

Australian Visit Proposed

SURE OF WARM WELCOME

(PUBLISHED IN "THE TIMES")
 LONDON, August 16.

"Australia prides herself with reason upon her hospitality, and will warmly welcome a contingent of British schoolboys," says Sir Archibald Strong (professor of literature at the University of Adelaide) in a letter to "The Times" supporting the proposal for the exchange of schoolboys' visits.

Sir Archibald says he is sure Australian educationalists, municipalities, and parents will do everything to make the visit a success. He suggests that it would be advis-



SIR ARCHIBALD STRONG
 who supports the proposal for a visit of British schoolboys to Australia.

able to send an agent ahead to organise the tour, who would be well advised to seek the co-operation of lord mayors, Directors of Education—"all those I have met have been keen Imperialists"—also the head masters of grammar schools—"that very public-spirited class."

Sir Archibald vouches for the readiness of University teachers to make the tour an educational success. He singles out Professor Frederic Wood Jones (University of Adelaide) for lectures on marsupials.

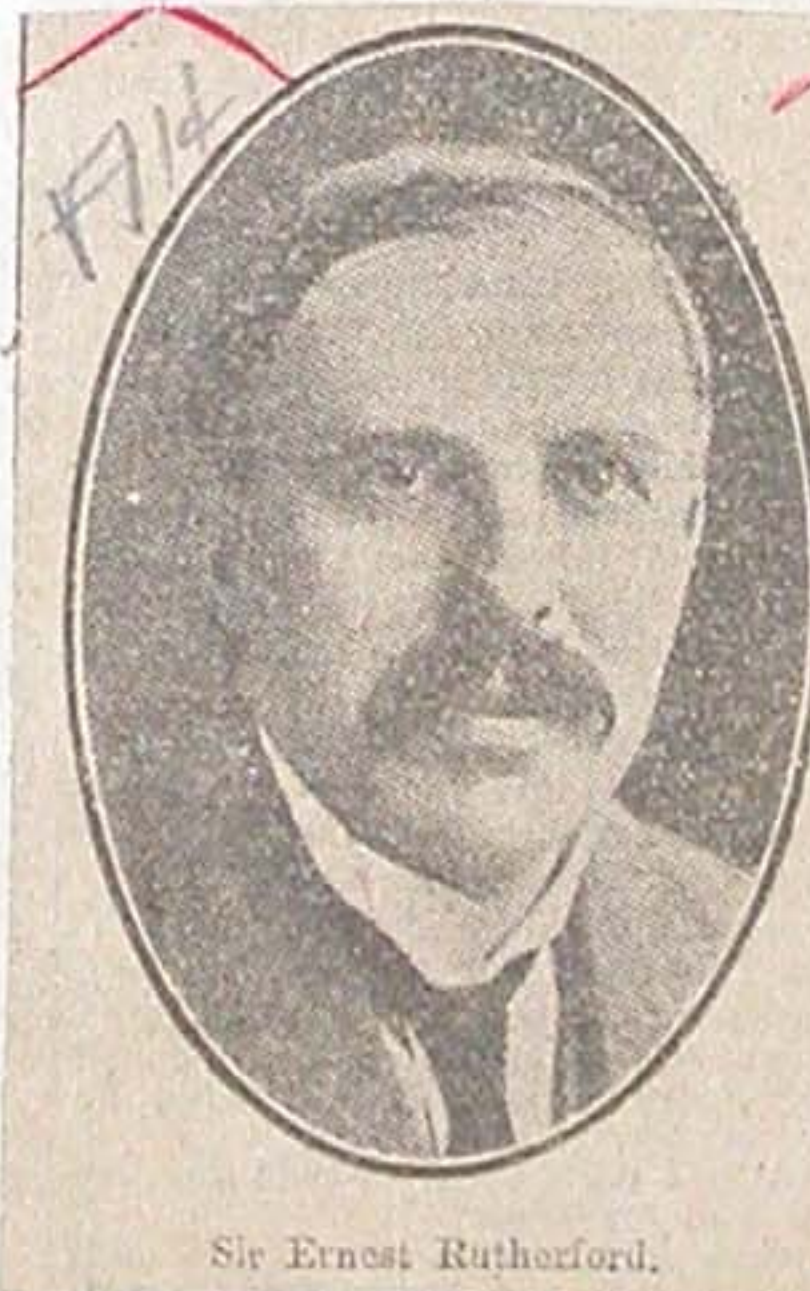
ECONOMIC SOCIETY TO BE FORMED.

