

REC. 23-9-25

THOUSAND VOICES CHOIR. To the Editor. Sir—Permit me as a visitor from Melbourne, and one intimately connected with musical education in Australia, to suggest to the authorities concerned, that the approaching schools' concert of 1,000 voices with orchestra under the baton of Mr. Gratton, be broadcast. It would be appreciated throughout the State, and act as a fine incentive. If arrangements could be made whereby inmates of hospitals and other institutions could listen in, it would act as a fine tonic. Further, I would suggest that, for the benefit of listeners-in, each item be announced before it is performed. —I am, Sir, &c., W. A. LAVER, Ormond Professor of Music, University of Melbourne.

Nov. 23-9-28

PLATO'S INFLUENCE ON SHELLEY. The effect of platonic thought on the poetry of Shelley was the subject of a lecture by Mr. A. E. M. Kirwood at the Prince of Wales lecture hall, Adelaide University, on Thursday evening. Shelley, said the lecturer, had been greatly influenced even in early life by Plato's Symposium, which he had translated himself. It might not have been an exact translation of the classical Greek, but it showed a sympathetic understanding. The influence of Plato upon Shelley consisted in the unmistakable affinity of soul which made Shelley the most platonic of English poets. By nature Shelley was an idealist, in which lay the root of his unhappy boyhood; both at home and at school, where his surroundings were uncongenial. As a consequence Shelley had developed an abnormal state of mind. Shelley's later poems had been filled with a lofty transcendentalism, which expressed itself in the very terms of Plato. Both Shelley and Plato have been inspired by a passion for an ideal; both had seen life in its relation to the eternal and unreal; both had vividly felt that between life on earth and soul there was only a mist of ignorance which any man might dispel at any time if he had sufficient love. Shelley had hated the mundane superstructure of forms and creeds and not the ideals of Christianity and though he had described himself as an atheist, he was intensely and profoundly religious, but his had been a religion of the mind—a system of the philosopher rather than the faith of a neophyte. Shelley had not the same confidence as Plato on the question of immortality, though in his later works he had written that "death was but an awakening from the dream of life."

NEWS, 24-9-25

Lecture on Egypt Professor J. A. Prescott will give a lecture under the auspices of the Victoria League on Tuesday afternoon, September 29, in the Public Library Lecture Room, North terrace, on "Impressions of Ancient Egypt." The lecturer knew Lord Carnarvon and Mr. Howard Carter and has in his possession many photographs taken by the latter.

NEWS, 24-9-25

Mr. G. McRitchie has received a cable from Dr. H. Heaton stating that he arrived at Vancouver on September 18, Queen's University at Kingston, to which Dr. Heaton is attached, reopens today.

NEWS, 24-9-25

When the Council of the University of Adelaide meets tomorrow a recommendation will be placed before members that Professor Darnley Naylor be appointed Director of the Workers' Educational Association, a position made vacant by the resignation of Dr. H. Heaton.

ADV. 26-9-25

THE ELDER CONSERVATORIUM. To-day is the 25th anniversary of the opening by Lord Tennyson of the Elder Conservatorium, through which many thousands of musical students have since passed. Two years previously the foundation-stone was laid by Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, and from the beginning of 1900 the classrooms were used by the Conservatorium and the main hall for examination purposes. The erection of the Conservatorium building was made possible by the munificence of Sir Thomas Elder. Lord Tennyson, in declaring the Conservatorium open, said:—"My predecessor, Sir William Robinson, founded, in 1884, your Chair of Music, but it was only two years ago that Sir Thomas Elder's gift of £20,000, the last of his many splendid gifts to you, amounting in all to about £100,000, made the raising of such a stately building as this possible. You Australians are a music-loving people, and the standard set in this place must elevate the public taste outside."

NEWS, 25-9-25

CULTIVATING BRAINS New Adelaide University School ENGINEERING AND PHYSICS

Owing to the rapid expansion of the work of the Adelaide University it has been found necessary to make further additions to the buildings.

Situated immediately in front of the Darling Building of Medicine the new Engineering and Physics School is nearing completion. The building is of artistic design and regret has been expressed that it should be practically hidden from the public. It is 325 ft. long and 58 ft. wide. There are two storeys and a basement. It is built of brick, with reinforced concrete foundations. All the floors are of reinforced concrete, as are also the dividing walls, lintels, and beams. In several of the rooms jarrah flooring boards are laid over the concrete floors. There are two main entrances, the steps leading to the building being of granite.

The building has two wings at the back, the area between being utilised for a light court. Two large lawns are to be planted in the vacant space. Special attention has been paid to natural lighting facilities, and in this respect the building is one of the most perfectly equipped in the city. Large casement windows have been provided in every room, and the use of artificial light in the day time will rarely be necessary. Electric light, gas, and water services are laid throughout, and every possible convenience has been embodied in the structure. Brick retaining walls are being erected, and brick paving is to be laid all round the building.

