

**ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING.**

**UNIVERSITY CHAIRS REQUESTED.**

MELBOURNE, Wednesday. Representing the Melbourne University Council, the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects and the Institute of Engineers of Australia (Melbourne division), together with leading Government, commercial, manufacturing, mining, municipal, and building institutions, a deputation of more than 40 delegates waited upon the Minister for Education (Sir Alexander Peacock) to-day with a request that a sum of £3,000 be voted by the Government to enable the university council to establish a chair of architecture and a chair of civil engineering. The matter is to be brought before Cabinet.

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**CAPTAIN G. H. WILKINS.**

**A CIVIC RECEPTION.**

Captain G. H. Wilkins, who leaves for England on Saturday to organize his Antarctic flight, was yesterday accorded a civic reception by the Lord Mayor (Mr. C. B. J. Glover), who said he took great pleasure and pride in welcoming Captain Wilkins to his home town. He was proud to know that he was a South Australian. The citizens congratulated themselves upon the fact that in Captain Wilkins they had a man—a citizen of the world—who had sacrificed himself to science and exploration. The whole community and the Empire would be the richer for his wonderful work. After sojourning in the cold of the Antarctic their guest of honor had found it necessary that he should warm up in the tropics (laughter) and now he was becoming acclimatised to the normal heat of Adelaide. He linked himself with the community in the sincere hope that the efforts of Captain Wilkins would meet with all the success they deserved, and that the British Empire would be the richer for his researches and investigations. (Applause.)

Mr. C. T. Madigan, of the University of Adelaide, who was a member of Sir Douglas Mawson's Antarctic expedition, in supporting the Lord Mayor's remarks, pointed out that Sir Douglas Mawson's was the only Australian expedition to the polar regions, and it was worth while considering what a lot of national credit would result from an expedition such as Captain Wilkins proposed to undertake. The Antarctic was still unexplored; it was a land mass as compared with the frozen seas of the Arctic, and for that reason Captain Wilkins's investigations would be of vital importance. Captain Wilkins, too, proposed to confine his attention to the coastline, and that was important, particularly the mapping of the coastline from King Edward VII. Land to Graham's Land. No man had ever set foot between those two areas. The coast was protected by a fringe of pack ice, and it was impossible to get a ship in. It could only be examined from the air, and he had no hesitation in saying that Captain Wilkins was the man to try it. He was a young man, and an enthusiast, a greater man than his quiet manner would lead one to believe. Very few men had both Arctic and Antarctic experience. Amundsen had it, and so had Captain Wilkins, and that experience fitted him for the exploit, which was in his opinion a very courageous one. The temperatures were lower and the winds more severe in the Antarctic, and he could not organize a more dangerous undertaking than flying along that southern coast. He would be faced with many dangers and difficulties, but if anyone could do it Captain Wilkins could, and he should be given the opportunity to try. The great drawback always in expeditions such as this was the financial part, and he hoped Captain Wilkins would be accorded the support to enable him to undertake the work which would reflect great credit on Australia. (Applause.)

In reply, Captain Wilkins traversed much of the ground already covered in his interview published in "The Advertiser" yesterday. He mentioned that after the specimens gathered by him in Northern Australia had been collated a portion would be returned to Australian museums. He had worked for other countries, but never for Australia, and he hoped in his proposed expedition to secure Australian support to the fullest, so that any credit or benefits to be derived from the result of his work should accrue to Australia.

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**GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION.**

The fifth annual meeting of the Graduates' Association of the University of Adelaide will be held at the Prince of Wales Theatre, University, on Thursday evening, July 8. The business will be to receive the president's report and the treasurer's statement, to consider a notice of motion to alter rule 3 of the constitution which deals with the persons eligible for membership, and to elect the officers for the ensuing year. At the conclusion of the business members will be invited to make an inspection of the Geological Museum and the Darling Building, after which there will be an adjournment to the north hall of the Conservatorium, where refreshments will be served.

**ELDER CONSERVATORIUM STRING QUARTET.**

The second concert of the series of chamber music recitals, arranged by the Conservatorium String Quartet, will be given in the Liberal Union Hall on Tuesday, July 7. At this recital the famous American negro quartet in F Major of Dvorak will be given. This work created quite a sensation when first given here in the early part of last year. A portion of the Beethoven quartet in C Minor will also be rendered. The trio chosen for this recital is by Saint-Saens. The piano part will be played by Miss Alice Meehan. Plan at Correll's.

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**UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF FORESTRY.**

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Adelaide (Professor W. Mitchell) stated yesterday that there was no truth in the rumor that the University School of Forestry was to be closed. The rumor was likely to injure the school by preventing students from enrolling. The University had its duty to the present students, also, to enable them to complete their degree course. The question of appointing a successor to Mr. H. H. Corbin, the lecturer in forestry, had not yet been raised because, at the request of the Adelaide University, the Auckland University College had permitted him to complete the work of this year.

**SOUTH POLAR AVIATION.**

**Sir Douglas Mawson Doubtful.**

At the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club in Balfour's on Friday, the President (Mr. Laybourne Smith) introduced Messrs. Gepp (President of the Hobart Club), and Wainwright, of Melbourne. Dr. R. Pulleine introduced Capt. G. H. Wilkins, the well-known explorer, who was received with applause.

Capt. Wilkins said the song, "Asleep in the deep," sung at the luncheon, reminded him that if Australians were asleep he would be in the deep. He had had a lot to do with the aborigines, and had found them like white people in many respects. The natives of Cape York, who were partly civilized and from whom he expected a lot of help during his expedition to the north of Australia, had been employed to bring him skins for specimens. He found, however, that they brought few, and the reason was a curious one. After a lot of enquiry one native told him the others believed that after he had obtained all the skins of animals and birds, he would take those of the blackfellows. He found a resemblance between that opinion and the ideas of the white people of Australia, from whom he desired assistance in his scientific work. Their reply was that if they helped him with one expedition he would be after them for something else. The more he saw of civilization, therefore, the more he liked the aborigines in some respects. It was almost impossible for the average white man, constable or missionary, to gain the confidence of the aborigines. They were regarded with suspicion, because they wanted something, or tried to introduce new laws or new ideas. The aborigine would not discuss his ideas and customs with such persons. That had been a stumbling block during his own expedition, until he had spent a night on an island with some natives. Another tribe had landed on the island, and his own natives had been in deadly fear of the intruders, but his own confidence had induced them to believe that he had some unknown means of protection. After that those natives had told him many of their own misdeeds and of the native customs. There was a great work to be done for science in the Northern Territory, and he hoped the scientific societies would be able to get some one apart for it, or would help those now trying to do it.

**Meteorological Work Needed.**

With regard to his proposed expedition to the antarctic, Capt. Wilkins said he would need £15,000. His friendship with the Norwegian whalers would save a large amount usually required for equipment. There was a great opportunity for meteorological research in the area between the Ross Sea and Graham Land, and he proposed to communicate his observations by wireless, so that they could be correlated with a series taken in Australia. Meteorologists agreed that with the establishment of a station in the Antarctic for several years they would be better able to make seasonal forecasts, and would be able before long to embark upon a prediction of the weather for years ahead. That would be a great use to agriculture, by making it possible to plan operations for years in advance.

Sir Douglas Mawson said the chances of an aviator making a clean flight through from the Ross Sea to Graham Land were two to one against, but they admired the man who would take the risk. He wished Capt. Wilkins success in his venture.

Officers of the Graduates' Association of the University of Adelaide are Sir George Murray (patron), Professor E. Harold Davies (president), Mr. C. T. Madigan (vice-president), Mr. F. W. Eardley (treasurer), Dr. Helen Mayo, Miss K. Mowrey, Professor T. Braithwaite Robertson, Messrs. E. W. Holden, D. H. Hollidge, S. H. Skipper (committee), Professor Wilton, and Mr. S. Russell Booth (auditors). At the annual meeting on July 16 it will be necessary to elect seven members of the committee, and all these officers will be eligible for re-election except Miss Mowrey, who wishes to withdraw.

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**ADELAIDE STUDENTS.**

**SUCCESS AT OXFORD.**

LONDON, June 26. Mr. Henry Bruce, the Adelaide Rhodes scholar of 1923, has taken the degree of doctor of philosophy and natural sciences at Oxford. Mr. H. W. Florey, another Adelaide man, has taken a research degree of bachelor of science at Cambridge, and has been awarded a Rockefeller research scholarship to pursue his studies at the Cornell University.—Reuter.

