

To the Editor.

Sir.—Very many people of South Australia will not only regret Professor Phillipson's resignation from his position at the Adelaide University, and intended departure to England, but also deplore the circumstances under which his resignation has been tendered. That anonymous attacks carry their own condemnation is recognised by all right-minded citizens, and I trust that Dr. Phillipson will not depart feeling that the public either condone such methods or fail to appreciate his readiness to give the public beyond the University walls some small portion of his surpassing intellectual gifts. Adelaide, and the reading public beyond the limits of the capital city, will miss not merely a learned man, but an intellectual leader of the first order. We Australians are reputed for love of fair play, and such scurrilous and malicious attacks complained of by the professor can do nothing but besmirch that claim. We sincerely trust that Dr. Phillipson and his family's pleasant experiences in Australia will quickly erase impressions and incidents of an unpleasant nature, and we earnestly wish them happiness and future success in their homeland.—I am, Sir, &c.,
LLEWELLYN LEWIS.
The Rectory, Angaston. May 18.

From "ALADDIN":—Mr. Howard would be doing the public better service if he expended his energies in endeavoring to bring the music teachers of the State together, with the idea of forming a music teachers' association, for the protection of their art. Such an association could deal as a body (also collaborate with similar bodies in other States) with all matters musical in South Australia. It could also do good in improving the teaching standard generally and deal with the matter of a uniform minimum fee to be charged by teachers. The recently formed Elder Conservatorium Association is nothing whatever to do with anybody but past and present students of the Elder Conservatorium of 16 years of age and upwards, whether in the teaching profession or not. There is a conference of music teachers to be held from July 13 to 18. Why not endeavor to form a music teachers' association, which would be quite an independent body, embracing all music teachers in the State, including those on the staff of the Elder Conservatorium.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.

The programme of Extension lectures for 1925 has now been completed and includes a lecture on June 2 by Dr. Heaton on "The Protocol," three lecture recitals by Mr. Clive Carey on "English Folk Songs," on June 9, 15, and 23; three lectures by Professor J. A. Prescott on "Modern Egypt, from an economic, social, and political point of view," on June 30 and July 7 and 14; three lectures by Professor A. E. V. Richardson on "The Application of Science to Agriculture," "The Production of New Varieties of Plants," and "Methods of Increasing Primary Production," on July 21, 28, and August 4. There will also be two lectures on Plato, on September 8 and 15. Professor Daruley Naylor will deliver the first on "Plato as a Literary Artist," and Professor McKellar Stewart, the second on "Plato as a Philosopher." Mr. A. E. M. Kirkwood will deliver the final lecture of the season on September 22, taking as his subject "Platonic Thought in the Poetry of Shelley."

THE THEATRE IN ENGLAND.

DR. HEATON'S IMPRESSIONS.

The monthly meeting of the Repertory Theatre Club was held at the Lady Colton Hall, Hindmarsh-square, on Monday night, with Mr. J. C. McDonnell in the chair.

A lecture was delivered by Dr. H. Heaton on his impressions of the theatre in England. After giving an amusing outline of the activities of the British theatre before and during the war, Dr Heaton said the eighteen months following it were marked by a hectic boom. During this period, the revue was organised financially, in some cases very high prices being paid for controlling shares in the theatres. A slump, however, occurred during 1920, and it was followed by a period of general depression. There were many failures, and owing to this there was a great reluctance to stage any new plays. Many theatres relied on all sorts of fantastic revivals. He was glad that the revue was disappearing, but the musical comedy still retained its grip. The moving pictures were still holding their own. Another development was the presentation of plays of an outlandish nature. There had been a great revival of opera, a revival not of foreign operas alone, but also of those of British composers.