Wash bowls, basins, and tiled conveniences are provided on each floor. Two flights of stairs lead from the ground to the top floor, and a small electric book lift is provided. A wide concrete band around the top of the building finished in medusa cement and red Marseilles roofing tiles give the structure a handsome and ornate appearance. In the basement temperature rooms have been constructed. On the ground floor there is the hydraulic laboratory, measuring 48 x 40 ft., which will be used for testing the strength of all kinds of material. It contains large reinforced concrete engine beds, seven feet deep, and four feet thick, large reinforced concrete water tanks, and strong hydraulic pressure boxes. The electrical laboratory measures 56 x 28 ft., fitted with concrete beds, slate tables, sinks, and basins; an electrical workshop 44 x 20 ft., with store attached; cement room, 20 x 20 ft., with pickling tanks, benches, and storage racks; engineering laboratory, 60 x 40 ft., with two engine beds, compressor tanks, benches, and sinks.

In the physics portion there is the optical room, 36 x 20 ft., fitted with tables and cupboards and dark room adjoining; private laboratory, 20 x 20 ft., with professor's room adjoining; physics workshop, 36 x 20 ft., with large concrete engine beds 36 ft. long x 3 ft. wide x 7 ft. deep, slate benches, forges, and sinks; machine room, 32 x 20 ft., with engine beds, the main bed being 28 x 3 x 7 ft.; optical laboratory, 60 x 20 ft., with benches and fittings; chief mechanical storeroom; preparation room with book lift and tunc cupboard; students' room; store room; first year laboratory; lecture theatre, 60 x 40 ft., fitted with gallery seats, a bioscope room at the top and picture screen to illustrate the lectures, with generating and battery rooms attached.

Completion in February On the top floor in the engineering section there is a lecture room, 58 x 26 ft., with ramp and platforms; storeroom; plan-room; two small lecture rooms; electrical laboratory, 44 x 20 ft.; surveying room; museum; advanced drawing room; and on one wing a large drawing room, 40 x 40 ft.

The physics section includes two students' rooms; metallography room; physics lecture room, 44 x 20 ft., with ramp and platforms; testing, lecture, dark, junior staff, apparatus, reading, and research rooms; second and third year laboratories, both 54 x 26 ft., fitted with slate tables, platforms, and other fittings.

There is also a flat observation roof measuring 20 x 16 ft. The building is being erected by Mr. F. Fricker, of Queenstown, under the supervision of the Architect-in-Chief's Department. Mintaro slate is used for all the tables and all concrete work is reinforced. Fibrous plaster ceilings are being put in, and the plasterers are busy putting the finishing touches on the walls of the top floor. It is expected that the work will be finished by the end of February.

ADV. 26-9-25

Professor Laver, director of the Melbourne University Conservatorium, who has been in Adelaide in connection with the Australian Music Examinations Board, left for Melbourne on Saturday. He stated that the work of the students he had examined had been very good, and that the standard had greatly improved. He considered that the conferences of music teachers, arranged by Dr. Davies, of the Elder Conservatorium, had done an immense amount of good.

ADV. 28-9-25

THE WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION. PROFESSOR DARNLEY NAYLOR'S APPOINTMENT.

Commenting on his appointment to the honorary directorship of the Workers' Educational Association, Professor H. Darnley Naylor, stated on Saturday that the work would go on as it had done previously. The kind of work involved in the directorship was visiting the classes, coming into individual contact as far as possible with the members, and exercising an influence on their efforts. Although the position was honorary, that did not mean that his duties would not be taken seriously, for he had the highest opinion of the work of the association.

The professor said since the resignation of Dr. Heaton, who was recently appointed to the Chair of Economics at the Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, Mr. McRitchie, secretary of the W.E.A., had been appointed, at an additional salary, to do the executive work, and he would



Professor H. Darnley Naylor.

have secretarial assistance. With regard to his own appointment as honorary director he said he had been for years chairman of the joint committee, and though the new appointment would add considerably to the work, he hoped to show that it was possible to do something useful without emolument. In other States a professor had been appointed to the position of director of the association with an addition to his salary, and the experiment had proved successful. The advantage of appointing, not only a professor, but a member of the governing body, was that the council showed clearly its desire to connect the University as closely as possible with the W.E.A., and its appreciation of the work done by the association. He had a high opinion of the value of W.E.A. education. It opened the door of the University to large numbers of people who, from accident of circumstance, would otherwise never have enjoyed the benefit which a university could provide. He valued the work also because its aim was essentially that of all university teaching, namely, to state the case for and against, on any topic, with perfect thoroughness and leave the student to decide for himself. The one thing the W.E.A. should never be guilty of was propaganda.

REC. 26-9-25

FORESTRY SCHOOL. Tentative arrangements have been made by the Commonwealth Government to carry on the proposed Federal School of Forestry at the Adelaide University. These arrangements will continue until the buildings for the Commonwealth school at Canberra are completed. In the meanwhile the teaching staff and pupils of the Adelaide Forestry School will be taken over by the Federal Government. A progress report on the matter will be submitted to the University Council at to-day's meeting.

