expression of opinion in regard to an application made by the Postal Sorters' Union for the dispatch of mails on Saturdays to enable the majority of the postal sorters to participate in the Saturday half-holiday. They replied that the adoption of the change would create a deal of inconvenience, but that the institute was in sympathy with the postal employees. The early closing of the mails on Saturdays had been given a trial for three months, and was now in operation. The council had been considering the question of granting a scholarship to a son of a member in the commerce course at the Adelaide University, but no finality had been reached, in consequence of some of the branches of the different States taking exception to the admission by this branch of gentlemen who held the diploma in commerce at the University of Adelaide. The question would in all probability be discussed at the conference to be held in Melbourne in November, and it was hoped that the custom which had obtained in Adelaide since the inception of the institute that those holding that diploma were eligible for members, provided their references were satisfactory, would continue.

The Strongest Branch.

The President, in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, said it was a matter for congratulation that the institute was growing strongly every year, not only in membership and status, but also financially. The branch was the strongest in Australia. Their accumulated funds amounted to £394, £200 of which was invested in Commonwealth war bonds. The examinations had become increasingly popular. One candidate, Mr. A. H. B. Henderson, had earned the special commendation of the examiner by having achieved 100 per cent. in his law papers. The President also mentioned the Accountants' Bill, which had been introduced in Parliament during the last session. The measure, he said, had given the council considerable anxiety as, had it become law in the form in which it was introduced, it would have seriously prejudiced many of the members of the South Australian branch. The members were qualified in the best sense, but according to the proposed measure, unless they were qualified auditors, they would not have been allowed to undertake auditing.

Mr. C. Allen (Vice-President), seconded the motion. Their members, he affirmed, were as capable of auditing as of compiling a balance-sheet. If the Accountants' Bill had passed it would be a serious injustice to them. (Applause.)

The motion was adopted.

At the instance of Mr. W. N. Twiss, seconded by Mr. E. W. Mills, the members of the outgoing council were thanked. The Hon. D. J. Gordon, M.L.C., gave an interesting "Travel Talk."

PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS STUDENTS SOCIETY.

At the monthly meeting of the Public Accountants Students' Society of South Australia, held at Balfour-Bricknell's rooms on Tuesday night, Mr. J. McGee, LL.B., delivered a lecture on "Partnerships." He described the principal parts of the Partnership Act, laying stress upon such items as partnership property, business to be considered, term of partnership dissolution, and distribution of assets. He laid particular stress on the drawing up of a partnership agreement, which in appearance was a very simple matter, but in practice had been proved a delicate agreement, and one requiring great attention. In the absence of an agreement between partners a Court, if appealed to, would take into account the nature of the business conducted, and would give its decision on those lines.

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM ORGAN RECITAL.

The series of midday organ recitals which have been given by Mr. Harold Wyld, F.R.C.O., during the lunch hour of each Thursday in the Elder Hall will terminate on the second Thursday in September. Request numbers, chosen from previous programmes, for the concluding three recitals should be sent to the office of the Conservatorium. At the recital to be given to-day the fine "March in B flat," by Silas, will be played, as well as several short, attractive, and popular items.

THE WHITE AUSTRALIA POLICY.

AN INTER-UNIVERSITY DEBATE.

Much interest was displayed in a debate between students of the Brisbane and Adelaide Universities which was held in the Prince of Wales Theatre, Adelaide University on Thursday evening. This was the first of the series of inter-University debates being held in Adelaide this year under the auspices of the Adelaide University Students' Association. The fact that the subject chosen was a resolution "That the Northern Territory be handed over to Japan in payment of our national debt" had attracted a number of people of varying political opinions, and the arguments were followed with close attention. Dr. H. Heaton presided. Professor Darnley Naylor, and Messrs. H. A. Shierlaw and J. D. G. Medley had consented to act as adjudicators, and the teams were composed as follows:—Queensland—Messrs. H. Pegg (leader), T. P. Fry and H. N. Horner. Adelaide—Messrs. F. P. Adams (leader), R. Kriewald and J. R. McCabe.

Each speaker was allowed fifteen minutes in which to state his case and the leaders were given seven minutes each at the conclusion of the debate, to reply. The Queensland team took the affirmative side. The leader stated that the population of the Northern Territory had dwindled considerably during the last 30 years and the death rate was nearly double that of other parts of the country. Moreover, the rainfall was scanty and precarious, and much of the country was barren. He characterized most of the stories of the mineral wealth of the Territory as the disordered imagination of prospectors suffering from thirst.

The leader of the Adelaide team said the statements in disparagement of the Territory were grossly exaggerated. The influx of a number of Japanese into the Northern Territory would be an industrial and racial menace. The White Australia policy was not mere political propaganda; it was a Gospel. The various speakers outlined their views with precision and clearness.

In announcing the decision of the adjudicators in favor of Adelaide University, Professor Darnley Naylor said from the outset Queensland had been faced with a difficult task. The political significance of either side, however, had not weighed with the adjudicators. (Applause.)

There will be another debate on Saturday evening.

INTER-VARSITY DEBATES.

The Brisbane team to take part in the inter- varsity debates will arrive in Adelaide this morning by train. On Thursday evening the first of the round of debates will be contested at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Adelaide University, at 8 o'clock, when Queensland will speak in the affirmative on the proposition that "the Northern Territory of Australia should be handed to Japan in exchange for the payment of our national debt," which subject will be argued in the negative by Adelaide. The Brisbane debaters will comprise Messrs. Pegg, Fry, and Horner, and the Adelaide team will be Messrs. Kriewaldt, Adams, and McCabe, with Mr. Adams as leader. The adjudicators will be Professor Darnley Naylor and Messrs. H. A. Shierlaw and J. D. G. Medley. On Wednesday and Thursday the Melbourne and Sydney teams will arrive. A dinner will be given in honour of the visitors on Friday, and Saturday afternoon they will be entertained at Long Gully. On Saturday evening Sydney and Melbourne will contest in debate the proposition whether Government are justified in competing with private enterprise. The

The following passengers have been booked to leave for the United Kingdom by the Blue Funnel liner Nestor to-day:—Professor and Mrs. N. G. Duffield, Mrs. Owen Crompton, Mr. A. O. Crompton, Master D. O. Crompton, Miss A. H. Brown, Mrs. D. E. Reeves, Mr. T. H. Littlewood. Professor Duffield is conducting experiments on behalf of the British Government in connection with the force of gravity over the oceans.

The appointment of Dr. R. L. Harold Grant as temporary honorary assistant physician at the Adelaide Hospital was made in Executive Council on Thursday morning.

In Executive Council on Thursday, Mr. R. R. St. Clair Chamberlain was appointed Fourth Associate and Clerk of Arraignment, in place of Mr. E. L. [Name], who was recently elevated to the position of Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman.