It is being realised in the various States that a thorough system of afforestation and reafforestation is necessary if Australia is eventually to supply its own timber for building, mining, and other purposes. At present large quantities of timber are imported, but a world shortage is steadily approaching.

With the growth and development of the timber industry there arises the demand for proper provision for establishing its scientific side. South Australia has foreseen this requirement and founded at the University a School of Forestry. Excellent results have already been obtained.

Forestry courses at universities include the study of such things as the science of tree culture as well as the methods of dealing effectively with parasites and pests which attack them. This phase is of the greatest importance, because if afforestation is to be established and maintained, upon a commercial basis the combating of these evils will be imperative, and the forester must have the knowledge which will be imparted by these courses in this area for timber, and when felled have to be cast aside. That is not an economic proposition in the forest industry. Means must be found of destroying or repelling the pests, and that will be one of the essential activities of the School of Forestry.

If the forestry be to be built up on the wide lines which the raising and prospective dimensions of the timber trade demand it will be necessary to create schools of forestry in all the States. There will be varying conditions prevalent and difficulties to meet in all parts of Australia, and the different schools will be able to specialise on the peculiarities of their own districts.

The application made to Mr. Bruce recently for assistance from the Commonwealth Government to the Adelaide School of Forestry in order to establish a central school for Australia in which the forestry work of the continent could be focussed. The Prime Minister pointed out that forestry was a State concern, and before the Commonwealth could do anything to assist the States it would have to combine and federate the Government to facilitate it. In that case he promised sympathetic treatment.

As this State has taken such a pronounced lead in the promotion of forestry upon a proper basis the authorities here should take steps to bring the other States together to decide upon a common course, so as to avoid the diseases that developed by the various Governments in different States. Though constitutionally it is a State activity, in essence it affects the whole Commonwealth and therefore should receive that help which Mr. Bruce is so ready to give.

WaRen Wonders in Wood

Adelaide Doctor's Hobby

WALKING STICK CURIO

Shakespeare says there are no sermons in stones, but Dr. A. W. Hill and the timber specialists in wood, reveal some of the most beautiful decorations of walking places when they show some of the curios fashioned from the medium of emotion.

In an idle walk one day outside St. Peter's Church the youthful mind of the Doctor was attracted by a remarkable walking stick which he purchased from one of the stall-owners.

Dr. Hill's inventory of stick shows itself in the following incident. When the Doctor was walking along the street with the following incident. When the Doctor was walking along the street with the following incident. When the Doctor was walking along the street with the following incident. When the Doctor was walking along the street with the following incident.