When the Science Congress met in Adelaide, in August of last year, a committee was appointed by the science and statistical section to go into the question of the formation of an Economic Society to cover both Australia and New Zealand. The committee presented its report, and branches have since been formed in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania. At a meeting on Friday night at the University, an endeavor will be made to form a branch in this State. The aims of the society are to prepare and publish digests of information upon published and other material, legislative, administrative, and legal decisions bearing upon the economic conditions in Australia and New Zealand, and to conduct and publish research into economic conditions in Australia and New Zealand as may be deemed advisable. It is intended to publish a journal once a year, containing original research work by students and members of the University staff, business men, and others. Another section will be devoted to the publication of digests on legislation which affects the economic conditions of industry, &c., for the guidance of the public generally; economic information of importance connected with economic and industrial development together with book reviews and carefully compiled lists of articles published in various papers throughout the world bearing on Australasian conditions. It is also hoped at regular intervals to publish a trade sheet bearing on the rise and fall of prices, &c., for the benefit of business men. As a result of this work, it is expected that a systematic attempt will be made by experts from the University and business world to collect information upon economic matters which affect Australia's interests, and to have information of a reliable nature available for Governments, information bureaux, business men, and anyone who would care to use it. At the meeting on Friday night, a representative of the South Australian branch will be selected to go to Melbourne to attend the first conference, which will draw up the first annual programme of work.

Nov. 18. 8.35
A CONSERVATORIUM CONCERT

LADIES' PART SINGING CLASS.

At the Elder Hall last evening members of the Ladies' Part Singing Class of the Conservatorium, assisted by the pupils of Mr. Winsloe Hall and Madame Delmar Hall, and other artists, rendered a delightful programme of concerted and solo numbers. Mr. Winsloe Hall conducted, Mr. Harold Wyde was at the organ, and Miss Muriel Prince and Mr. Herbert Edwards played the accompaniments. Two little Eastern pictures, "Spring" and "Summer," by Holst, were first essayed by the lady part-singers. They showed good balance, and attacked the crescendo passages with evenness and confidence. The second number, particularly, was sung with finish and with perfect unison. Miss Violet Berriman sang Micaela's song from "Carmen" (Bizet). The aria was pleasantly rendered, Miss Berriman's middle notes being pleasing. Handel's stately song, "Where'er you walk" was selected by Mr. Reginald Thrush as his solo number. He has a tenor voice of resonant quality. Liza Lehmann's "Thoughts have wings," and Frank Bridge's "Oh, that it were so" were sung by Miss Edna Lawrence. She has a pleasing contralto which, with a little more training, she should be able to use very effectively. Very beautiful and effective was "Night," by Saint-Saens, which was sung by Miss Valda Harvey, the chorus work being supplied by the part-singing class. Mr. Wyde had arranged organ, piano, and violin parts for this selection, and the accompaniment of the three instruments, played by Mr. Wyde, Mr. Edwards, and Mrs. C. W. Chinner respectively, was delicate and sweet. Miss Harvey sang with a deep appreciation of the emotional values of the piece, and her interpretation was artistic. She was well supported by the chorus, whose subdued singing preserved the atmosphere of this exquisite piece. Miss Hilda Barnes caught some of the sunshiny and florid spirit of Rossini's "Barber of Seville" in her singing of "Una voce." It was given with verve and with appreciation of its beauties. Mr. Harold Campbell gave a spirited rendering of the "Wanderer's song" (Schumann), and Miss Valda Harvey and Mr. Reginald Thrush sang the duet "Speak to me of my mother," from "Carmen." It was a meritorious effort, the voices blending well. "Inter Nos," a song by MacFayden, was prettily sung by Miss Alma Cook. The programme concluded with "Fairy Day" (Stanford), in which the part-singing class again showed excellent team work. Miss Jessie Anderson took the solo parts.



Sir Ernest Rutherford.

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting held at the University on Thursday, the secretary, Mr. K. C. Masterton, read a paper entitled "Heresies on Latin grammar." He contended that the text books, especially the grammars, in use in our schools, are all ill adapted for their purpose, first on account of many inaccurate or misleading statements, and secondly because of the intolerably large mass of material to be learned. Time was too short for the comprehensive methods of our ancestors, and we must prune vigorously, retaining only what was essential. Examples of the former defect were given, notably the usual incorrect classification of the personal adjectives as personal pronouns, and the unsatisfactory treatment of prohibitions. Instances then followed of many rare, non-classical and even unique words and forms printed in all school grammars, but quite useless to the school student, who requires a book giving briefly and clearly the usages of normal classical prose only. Stress was laid on the psychological effect of needless complications; the time saved by eliminating them would enable a higher standard to be attained within the inevitable limits. The subsequent discussion showed that many members were already modifying the teaching of the text books on the lines suggested.

Nov. 12. 8.35
A SCHOOL OF FORESTRY.

The sub-committee appointed by the Council of the University of Adelaide on Thursday waited on the Premier (Hon. J. Gunn) in connection with the Commonwealth Government's proposal to establish a School of Forestry at Canberra. Mr. E. Anthony, M.P., introduced the speakers, who were the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Mitchell), Sir Douglas Mawson, Professor Harvey Johnston, and the Registrar (Mr. F. W. Eardley). The request was that, in view of the fact that South Australia had done much more than any other State in the matter of reforestation and had gone to the extent of establishing a University school, the Commonwealth Government should be asked to make the Adelaide school the Commonwealth school, at least for some time. The Premier said he was in accord with the views expressed, and would submit the matter to Cabinet, with the object of taking action along the lines suggested.

