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Mr. Goodman was offered a few hints on the question of handling the suburban traffic, particularly at strap-hanging periods, but it is doubtful whether they will commend themselves to his judgment as a business man. His task is a practical one, and he can therefore have little time to consider the expedient of motor buses running backwards notwithstanding the provision of a flickering red warning lamp. Likewise the introduction of gasolene-powered go-carts is a matter he will probably be content to leave to private enterprise. He is also likely to turn a deaf ear to the presumption that the proposal would prove immensely popular. There was a beauty competition, in which there were some candidates whose names were held to be strong, and when the judges have finished their task—when they do—it can be relied upon that there will be disappointment in many instances. This, of course, does not apply to the students, who are ever charming. Parents and others who feel themselves aggrieved by the judgments of the courts do not appear before the U.J.S. done so to appear before the U.J.S. done so to appreciate the fairness and impartiality of the learned judges of the land.

The procession would not have been complete without a passing reference to the meat dispute. Visions of the "ante-strike" and the "post-strike" periods were unfolded to the persons of a fat man in small knickerbockers as representing the former, and a lean man in large trousers as representing the latter. The difficulty of obtaining supplies was overcome in a manner satisfactory to themselves at all events, but perhaps to the master butchers and the public generally, by the students' zoology. The inhabitants of the Zoo were requisitioned, even to the slaughter of a huge Teddy Bear, who hung across a counter, a victim to man's selfish appetite. It was hinted that when these supplies are out the problem would be further solved by the execution of cats. There were many other items, and a pleasing feature of the procession was the orderly and good-humored fashion in which it was carried out.

Mr. Vernon Treloar followed with entertaining juggling and sleight-of-hand. Then a beauty competition that caused much laughter, as each "lady," a student wonderfully camouflaged, was announced in turn and photographed by Will Unger (M. Cockburn) and Al Dinga (D. Salter). Jack Fox filled the roll of call-boy. The first to appear was Mr. Alec Dawkins, in rose pink radium lace over silk with brilliant motifs and pink bandeau. Mr. Jack Glover came next as Mrs. Bunter in velvet coat and skirt and felt hat, billed as a "sugillistic peach." Mr. Harry Fischer (as Miss Dent) was in black charmeuse draped with white lace, striking red wig. Mr. Ian Hamilton scored in peach pink silk and silver, with fair curls. Others who made fascinating "ladies" were Rose Worthy (Ross Morris), Pearl Age (F. Collison), Miss Fire (B. Lawrence), Helen Blases (B. Muecke), I. Haren Rough (Colin Kekwick), Flossie Shortnose (Gordon Smith). The last named had the misfortune to lose his wig in the dance, and stood revealed. In the next item Messrs. Rob Fox and Colin Kekwick told their hardships. Then there was a capital quartet by Messrs. Dick Watson, Reg Thrush, Gerald Moyses, and George Harris, "The Moon Man." In a fishy number the characters were an Italian oyster-monger (Mr. Ian Hamilton), Marie, his wife (Mr. Gar Hone), Lord Cheerio (Mr. Gordon Smith), Lydia Hatbox (Mr. Wylton Todd), Hon. Darcy Damful (Mr. Doug. Salter), Kitty Kissme (Mr. Harry Fischer), Sambo (Mr. B. Muecke), Bertie Bellpush (Mr. B. Lawrence), Bill Blood-bones (Mr. Bill Walker), Emery (Mr. Jack Glover), 'Erb (Mr. Arthur Reid), and Alf (Mr. Malcolm Cockburn). Miss Valda Harvey sang "Break of Day" artistically. Mr. Jack Fox gave "Henry Snorkins," and the programme concluded with an effective number, or combination of two, composed by Wylton Todd, "Syncopated Waltz," and "She's Pretty," with full chorus.

## EXAMS AT SCHOOLS

### PROFESSOR OPPOSES SYSTEM

#### Girton House Speech Day

Speaking this morning in the Norwood Town Hall at the annual speech day of Girton House, Professor Darnley Naylor said he did not approve the system of outsiders conducting examinations at a school once a year. A grave injustice might be done. He hoped that South Australia would follow the Victorian system of allowing schools to examine themselves. He implored them to think with generosity and mercy of those miserable men and women who in examination papers saw peccadilloes in the mass. He referred in complimentary terms to the success of Misses Crampton, Barwell, and Wait.

