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WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Programme for this Year.

The Workers' Educational Association of South Australia is arranging for the opening of its classes in March and April. During Dr. Heaton's absence in England, the administration of the University tutorial classes will be shared by Mr. A. L. G. MacKay, B.A., B.Sc. (assistant lecturer in economics at the University), and Mr. G. MacKay, B.A., B.Sc. (assistant lecturer association). The latter states that the most difficult problem he had to face, when he took up the secretarial duties three years ago was how to make the Workers' Educational Association better known. That difficulty has been largely overcome by a vigorous advertising campaign during March and April immediately before the opening of the class year, and by students advising their friends and acquaintances to join. In 1921, 338 students attended classes. In 1922, the number increased to 640, and in 1923 to more than 660. About 500 students meet in the University weekly for serious and systematic study.

Aims of the Association.

As to the aims and purpose of the body, it was an adult educational movement, said Mr. McRitchie, open to all who desire to achieve further knowledge. It deals with the building of character and the making of good citizens, as educationists are more and more laying stress on the importance of equipping individuals for civic life. As to subjects students preferred English literature, and three classes would be conducted at the University this year. Psychology was also popular, and two classes under Mr. A. C. Garnett, M.A., would meet weekly. One would study psycho-analysis or new psychology, and the other would be a first year's class. A large public speaking class, under Mr. G. E. Hale, B.A., would open its second year. A class in singing and music, under Mr. E. H. Wallace Packer, would begin its third year in April. Principal E. S. Kiek would begin a class in "History, man, and the State (the study of society)." A first year's class in economics, under Mr. MacKay would be started on April 3.

Type of Students.

About 60 or 70 callings are represented by class members. The tutor lectures for about an hour. Then questions and discussion follow. As to the social side, an association club meets monthly from April to October in Stow Lecture Hall. This has been very successful. The average attendance last year was 180. Interesting programmes are presented, with the view that social as well as re-educational opportunities are necessary. The association co-operated with other educational organizations. Its members assist each Repertory Theatre performance. The syllabus for the 1924 classes can now be obtained free at the office of the association.

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English literature was the most favored subject, and three classes would be conducted at the University this year. Psychology was popular also. This year two classes, under Mr. A. C. Garnett, would meet weekly. One would study psycho-analysis or new psychology, and the other would be a first year section. A public speaking class, under Mr. G. E. Hale, would be in its second year. A class in singing and music, under Mr. E. H. Wallace Packer, would commence its third year in April. Principal E. S. Kiek would start a class in history and the study of society. A first year class in economics, under Mr. A. L. G. MacKay, would be started on April 3.

About 60 or 70 callings were represented by class members, and all had a common purpose—the acquisition of knowledge. The tutor lectured for about an hour, and questions and discussion occupied the remainder of the time. The syllabus for the 1924 classes is available free at the W.E.A. office.

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THE W.E.A.

CLASSES RESUMING.

SECRETARY OUTLINES WORK.

The General Secretary of the Workers' Educational Association (Mr. G. McRitchie) outlines this year's work, and discussing its aims and purposes, said:—

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The most difficult problem he had to face when he took up his duties three years ago was how to get the W.E.A. better known. However, that had been largely overcome, mainly by a vigorous advertising campaign during March and April, just prior to the opening of the class year, and by students advising their friends and acquaintances to join up. In 1921 338 students attended classes; in 1922 they increased to 640; and in 1923 to just over 660. About 500 students met in the University weekly for serious and systematic study.

Each year quite a number of new students remarked that they wished they had known of the W.E.A. before.

"What is the aim and purpose of the W.E.A.?" is often asked.

First (said Mr. McRitchie) it is an adult educational movement, open to all who desire knowledge. Its aim and purpose is the imparting of knowledge—the unbuilding of character, the making of good citizens. Educationists are more and more stressing the importance of equipping individuals for good citizenship.

What subjects are favored by students? he was asked.

"English literature first. Three classes will be conducted at the University this year. Psychology is very popular also. This year two classes, under Mr. A. C. Garnett, M.A., will meet weekly. One will study Psycho-Analysis, or New Psychology; while the other will be a first year's class. A very large public speaking class, under Mr. G. E. Hale, B.A., will be in its second year. This class did valuable work last year. A class in singing and music, under Mr. E. H. Wallace Packer, will commence its third year in April. Principal E. S. Kiek will start a class in History, Man and the State (the Study of Society), which is bound to be popular. A first year's class in Economics, under Mr. A. L. G. MacKay, B.A., B.Sc., will be started on April 3. The W.E.A. has been exceedingly fortunate in its tutors, All are University trained men, yet men that are out grappling with life's problems. Now, whatever a man's job may be, he is all the better for possessing a trained appreciation for literature, music, art, and the like, and he is going to be a vastly better citizen if he has a sufficient way of looking at economic, psychological, historical, and political problems. It has been well said: "Any branch of study tends to develop intellectual faculties in a manner which is of highest service, even in business life."