A musical programme was submitted, which was opened by Miss Helen Magarey's performance of the third movement (Kondo) of John Ireland's violin sonata No. 1 in D minor. Miss Doreen Skinner's contralto voice was heard to advantage in "Vale," for which she was recalled. "On the wings of song" was charmingly rendered by Mr. E. Williamson, who also gave the "Sylvia" song from "The Winter's Tale." Sutro's one-act play, "The Bracelet," was presented by Miss Thelma Baulderstone. Miss Hope Crampton appeared as Alice, and the other characters were taken by Misses Winifred Page (Smithers), Doreen Skinner (Mrs. Blanck), and Blanche Schneider (Mrs. Farran), and Messrs. C. Dyster (William), Jack Lathlean (Martin), O. Ziegler (Harvey), and F. Herring (Judge Blanket).

At its recent conference in Adelaide the social and statistical section of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science adopted a proposal for the formation of an Economic Association for Australia and New Zealand. The plan provides for branches in the ten university cities of Australasia. Dr. H. Heaton is the acting-secretary of the proposed South Australian branch, and he stated yesterday that he would in the course of the next fortnight issue circulars to all teachers and students of economics and leaders of commerce and others interested in economic and political problems with a view to establishing a branch of the association in Adelaide. Branches, he said, had already been formed in Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, and Queensland, and steps were being taken to foster the scheme in New Zealand. The new association would fulfil in Australasia the functions of the Royal Economic Society of England. The Tasmanian branch, he remarked, had already begun to function, and had drawn up a memorandum on the question of government loans, which it was proposed to submit to the Tasmanian Government in connection with the loan council meeting in June. The general scope of the new association is to undertake extensive researches in all Australian economic problems, and from time to time to publish bulletins covering the result of its investigations. Among the subjects suggested for study are:—The economics of immigration, Australian loan policy, banking policy, distribution of the national income, property indices and trade cycles, unemployment, fiscal policy, financial relations of Commonwealth and States, and a survey generally in economics of Australasia.

PROFESSOR PHILLIPSON'S RESIGNATION.

Special Meeting of the Council.

There was a disinclination on the part of those immediately concerned in the resignation of Professor Coleman Phillipson from the Chair of Law at the Adelaide University to make any further statement on Wednesday. The Vice-Chancellor (Professor W. Mitchell), when asked whether he had anything to say in reply to the statement by Mr. Arthur Rymill, published in The Register of Wednesday, in which it was suggested that the University Council should publish the report of the subcommittee which enquired into the matter, said he had read the paragraph, but had no comment to make.

When sought on the telephone, Professor Phillipson transmitted a message through Mrs. Phillipson, that he also had nothing to say. "We are busy getting ready to leave," Mrs. Phillipson remarked. It is understood that a special meeting of the Council of the University has been summoned for Friday.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT VACANCY

Nothing has yet been done regarding the selection of a successor to the Consulting Forester to the South Australian Government and Lecturer in Forestry at the Adelaide University (Mr. H. H. Corbin), who has accepted an appointment to the Chair of Forestry at the Auckland University (New Zealand). "Officially we have heard nothing of the matter," stated the Registrar of the Adelaide University (Mr. F. W. Eardley) on Wednesday, "and until we are informed by Mr. Corbin, who is at present out of town, we shall be unable to do anything in it." At a meeting of the Chamber of Manufactures on Wednesday afternoon, Mr. A. M. Simpson moved:—"That members have learned from the press that Mr. H. H. Corbin, lecturer in forestry at the University of Adelaide, has been appointed Professor of Forestry at the Auckland University. We regret that the services of such a valuable officer should be lost to the State, and suggest that, if it is possible in any way, the necessary steps shall be taken to retain his services." He said he had read in the press of the appointment accepted by Mr. Corbin. From the point of view of manufacturers, timber was one of the most important commodities, and any man who encouraged the planting of trees should be kept in the State. To permit Mr. Corbin to go to New Zealand would be a retrograde step. Mr. A. E. Clarkson seconded the motion, which was carried.