Nov. 19. 8.35
AUSTRALIAN FORESTRY.

LOCAL TRAINING WANTED.

Perth, August 18.
 The State Conservator of Forests (Mr. S. L. Kessell), referring to the Queensland scheme to send men to Oxford for training in forestry, said it would provide a leavening of skilled men, but a larger number of half-trained men, whereas the Australian school gave an opportunity of establishing a fully-trained professional staff. A gum tree was a gum all the world over, but a eucalypt was a very different thing from an oak. The history of forestry in Australia up to the past few years made sorry reading. The only way to put it on a sound footing was to train the men, which was the proper function of the Commonwealth Government, owing to the fact that men trained could only find occupation in the Government service.

Nov. 14. 8.35

Dr. H. Heaton, formerly Lecturer in Economics at the Adelaide University and director of the tutorial classes of the Workers' Educational Association, has been given an honorary commission by the State Government to enquire into and report upon matters relating to the primary, secondary, and University educational systems of the Dominion of Canada. Dr. Heaton and his family will leave by the 8.30 express for Melbourne to-night.

Nov. 19. 8.35

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The Attorney-General (Hon. W. J. Denny), in reply to Mr. Edwards, in the Assembly on Tuesday, said the question of discontinuing the amusement tax was one which the Treasurer (Hon. J. Gunn), who had not returned from Melbourne, would be more competent than he was to deal with. It certainly would receive attention when the next Budget was being considered.

Afforestation.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands (Hon. T. Butterfield), in reply to Mr. Shepherd,

said the efficiency officer (Mr. Wainwright) had furnished a report to the Premier in regard to afforestation, with a view to considering the position of the State in relation to the offer of the British Government of loan money for development purposes, and it would be for the Premier to say if the report could be made available.

Nov. 15. 8.35

The Adelaide University Christian Union is holding a conference, attended by about 60 delegates, at Mount Lofty, from August 14 to 17. The main topic for discussion is "The problem of race." Study circles are dealing with the subject under two headings, "Race Equality or Inequality," and "Japan's policy in the Pacific." Addresses will be delivered by Mr. A. C. Garnett on "Missions, and the race problem," the Rev. A. C. Stevens on "International relations and the race problem," Professor J. McKellar Stewart on "The Kingdom of God and the University," and the Rev. Frank Lade on "The main objections to prohibition as a method of decreasing the evils of drunkenness." Devotional sessions will be conducted by Mr. J. A. Haslam, and tomorrow evening a students' circle will be held in the Stirling Methodist Church.

Reg. 19. 8.35

FORESTRY TRAINING.

VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN SCHEME.

PERTH, Tuesday.
 The State Conservator of Forests (Mr. S. L. Kessell), referring to-day to the Queensland scheme to send men to Oxford for training in forestry, said the idea was all right, and would provide a leavening of skilled men, but a larger number of half-trained men; whereas the Australian school gave an opportunity of establishing a fully trained professional staff. The gum tree was a gum all the world over, but the eucalypt was a very different thing from the oak. The history of forestry in Australia up to the past few years made very sorry reading. The only way to put it on a proper footing was to train men. That was the function of the Commonwealth Government, owing to the fact that the men trained could find occupation only in the Government service.

Nov. 15. 8.35

AN ECONOMIC SOCIETY.

Arising out of the meeting of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Science, held in Adelaide in August last, Section G. (social and statistical science), founded the Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand. It is now proposed to found a South Australian branch, and for that purpose a meeting will be held at the University on Friday evening next in the history lecture-room, when Mr. President Brown will take the chair.

Reg. 18. 8.35

Dr. H. Heaton, who recently resigned from his position as Director of Tutorial Classes and Lecturer in Economics at the Adelaide University to accept the position of Professor of Economics at the Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, left for Melbourne by Friday night's express. There was a representative gathering at the Adelaide Station to bid him farewell. Professor H. Darnley Naylor represented the University, while members of the Workers' Educational Association, the Repertory Theatre, and several literary societies were also present. Dr. Heaton, in a farewell message, said he regretted his departure, inasmuch as it meant the severing of many close friendships; but he thought that his new sphere would give him the opportunity of greater scope in his chosen work—economics.

Nov. 17. 8.35

THE ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.

The Ladies' Part-singing Class, under the baton of Mr. Winsloe Hall, will give a concert in Elder Hall to-night. A fine programme will include items by pupils of Madame Delmar Hall and Mr. Winsloe Hall, and an excellent variety of part songs. Miss Muriel Prince, with Mr. Herbert Edwards, will be the accompanists. The plans are at Messrs. S. Marshall & Sons'.