REC. 28-9-25

Professor W. A. Laver, of Melbourne, who for several days had been examining candidates for the Australian Music Examinations Board at the Elder Conservatorium, expressed the opinion when he left on his return to Melbourne by train on Saturday, that the standard of musical education in this State had improved. He said he was particularly impressed by the scheme of Dr. Davies (Director of the Elder Conservatorium) for holding conferences of music teachers, which, he considered, did an immense amount of good.

NEWS, 28-9-25

Professor Prescott on Egypt The lecture which is to be given by Professor Prescott under the auspices of the Victoria League on Tuesday afternoon will cover a wide range of ancient Egyptian history, from the third to the eighth dynasties, and the eighteenth and nineteenth dynasties.

ADV. 26-9-28

SCOTCH COLLEGE. A SCHOOL FETE.

It is typical of the spirit prevailing at Scotch College that the successful Blue and Gold fete, held in the picturesque college grounds at Mitcham yesterday, was largely arranged and carried out by the students themselves, under the direction of the prefects. A huge marquee had been erected, and the boys made many stalls, all gaily decorated with the blue and gold school colors. Hundreds of balloons in the same shade added an attractive note to the decorations. In one corner a "orange" tree was laden with prescun wrapped in orange colored papers. Further on a judge in full-bottomed white wig and black gown, passed sentence on all and sundry, arrested by a youthful policeman and a gaily painted nigger minstrel. There was a hall of mystery and an abode of a prophetess, and stentorian-voiced schoolboy cheapjacks were in evidence. Crowds of gaily-decked flower sellers sold posies in the school colors. The fete was declared open by Professor Darnley Naylor (chairman of the school council), Associated with him on the platform were Mr. N. M. G. Gratton (principal of the college), the Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly (Right Rev. W. Floyd Shannon), the Rev. Dr. Davidson, and Mr. J. G. Balfour.

In introducing Professor Darnley Naylor, Mr. Gratton said it was in a great measure due to his enthusiasm and foresight that the college had been founded. He was interested in many things beyond those of mere academic import, and above all, he had the welfare of the citizens of the community at heart. (Applause.) Professor Darnley Naylor, who received an ovation, said he had watched the fortunes of the college since it was first thought of, from the time, in fact, when it had existed only in the world of ideas. They must remember the truth of Plato's assertion that the realm of ideas was the only real world, and in suite of Lord Birkhead, they were still the great power in this world, and were greater than mere force. The essence of life was that it came from within, and this was true even of the first school fete, for the idea had originated with some of the prefects, and had been built up from within the college itself. They were anxious to fence in more of their fine playing grounds, and to enlarge them, and also build a pavilion, which he hoped some day would bear the name of the Prince of Wales. (Applause.) He hoped the movement for the good of the college would widen out in its natural sequence as one for the good of the community, and in that hope he had much pleasure in declaring the fete open. (Applause.)

Head prefect McDougall and prefect Mitchell thanked Professor Naylor on behalf of the boys, adding that the school council had done so much for the playing grounds that they thought it was time they did something for themselves. Cheers were given for the professor and for Mr. Gratton.

Brisk business was done at all the stalls, and it was soon evident that the big reserve stock for use to-day would have to be called upon. The produce stall was temptingly stocked, and many housewives did their week-end marketing there. Many useful articles, as well as the merely decorative, were on the fancy stall, and home-made cakes and sweets were in great demand. The conveners of the stalls were:—Cakes—Mrs. J. A. Seymour, Mrs. W. D. C. Paton, and Chalmers Church ladies. Flowers—Mrs. N. M. G. Gratton, Mrs. Duguid. Left luggage—Miss Barbour and Flinders-street Presbyterian Girls' Guild. Produce—Mrs. G. Davidson. Orange tree and kiddies' corner—Mrs. G. Lawson, Miss Hunter, and Miss Young, and Chalmers' Church Friendship Club.

Afternoon tea was served in the preparatory school, which was artistically decked with blue and gold streamers and fringes. Conveners were Mrs. Dainton, Mrs. James Duncan, and Miss Duncan. Prophetess—Madame Rosini. The boys were responsible for many sideshows, including the pull game—P. E. Treloar; palais—C. C. McLeod and L. Mitchell; Mystery Cave—R. J. Townsend; Cheapjacks—C. R. McArthur and A. A. Kelly; Court of Justice—Mr. F. Gould judge, K. F. Newman clerk of court, and A. A. McLeod, S. H. Penniment, N. J. Bell, F. Horne, and L. Spehr, police; hoop-la—M. McDougall and E. Dutton; darts—G. R. Laffer and Simper; ugly man contest—F. W. Cropley and M. L. Lambert; cool drinks—C. J. K. Freebairn. Most of the 300 boys at the college appeared to be assisting, and there were plenty of willing helpers. The fete committee consisted of Mr. N. M. G. Gratton, Mr. H. B. Willmore, all the prefects, and some of the senior boys, and prefect Mitchell was hon. secretary.

In the evening the grounds were illuminated, and a musical programme was provided by Setara's String Band. The Caledonian Band will be in attendance this afternoon, when the fete will be opened by Mr. J. G. Balfour. In the evening there will be a Palais de Danse in the theatre attached to the college.