Mr. J. G. Duncan-Hughes presided, and he was supported on the platform by Mrs. J. A. Smith (principal), Professor and Mrs. Darnley Naylor, Mrs. J. G. Duncan-Hughes, Mrs. H. S. Hudd, and the Rev. H. P. Finnis (school chaplain).

The platform was decorated in the school colors, blue, white, and gold, carried out in big bowls of flowers.

The proceedings opened with the hymn "Fight the Good Fight," and Mr. Finnis offered prayer. The song "Quand Tu Chantes" was sung in French by the pupils, with Mr. John Dempster at the piano.

Mr. Duncan-Hughes, in his opening remarks, also congratulated Miss Hope Crampton on obtaining her B.A. honors degree, and Misses Mary Barwell and Yvonne Wait for their continued success in the University examinations. He emphasized the importance of a school indulging in some kind of sport every day, and congratulated all who had worked and played well, also the lazy ones on the opportunity they would have next year to work.

Mrs. H. S. Hudd spoke, and then Miss Mary Laidlaw sang "Still as the Night," and responded to an encore.

Mrs. J. A. Smith read her report, in which she stated that it was the development of the child's special abilities and powers of independent action that should be the aim of parents and teachers. It was hard to wait, to be patient, not to be discouraged when one's daughter or pupil was not as brilliant as the daughter or pupil of some other house or school. The chief work of an educationist was development of character. Education that failed to fit boys and girls to take full part in the community life was of no value. During the past two years sports of different kinds had taken a prominent place in the school, with the result that the pupils' brains were more alert and their health better. They regretfully said goodbye to Miss Dugdale, who, after teaching in the school of six years, was returning to England. They welcomed Miss Freeman and Miss Marjorie Jones to the staff.

She congratulated the old scholars who had distinguished themselves, and passed a word of praise to the captain and prefects of the school, whose influence was far-reaching.

Mr. F. W. Eardley was, at a council meeting of the Adelaide University on Friday afternoon, appointed Acting Registrar of that institution as from January 1. The appointment was made in view of the retirement of the present Registrar (Mr. C. R. Hodge) in February. Mr. Eardley was appointed accountant at the University in 1900. In 1911, when Mr. Hodge was granted six months' leave of absence, on account of his ill health, Mr. Eardley filled the office of Acting Registrar, and upon Mr. Hodge's return he took the title of Assistant Registrar, and has filled the position ever since.

At a meeting of the Medical Board of South Australia on Thursday the following were registered as legally qualified medical practitioners:—Bruce Rudolph Hallows, M.B., B.S., Melb., 1923, of Whyalla; Norman McLeod, M.B., B.S., Melb., 1923, of Wallaroo; Carl Emil Dorsch, M.B., Ch.B., Edin., 1922; also Herbert Champion Hosking, Alfred Ladyman Tostevin, Arthur Walter Sydney James Welch, Robert John de Neufville Souter, Joseph Ruskin Cornish, William Roy Angus, Raymond Thomas Binns, Frederick Ralph Wicks, Thomas Vincent Quinn, Frederick Lewis Thyer, Aubrey Julian Lewis (each M.B., B.S., Adelaide, 1923).

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Mr. J. H. Williams, whose appointment as an inspector of schools was announced "The Advertiser" yesterday. Mr. Williams was in charge of the primary and high schools at Victor Harbor for 15 months. He graduated M.A. at the Adelaide University this year.



REV. PERCIVAL WATSON, B.A., the popular minister of Clayton Congregational Church, Kensington, who has just graduated at the Adelaide University, with honours, in philosophy.

### UNIVERSITY ENTERTAINMENT.

The real tremendous gathering of relations, friends, and admirers of the University students filled the Prince of Wales Theatre Thursday evening for the annual commemoration concert. It was under the patronage and in the presence of his excellency the Governor (attended by Captain Hambleton, A.D.C.), the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Glover) and the president of the Adelaide University Sports Association (Mr. G. Wallman) and Mrs. Wallman. The committee, a small one, consisting of Miss Betty Cowle, Mr. Colin Kekwick, Mr. Malcolm Cockburn (hon. business manager), and Mr. Ian Hamilton (hon. secretary) are to be congratulated upon the success of the programme presented, a success that was not surprising when the stage manager was Mr. Herbert Waish. Mr. George Pearce was musical director of the orchestra, with Miss Muriel Prince at the piano. The committee are also indebted to Miss Louise Larsson for supervising all the other work.

