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## Farewell Concert to Mr. John Bishop

There was a crowded attendance at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, June 27, when John Bishop was accorded a farewell concert by fellow musicians. Lady Bridges was present with Miss Margaret Judge, Miss Alvida Bridges, and Dr. Heywood. On his appearance on the platform the young overseas scholar was accorded an ovation. He has much to thank Mr. Silver for, who has paved the way for a great career for him.

Miss Helene Fisher, who is only sixteen years of age, was the Elder Scholar chosen for the overseas scholarship, entitling her to three years' tuition at the Royal College of Music, London. She is a violinist, and the youngest scholar to attain this distinction, but her father, Mr. Arthur Fisher, of Largs Bay, was not anxious to part with his daughter. So the scholarship was passed on to the next best on the list, and Jack's proverbial



good luck stood him in good stead, and he was selected.

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## SCIENTISTS' ADVENTURES

### BOAT NEARLY FOUNDERS; SPIDER BITES LEADER.

BRISBANE, Aug. 18.

Captain G. H. Wilkins, leader of the British Museum Scientific Expedition, telegraphed news yesterday from Moreton, North Queensland. The expedition has reached the Moreton telegraph station from Thursday Island, by way of Temple Bay, overland, skirting the Richardson Range, and then crossing the Great Dividing Range to the Batavia River.

"I was partially blind during the trip owing to a nocturnal spider biting my eye during sleep," says the leader. "Our vessel grounded on the bar at the river mouth, and narrowly escaped foundering. She bumped and listed, waves sweeping the deck, but she survived the ordeal, reaching deeper water safely. Our equipment was wet, but not spoiled. Crocodiles were numerous in the river. We shot one a few yards from the camp."

"The coastal district and territory we traversed until reaching the Great Dividing Range, is sandy. It is practically barren of mammals, but birds are fairly numerous. Some rare specimens, including red-cheeked black cockatoos and rifle birds, were secured. Fauna was more numerous on the range and on the western side, but was not too plentiful even there. The few natives hereabouts exist on roots and wild bees' honey. Part of the expedition is returning to Townsville, via Thursday Island. I myself am travelling overland to Cooktown."

Moreton is a lonely telegraph station right in the centre of the war north of York Peninsula. Temple Bay is on the east coast. So Captain Wilkins appears to have entered a small river, which he does not name, flowing into the bay, and to have sailed up it as far as possible, then proceeding overland to the centre of the Peninsula.

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His Excellency's war record was also well known. He wished their guest and Lady Bridges the best of health and a most pleasant sojourn in the State. He expressed the loyalty of the association to His Majesty the King and the British Government. It was a happy thought when the British Government selected a soldier for the Governor, and Sir Tom Bridges was not only a soldier, but also His Excellency, who was heartily applauded, referred in complimentary terms to the work of the association. His remarks are published elsewhere.

### A Great Continent.

Professor R. W. Chapman, in proposing "Australia," said that the Commonwealth was better known to-day than ever before. The soldiers had contributed largely to that end. It was a young and vigorous nation. The enterprise and spirit of our forefathers had paved the way. The task confronting a handful of people to hold such a mighty continent was not an easy one. One-third of Australia was in the tropics, and the population of that part was only about 100,000—less than one person to every 10 square miles. A little to the north was Java (about the size of Victoria), with its teeming millions. Further north was Japan, with a population of 77,000,000—equal to 383 to the square mile. Japan's population increased by a million in two or three years. It had taken Australia 10 years to gain the last million. He advocated a vigorous policy for populating the Commonwealth. Another problem was to develop water conservation. He emphasized the importance of science in aiding the nation. Australians had inherited the land as a result of the courage and the strong right arm of their forefathers. If they were to hold the continent they would have to use that strong right arm and also their brains. They could not expect to succeed unless they exerted a great effort to build a nation of British blood and British ideals. (Applause.)

### The Ministry.

Mr. N. H. Taylor (a Past President of the Association and President of the Good Roads Association) proposed "The Ministry." He complimented the Premier upon the stand he had taken over the North-South Railway. The State would stand behind him in the matter. The association supported the Government, too, in its immigration policy. He also referred with pleasure to the efforts being made to improve the roads and in the railway question. The Government was looking ahead. (Applause.) The Premier's reply is printed in another column.

### Other Toasts.

The Vice-President (Mr. W. G. Venus) proposed "Association day," which was responded to by Past-President Edmund Berry. The President (Mr. E. J. Clark) toasted the health of the secretary (Mr. F. C. Hartshorne), which was honoured with enthusiasm. Mr. W. J. Hill (President of the Chamber of Commerce), in giving "The South Australian Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Association," thanked the committee, and congratulated them on the condition of their different funds. He added that he hoped that a Chair of Commerce would be established at the University. His chamber was doing something towards it, and they would like the assistance of the Commercial Travellers' Association. A programme of vocal and instrumental music was provided. Mr. Francis H. Halls contributed a couple of songs. Mr. Hugh King was pianist.

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## COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' DINNER.

### A Successful Gathering.

The fifty-eighth annual dinner of the South Australian Travellers and Warehousemen's Association, which was held at the clubrooms, North terrace, on Saturday evening, was a great success. Among the guests were His Excellency the Governor (Sir Tom Bridges), the Premier (Sir Henry Barwell), the Lord Mayor (Mr. Lewis Cohen), Professor R. W. Chapman, the Chief Commissioner of Railways (Mr. W. A. Webb), the Railways Commissioner (Mr. James McGuire), the President of the Chamber of Commerce (Mr. W. J. Hill), the Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce (Mr. F. W. Simpson), the Commissioner of Police (Brig.-Gen. R. L. Leane), the Public Service Commissioner (Brig.-Gen. S. Price Weir), the Deputy Postmaster-General (Mr. J. W. Kitto), the President of the National Roads Association (Mr. W. H. Taylor), Capt. Hambleton, A.D.C., and Mr. W. E. A. Brown (ex-secretary of the Commercial Travellers' Association). The loyal toast was enthusiastically honoured.

### The Governor.

The loyal toast was enthusiastically proposing the health of His Excellency the Governor, said that it gave them all great pleasure to have Sir Tom Bridges as their guest. He expressed the hope that His Excellency would be with them on many such occasions. They had in the Governor a champion of immigration, a policy for which the association stood.

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## WOMEN ENGINEERS.

The British Women's Engineering Society recently held its conference at Birmingham University. The war gave an impetus to the pursuit of engineering by women, for the scarcity of men made them called on to assist in mechanical trades, and many evinced a decided turn for mechanics. There is at present at least one firm of women engineers, and one girl who lately visited Australia is a qualified ship's engineer. It is, however, not easy for most women students of engineering to get practical work and openings for employment. At present there seems most scope for women in electric engineering.

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## AN X-RAY INSTALLATION.

An X-ray installation for the treatment of cancer has been supplied to an Adelaide medical man. On Tuesday last this apparatus was taken into use and treatment began. The output of the machine is rated at 250,000 volts pressure, which is about five times the power used on any ordinary X-ray instrument for diagnostic service. According to reports received from Germany regarding the treatment of cancer by X-rays of extreme penetration, reported cures have been as high as 67 per cent., and a further 15 per cent. to 20 per cent. have obtained relief; but the matter of recurrence renders it impossible to include them in the percentage of cures claimed, as sufficient time has not yet elapsed to state definitely whether the condition now obtained will remain constant. The installation was carried out under the supervision of Mr. G. M. Eimer, late of the Adelaide University physics staff, and the apparatus was supplied by Hospital Electrical & Radium, Ltd.

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