A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

The death of Canon Gunthorpe received deep sympathy from all quarters. The concert was a great success.

The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music, and was designed to provide a variety of enjoyment for the audience. The performers included a number of well-known artists, including the famous tenor, Mr. David Jones.

The concert was held in the Town Hall on Saturday night.

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE MEMORIES.

By a Correspondent.

The old boys of St. Peter's College were gathered together to recall the good old days. Many interesting stories were told, and much laughter was heard.

The mood of the occasion was one of nostalgia, as the old boys reminisced about their school days.

FUTURE OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH.

Australia.

IV.—By A. L. Gordon MacKay

The argument which has been put forward, with a certain amount of truth, that the British Empire was a misfortune for Australia, is not entirely correct. It is true that its spiritual mission was the teaching of civilization and Christianity to the indigenous peoples of these financial lands, and the constitution of the British Commonwealth, as we know it to-day, would not have been possible without it.

In the nineties, the British Empire, as a whole, was in a state of flux. The Boer War had just ended, and the British were looking overseas for new markets. The Commonwealth was seen as a way of achieving this.

The British Empire is dead, long live the British Commonwealth! However, there are still many difficult tasks facing the Commonwealth, and it will take some time to develop.

We have two tasks to accomplish, we must be the best in the old world, leaving behind the old, and we must be able to incorporate in the new Commonwealth others, and we have to evolve, without any doubt, in the future, a new order of things, and the concept of the tradition of the past, such a consumption is bound to be a matter of time. The new order of things is likely to become part of the new Empire, but it should it happen to the British Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth, as we know it today, is in a state of flux, and it will take some time to develop.

The New Synthesis.

In the meantime, we have seen great changes in the financial and economic structure of the Commonwealth. The financial and economic structure of the Commonwealth is going through a period of transition, and it will take some time to develop.

Our Financial Institutions.

What is the position of Australia? Our financial institutions have to be reorganized on a national basis in order to meet the demands of the new Commonwealth.

Australian financial centres tend to form three groups: Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide on one hand, and those other two centres have their own separate systems in Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia and South Australia respectively. In these centres, there are three separate organizations, which we may conveniently call the eastern, the central, and the western groups.

In the eastern group, the Commonwealth Bank, which represents a national system, has been established. In the central group, the Commonwealth Bank, which represents a national system, has been established.

In the western group, there is a separate organization, which represents a national system, has been established.

Important Investigations.

Work for the Council.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

Theootoot of the Executive Council (Senator the Hon. O. P. Thomas, M.P.) has been appointed by the council to investigate all scientific and industrial research stations in the Commonwealth. The recommendations, which have now been made, will be adopted by the council, and will be sent on to the government of the Commonwealth for adoption.

As regards pest and diseases affecting Australian industries, the first step is to make a comprehensive survey to ascertain exactly what kind of pests and diseases are present in the Commonwealth, how far these pests have been brought to Australia, and what steps can be taken to control them.

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