What type of person is attracted to the classes?

"Some sixty or seventy callings are represented by class members. It will be readily seen that many types attend the classes but all have a common purpose—the acquiring of knowledge.

What are the methods adopted in working the classes?

"The tutor lectures for about an hour. Then questions and discussion occupy the remainder of the time. Questions and discussion are a very important part of the work.

Is anything done on the social side?

"Yes. A W.E.A. club meets monthly (April to October) in the Stow Lecture Hall. This club has been very successful. The average attendance last year was 180. Quite interesting programmes are presented, always keeping in view that it is social as well as educational. Opportunity is given for students from the various classes to get to know each other.

"The W.E.A. co-operates with other educational organisations. It supplies quite a large number to each Repertory Theatre performance. The Allan Wilkie Co. is extensively patronised by our students. Both companies give concessions to W.E.A. students.

"The syllabus for the 1924 classes is now available free from the W.E.A. office. A glance at the syllabus usually calls forth the remark: It looks tempting.

Any adult has the privilege of attending any one class for the small sum of five shillings.

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DOWNEY MILDEW.

DISEASE IN VINES.

A good deal of uneasiness has been caused amongst vine growers in South Australia during the past week or two on account of an outbreak of Downy Mildew. Slightly over a week ago, the Department of Agriculture received news of the appearance of a disease in vines in the McLaren vale district, which was thought to be Downy Mildew. An inspection of samples brought to the city by local growers, and also specimens collected on the spot by the lecturer in Plant Pathology at the Adelaide University (Mr. Geoffrey Samuel, B.Sc.) who was immediately despatched to the scene of the outbreak, revealed the fact that the disease was present in a most virulent form.

The Horticultural Branch of the Department of Agriculture forthwith set itself to do whatever possible to assist vine growers in protecting their vines against infection. The Orchard Instructor for the Southern District (Mr. C. H. Beaumont) went throughout the vine areas in the neighbourhood of the infested district and distributed pamphlets to hundreds of growers, giving details of the nature of the disease and methods of preventive treatment. Toward the end of last week the Department received an urgent message from the Glace district, stating that an outbreak there was feared.

The Horticultural Instructor (Mr. Geo. Quinn) immediately journeyed to this town, but failed to find any evidence of Downy Mildew in the vineyards visited. Apart from personal visits of departmental officers, information respecting the nature of this disease and methods of treatment have been supplied to a large number of vine growers by means of an illustrated pamphlet prepared by Mr. D. J. Quinn (Viticultural Instructor).

On Monday, the horticultural instructor (Mr. Geo. Quinn), mentioned that he had that day received specimens of vine leaves from the Happy Valley district, and these on examination were found to be badly infested with Downy Mildew. "Grapes that are still in the hard, green stage, are the most susceptible to injury," he said, "and where growers have reason to suspect an outbreak of the disease, they would do well immediately to spray their vines with Bordeaux mixture as a preventive measure."

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SUPREME COURT VACANCY.

Mr. J. M. Napier Chosen.

A Popular Appointment.

Mr. Thomas John Mellis Napier, K.C., LL.B., was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia in Executive Council on Wednesday, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir John Gordon. The appointment will date from March 1.

Mr. Napier was born at Dunbar, Scotland, on October 24, 1882. He was educated at the City of London School, and came to South Australia in 1898. He entered the Adelaide University in 1899, graduated LL.B. in December, 1902. He was thus qualified for admission to the Bar. He was articled to the late Right Hon. C. O. Kingston in December, 1898,



MR. J. M. NAPIER.

and was received as a practitioner on October 24, 1903. Mr. Napier became managing clerk to McLachlan and Vandenberg, and subsequently entered into partnership (1906) as McLachlan and Napier. In 1917 Mr. Napier joined Glynn, Parsons, and McEwin. Among the prominent cases in which he has appeared have been those of Billiet v. Commercial Bank, McLachlan v. Commissioner of Taxes, A. G. v. Corporation of Adelaide, S.A. Company v. Corporation of Port Adelaide, and McDonald v. Railways Commissioner. Mr. Napier two years ago appeared as counsel for the Government in cases before the Government Workers' Tribunal and the Board of Industry, and represented the Government in the important case, Welden v. the South Australian Government, which was recently decided by the Privy Council, in respect of claims for compensation for damage to wheat stacks, owing to the mice plague.

An Esteemed Personality.

Mr. Napier has gained considerable prominence at the Bar, and has been acknowledged for some time as one of the leaders of the younger generation of counsel. With exceptional professional abilities he combines fine qualities of personality, and there is no more esteemed figure in the legal ranks of the State. Mr. Napier is a gentleman of a refined and singularly graceful manner, and his conduct at the Bar has always been distinguished by a courteous bearing. His advance during the past five years has been rapid, and his name has been mentioned on more than one occasion for judicial elevation, for which his temperament and learning give him an undoubted qualification. Mr. Napier is at present a member of the firm of Baker, Glynn, McEwin, and Napier.