UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

There is a movement on foot at the Adelaide University of which the public knows little. Therefore it does not realize its far-reaching benefits and advantages. It concerns the establishment of an Employment Bureau in the University. That may seem an anomaly to those who are not acquainted with the intimate relation between knowledge and industry which exists in the United States.

In that country every branch of learning and scientific research at the universities is exploited for the benefit of industries. The aim is to discover more practical methods of treatment and ascertain how to produce an improved article. That is the true pursuit of learning in its fullest and most practical sense, and the Americans have not only learned it, but are acting upon it.

Recently it was decided to adopt a like course at the Adelaide University. A suggestion has been made to the Council for the creation of an Employment Bureau, the employment secretary, whose duties would be to place graduates in positions which would enable them to make the best use of their training. Further than that, this body would advise students in regard to the subjects which would qualify them to obtain suitable positions. Its members would also interview employers and prepare a list of those desirous of employing university-trained men and women in their business.

In terms of this request the University Council has appointed a special committee to deal with applications from intending employers and employees, and the necessary statutes have been prepared. The outcome of this will be in due time that a committee of the University will be found just as ready in the rank of industries as among the learned professions.

The trained mind is just as useful and essential in the industrial world as it is in the professional arena. It has been a wrong conception that industry was merely a matter of rule of thumb. As a fact there is no wider field for the exercise of intelligence and the promotion of research work than in the planning and working of industrial activities upon which the national prosperity so largely depends.

When once the great mass of people grasps the point that knowledge and education are necessary for industrial work, the cause of education will receive an unexampled stimulus and industrial vocations will be raised to the dignity and importance of the learned professions.

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM

On Monday evening a chamber music recital will be given in the Elder Hall at the University. The programme will take place in the presence of the students. The recital is open to all students of the University, and will be given in the presence of the students.