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**THE WAITE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE.**

Professor Richardson, director of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute, reported to the Council of the University on Friday that several valuable donations had been made recently to the institute. Messrs. Hawke & Co., of Kapunda, had promised to supply the institute with a five-ton weighbridge, with a platform for weighing the produce of the experimental fields. The Ford Motor Co. of Australia intimated, through its local manager (Mr. J. A. R. Pilgrim) its intention of lending to the institute a tractor from their next shipment on a similar principle to that adopted by the company with University farms in America. The tractor would be maintained by the company in working order. Messrs. T. Robinson & Co., Melbourne, had donated a lime and fertilizer drill. This implement would be most useful to the institute in facilitating the application of fertilizers and grain to the grazing areas. Professor Richardson said he was pleased to be able to report that the whole of the farm equipment required by the institute for its agricultural operations had now been donated by various implement firms. The council accepted the donations with much pleasure, and resolved to forward its grateful thanks to the donors for their important gifts and for their interest in the work of the Waite Institute. The following firms have also given agricultural implements:—John Shearer & Sons, Kilkenny; Horwood, Bagshaw, Limited, Mile-End; Australasian Implement Co.; Clutterbuck Bros., Hindley-street, Adelaide; Mitchell & Co., West Melbourne; H. V. McKay, Sunshine, Victoria; David Shearer & Co., Mannum; and Mr. A. Hannaford, Prospect. The following have made donations in cash and fertilizers:—The Wallaroo Mount Lyell Fertilisers, Limited, and the Adelaide Chemical and Fertiliser Co., Messrs. C. F. H. Schinckel and S. Shepherd have donated to the Institute subterranean clover seed.

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**Family of Scholars**

Mr. Reg Stuckey, Under-Treasurer, who recently attended the meeting of the Australian Loan Council in Melbourne, has now recovered from a recent illness, which laid him aside for a long time. Mr. Stuckey was associated with the A.M.P. Society before entering the Government service as Public Accountant. At the time he secured that position he was the only man in the State with the necessary qualifications. He was an all-round sport in his young days, and played a game or two of football with the Norwoods. Of late years his main sport has been tennis, and he is a fine exponent of that game.

The Stuckey family has been noted in Adelaide for scholarly attainments. A brother of Reg's, Dr. E. J. Stuckey, is one of the six Australian delegates to the Pan-Pacific Conference. Dr. Stuckey, for nearly twenty years, has been a missionary in China, and has done valuable work there, his medical knowledge being of great assistance in that field. Another brother is a Sydney medico. The father, the late Mr. J. J. Stuckey, was a Cambridge man, who was a well-known lawyer in Adelaide. He was a mathematical expert.

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Mr. Alan Rowe, at one time the honorary curator of archaeology at the Adelaide Museum, has been appointed sole director of the Philadelphia (U.S.A.) University Museum expedition in Egypt and Palestine. He will take up this position from August 1. Mr. Rowe expects to have vacation before doing so, during which he will very likely visit Australia. The secretary of the Adelaide Public Library (Mr. Hatley W. Marshall) stated on Saturday that Mr. Rowe had written to him advising that he had been offered and had accepted the leadership of the Philadelphia University expedition, which was the organization to which Mr. Rowe was first attached when he went to Egypt about three years ago. He then served under Dr. Fisher, who had since resigned. Meanwhile, Mr. Rowe transferred to the Harvard expedition, directed by Dr. Reisner. When his chief returned to America in January last Mr. Rowe was appointed acting director. It was while he held this position that he made a discovery which gained him world-wide fame. In March the news was cabled from Egypt that a Fourth Dynasty royal tomb had been found at Gizeh by the Harvard expedition. This discovery of the tomb of King Seneferu rivalled the Tut-Ankh-Amen sensation. Mr. Rowe when working in Adelaide, made a hobby of archaeology, and first interested himself in the collection of antiquities at the Adelaide Museum in 1914. He compiled a catalogue of the collection, and five years later was appointed honorary curator of the section, a post which he held until his departure for Egypt in 1922. For some time he was lecturer in archaeology to the Adelaide Workers' Educational Association. To readers of The Register Mr. Rowe is particularly well known, as from time to time there have been published illuminating articles from his pen on the great research work being done in Egypt.

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**GIFTS TO THE UNIVERSITY.**

The council of the University, at its meeting yesterday, received a report from Professor Chapman that Mr. G. V. Dawbarn had presented to the engineering school a gift of 50 volumes of proceedings in the Institution of Civil Engineers. Professor Wood Jones reported that Dr. E. Angus Jørgensen had also presented several important anatomical books to his department. The council accepted the gifts, and directed that the donors be cordially thanked for them.