The programme opened with an effective piece, "Little Puddleton on the First of May," in which Mr. Rob Fox appeared as the Mayor, Mr. Malcolm Cockburn as Bill M. Ugg, Mr. Haines Leader as McFinn, and Mr. Terence Paltridge as Muggles Dawkins. Miss Ann Ross as Susan, the wife of the village. The chorus, who all wore charming rustic frocks, were Misses Joyce Procter, Estelle Edwards, Verna Macken, Cath Reid, Asthore Symons, Ethel Best, Ruby Blowett, Irene Best, and Biddy Cowle. Miss Elsie Woolley sang "I'm in love" very charmingly. Mr. Colin Kekwick sang "Don't you think I ought to see a doctor?" with interjections from his friends in front. "The Bathroom Door," by Gertrude Jennings, was a sketch that provided an amusing interlude, those taking part being Misses Verna Hackett, Ethel Reed, and Ann Ross, and Messrs. Basil Harford, Deasler, and J. Kearney. Mr. Richard Watson was loudly encored for his pirate role, in appropriate dress. One of the funniest items was the trio by the three players, Arthur Reid, Rob Fox, and Jack Glover, a topical song that was very clever, and a verse which convulsed the house.

The Women's City Council have made a new by-law, that one-piece bathing costumes will be worn on the beach. Do we think the pretty girls should show their a-mat-o-mys for the sake of the medical students at the Adelaide 'Varsity?

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### PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

#### PROFESSOR NAYLOR ADVOCATES A NEW SYSTEM.

Among educationists the system of public examinations held in connection with the Universities is always a vexed question, and advocates of changes in the prevailing methods are not lacking. At the annual speech day, held on Friday, in connection with Girton House School, a reference to the subject was made by Professor Darnley Naylor, who expressed the hope that the Victorian system would be introduced into South Australia. Under that system approved schools were permitted, subject to certain checks and safeguards, to examine the scholars themselves. He did not believe in the efficacy of an examination once a year conducted by outsiders. It possessed many demerits and injustices. He thought the Victorian system of judging on the whole of the year's work was the proper method.

### IMPROVING AGRICULTURE.

#### Proposed Imperial Conference.

LONDON, December 13.

An Imperial Agricultural Conference, initiated by the Horace Plunkett Foundation, which was created to advance the principles of agricultural co-operation in the United Kingdom, has been included in the programme of the Empire Exhibition. The Ministry for Agriculture (the governors of the foundation) are asking, through the High Commissioners and Agents-General for the oversea Governments, for the appointment of representatives to attend the conference, at which Empire delegations and representatives of co-operative societies and federations, and home and foreign marketing associations will have an opportunity to work out comprehensively the problems of better business in agriculture.

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### "TYPICAL AUSTRALIAN SCENES."

A portfolio of excellently reproduced photographs on art paper from The Observer of scenes witnessed during trips in the far interior and the west coast of Australia, along with explanatory notes and comments, has been copyrighted and issued from the press by Mr. W. D. Walker, B.Sc., of the Adelaide University. The production happily fulfils the author's design, of conveying, through the medium of the camera, entertaining instruction regarding the geographical features, ethnography, fauna, and living conditions of faraway and little known regions of our island continent. Some of the pictures eloquently support the statement that "the vast area between Oodnadatta and Port Darwin holds tremendous mineral and productive possibilities, and has also an abundant artesian and sub-artesian water supply, which is as yet, but little tapped." Powerful testimony is given to Mr. Walker's contention that the long-promised North-South railway and conserved water supplies are Central Australia's urgent needs. Cattle-droving incidents are vividly portrayed, an aboriginal corroboree, the quaint-looking home of the caretaker at Wintinna Bore, duck-shooting on Beresford Dam, the railway and train near Beltana, remarkable pictures of birds, kangaroos, and camels, photos of seals and porpoises on the west coast and views of Price Evans, Goat, and Pearson Islands, are among the ma-