MR. H. H. CORBIN'S APPOINTMENT From SAMUEL DIXON.—While greatly deploring the loss to the State of the lecturer in forestry, permit me to point out that it is the expected that he happened as expressed in my letter in The Register in condemning Sir H. Barwell's unfair attack on Mr. Corbin, when trying to defend his Ministry. I made repeated efforts to induce that Ministry to put the Forestry Department on a business footing by appointing a board of three, representing finance, science and business with Mr. Corbin as scientist. For a great many years the principle of putting political heads (ignorant of the subject) to control State activities, especially forestry had worked very detrimentally, as such an irrational system does, and always must do. The financial losses resulting in this State in this time alone have been very large, although the State is indebted to wisdom and foresight of Messrs. Crawford and J. H. Vaughan through which the School of Forestry was established, with such beneficial results to Australia. Should the School of Forestry in South Australia cease to function, it will be nothing short of a calamity, and the author of it will, doubtless, some day, when too late, repent this refusal to put Mr. Corbin in the position for which he was so well fitted.

PROFESSOR PHILLIPSON'S RESIGNATION.

The Subcommittee's Report.

When asked on Thursday whether it was his intention to press the council of the University to publish the report of the subcommittee which enquired into the position of Professor Coleman Phillipson, Mr. A. G. Rymill stated that he had already expressed the opinion that his position would be made clear if the report were published, and he adhered to that view. He, however, was prepared to leave the question to the discretion of the council.

PROFESSOR PHILLIPSON

Attack on University

VICE-CHANCELLOR REPLIES

"The University does not require to defend itself in any way," said Professor Mitchell (Vice-Chancellor of the University of Adelaide) today when asked if he had any comment to make concerning the charges of unfair treatment levelled at the authorities by Professor Coleman Phillipson.

"The report deals only with facts, and the decision of the council was unanimous," the professor stated. To say anything further about the matter, at least for the present, was not desired, Professor Mitchell remarked, because anything he might state would practically involve the publication of a report now at the University, and he had no desire nor authority to do that. Mr. A. G. Rymill, whose son Professor Phillipson is alleged to have offered to coach, was also reticent about the matter.

THE COLEMAN PHILLIPSON CASE.

From "JUSTICE," Gilberton.—As a friend of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rymill, I would like to say that I am sure everyone must admire them for the dignified stand they have taken in not being drawn into the discussion over the above unpleasant case. It must be hard, indeed, to keep quiet, but for the sake of the University of which we are all so proud, it is better so. I have known Mr. Rymill for over 25 years, and I never knew a more straightforward man. He tears no man, and will put wrong right wherever possible, but would never kick a man when he is down. I am glad Mr. and Mrs. Phillipson have enjoyed South Australia's beautiful climate, and wish them a safe trip back to their own country, and continued good health.

PROFESSOR PHILLIPSON

Departure from Adelaide

"I do not know when I will be leaving Adelaide; I have to finalise my affairs and arrange for suitable berths on a steamer," said Professor Coleman Phillipson this morning. "On our way home Mrs. Phillipson, my daughter, and myself hope to travel a little to see the wonderful historical associations in France and Italy which we have missed."

"A few months ago I received a message from my friend Professor Pearce Higgins (Whewell Professor of International Law, University of Cambridge) asking me to stand for the Professorship of International Law at the University of London. I had to decline this offer as my wife liked this climate of Australia so much that I did not think of leaving here at the time."

Mr. F. W. Eardley (Registrar of the University of Adelaide) stated that at present he was not in a position to say when a successor to Professor Phillipson would be appointed. "Steps will be taken, however," he added, "to provide for the continuance of the work."

Professor Phillipson resigned at the end of the current term, which finished on Friday.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING.

The Council of the Adelaide University will meet this afternoon for the purpose of considering the question of making arrangements to carry out the duties formerly performed by Professor Phillipson. Mr. A. G. Rymill stated yesterday that he thought his position would be made clearer if the report regarding the enquiry were published. He left such a decision, however, entirely in the hands of the Council, whom he thought were the best judges of the propriety of taking such action.