

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.

CONCERT BY STRING QUARTET.
A musical treat was enjoyed at the Public Library lecture room by the senior conservatorium gave the first of a series of winter concerts. The programme was dominated by the string quartet management suffered a loss of one of its members by an audience in which the people were prepared to be so satisfied that the venture has been a guaranteed success from the start, 130 persons tickets sold at £17 each result. The performers in the quartets were—Violins, Mr. Charles Schinsky and Miss Kathleen Moran; viola, Mr. Harold Parsons; Lady Bridges was present during a portion of the evening.

The programme opened with the string quartet in G minor by Claude Debussy. The first movement was played spiritedly, with admirable results, and the performance was loudly applauded. The second movement was distinguished by dainty and delicate treatment, and the music was full of sweet harmony of a dreamy character, the viola being prominent throughout. The third movement consisted of a gem of instrumental exposition, and was completed with a delicate harmonious chord of the strings. The piano accompaniment of a quaint style gave an opportunity for a few bars of excellent work by the cellist, the other instruments, the theme was worked up into a vigorous finale which formed an appropriate conclusion of the evening. The music was so well played, which reflected credit upon each of the artists, and particularly the leading violinist, Mr. Schinsky, whose playing was an undoubted appeal to the artistic taste which would be lost but for the masterly interpretation of the instruments which was played by the quartet, the unanimity of the instruments being practically perfect. The concluding piece was a work of the first violin. The piece formed a decided contrast to the opening number in being less complex and less deep to understand by those whose musical taste has not been developed to the highest pitch. The appreciation of the audience was marked.

The piano quintet in F minor by Cesar Franck, with Miss Maude Paddy as pianist, and the four string quartet, already mentioned, was the final number, and it was brilliantly played. The first movement opened with the strings and piano alternating in a few bars, and after a brief duet by the viola and violoncello the movement worked up into orchestral effects, which the body of the orchestra followed. A few dainty notes by the piano followed by a kind of echo by the strings, by a striking feature, and after more of an orchestral effect the movement faded away with a delicate pianissimo phrase on the piano. The next movement opened with a piano solo and a more forceful accompaniment artistically played. Depth of feeling well emphasized by the instrumental characteristics of the piano. The third movement also depended greatly upon the piano for the best effects, and again all the instruments played together as one. The pianist's interpretation, thorough understanding of the ideas of the composer, was evident in practically every characteristic movement. The performers were again heartily applauded, and the pianist received the most enthusiastic applause.

The next concert will be held in the same hall on August 10, and Miss Margaret Sutherland, pianist, of Telbourn, will receive. The concert will be managed by Mr. Frank Bowden.

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NORTH TERRACE BUILDINGS.

Extensive Government Programme.

An extensive building programme, under the direction of the Architect-in-Chief's Department, is being carried out by the Government, in the vicinity of the North terrace, Adelaide. The buildings completed, in hand, and proposed, include a teachers' training college, a technical college, a physics and engineering school for the University, extensive additions to the Adelaide Hospital, and the building of a hospital will cost approximately £150,000, and the other buildings mentioned about £400,000.

In Kintore avenue the Teachers' Training College building is assuming a definite shape. The contract, limited of Adelaide, is for approximately £229,000. At the Technical College, which is also in Kintore avenue, the walls are practically half-way up. Messrs. J. Grove & Son are the contractors, and the contract amount is £212,500. The new engineering school at the University, for which Mr. F. Fricker was the contractor, is nearly completed. The contract amount is approximately £400,000. Recently been under the supervision of the University authorities. At the Adelaide Hospital evidence is seen on every hand of the progressive policy of the Government with regard to providing better accommodations. The new building, for which Mr. H. S. C. Jarvis is the contractor, at a cost of £224,000, will be completed and furnished within a few months. The ground floor will be utilized for administrative offices, the resident medical officers will occupy the first and second floors, and the third floor will consist of wards. The old kitchen and laundry block is being demolished, to be replaced for the erection of a modern kitchen and stores block, for which a contract has been let to Messrs. J. Grove & Son, at a cost of £17,344. The new block will complete the remodelling scheme for the service side of the institution. The modern boiler house and laundry block, which have recently been completed, and are now in daily use. It has been found necessary to erect and equip a temporary kitchen to carry on the present operations. Recently the small gynaecological operating theatre in the main building of the old hospital has been brought up to date, as also has the small operating theatre block used for special work in connection with the treatment of complaints of the eye, ear, and nose. Extensive verandahs and balconies and modern lavatory accommodations are practically completed in connection with Martin, Victoria, Wyatt, and Leopold wards in the north-western corner of the building. Mr. F. Fricker is the contractor for this work at a cost of £214,000.

Women's Hospital and Clinic.
Tenders will be called shortly to give additional facilities in connection with the women's auxiliary clinic. Extensive additions and remodelling are being considered in connection with the main operating theatre block. Plans are being pushed on with all speed for the new women's hospital, which is situated along Frome road, on the site of Architect-in-Chief's departmental workshops, immediately to the north of the old hospital. The erection of this hospital will necessitate the removal of the workshops to a new site, which has been selected on railway land. The items mentioned above are the proposals actually being dealt with by the Architect-in-Chief's department. The Government buildings considered to be necessary receiving the consideration of the Government.

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THE PREFIX "HONOURABLE."

South Australians Who Retain the Title.

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The list of South Australians who are permitted to retain the permanent prefix "Honourable" is by the means so lengthy as it used to be. Ten years ago, for instance, there was twice the number that there is to-day. It is interesting to give the names of present holders of the title granted by the Crown. The oldest surviving South Australian ex-Minister retaining the title of "Honourable" is after having served for at least three years in the Hon. Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G., M.L.O., who was gazetted "Honourable" in 1860. Sir John Cockburn, who was Premier from June 1869 to August, 1870, five years later was elevated to the King's Bench, and then Agent-General from 1885 to 1891, has been residing in England for nearly 30 years. The Hon. Laurence O'Loughlin (a former Minister and Speaker) was gazetted "Honourable" in 1900, the Hon. R. W. Foster (now member of the House of Representatives) in 1904, and the Hon. A. C. Kirkpatrick, M.L.C., in the present Minister for Marine and Fisheries.

Others who retain the title for life are in order of The Gazette dates, the Hon. John Verzan (Premier in 1910-12), H. Hamburg, Thomas Pascoe, M.L.C., (Grand

Concise) (Speaker 1915-21), G. Ritchie, Sir Henry Barrow (Premier 1924-4), and G. P. Laffler. The Hon. Sir Edward Lucas on his retirement from Parliament to become Agent-General in 1918, was gazetted permanent "Honourable" on account of 10 years' continuous service in the Legislative Council.

The South Australians to be gazetted "Honourable" under the Duke of Newcastle's despatch of 1863, were the late Sir Richard Davies Hanson, Thomas Reynolds, G. M. Waterhouse, Sir Arthur Birt, and H. B. C. Strangways. Mr. Strangways, who was Premier in 1888-70, retained the prefix for 53 years. He left South Australia in 1871 for England, and resided there until his death in 1920 at the age of 88 years.

A South Australian Suggestion.
Mr. Strangways was said to have been directly responsible for the conferment of the permanent prefix "Honourable" for political services. In 1862 when he was a member of the Waterhouse Ministry, a question arose concerning the appointment of a general manager of the estimator as a member of the Executive Council. Mr. Strangways, a barrister of the Middle Temple suggested to Sir Dominic Daly, the Governor of the time, that the Executive Council should be placed on the same basis as the Privy Council, and that a few colonists of eminence and position should be appointed to it, but that they should not attend meetings unless summoned. This view was not upheld by the Colonial Office, but instead an intimation was given the following year that Ministers of the Crown who had served more than three years would, in proper cases, be permitted to retain the title "Honourable" within the colony. Mr. Strangways was one of the very first in the dominions overseas to whom the permission was granted.

All Supreme Court Judges in His Majesty's self-governing dominions are styled "Honourable." The title is also borne during tenure of office by all members of the Executive Council, and of the Legislative Council, and by the Speaker of the Lower House of the Legislature.

The title "Honourable" was conferred for life in Australia only on all members of the first Federal Parliament, and the Commonwealth. The surviving South Australian members of the first Federal Parliament are the Hon. Sir Langdon Blyth, K.C.M.G., Sir Josiah Symon, K.C.M.G., Sir Charles Pearson, M.B., M.L.C., and Alexander Poynton, O.B.E.

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SCHOOL DENTISTRY.

Position of Women Nurses.

A meeting of registered dentists will be held to-night to protest against the proposal of the Government to introduce a Bill regarding the coming action of providing that departmental dental nurses, after having served two years, may be registered to attend to the teeth of school children.

When the Government launched the scheme of dental inspection and attention to children attending public schools, several young men who had completed their course of five years at the University were appointed as school dentists. It is understood that the salaries paid these dentists are not sufficient to induce them to remain in the service, and several of them went into private practice. The result is, it is understood, that the department has found it impossible to keep the staff together. In addition, it is asserted that the dentists of the department have been subjected to certain irritations. One is that the dental department is controlled by the medical department, and the other is that the dentist. The dentists contend that the extra work required for children's teeth, and the difficulty connected with the handling of young patients, warrant much higher salaries than those paid by the department.

Registration of Nurses.
It is understood that the proposed legislation will provide for the registration of nurses as dentists to attend, after two years' training, public school children, whereas, at present, only the dental students at the University. Registered dentists, who have either passed examinations, or have been practising for many years, feel, as a likelihood of the loss, as soon as they have acquired sufficient knowledge

private practice in competition with men and women. The meeting to be held to-night is for the purpose of deciding what action should be taken in the matter.

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAMME.

EXPENDITURE OF £400,000.

Public buildings recently completed by the Architect-in-Chief's department and other works which plans have been prepared will involve an expenditure of £400,000.

One of the busiest Government departments at the present time is that of the Architect-in-Chief, which has charge of the Government's building programme for the erection of hospitals and schools. Extensive operations have been conducted for some time on Government land on North terrace, where the work is being rapidly pushed towards completion. In Kintore avenue the teachers' training college building is assuming a definite shape. C. H. Martin, I.O.E., of Adelaide, are the contractors, and the contract price is approximately £206,000.

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The items mentioned above are the proposals actually being dealt with by the Architect-in-Chief's department, but the question of other public buildings is receiving the earliest consideration of the Government.

Building schemes which are in hand, and for which plans have been drawn, are altogether estimated to cost £400,000. The new Women's Hospital to be erected in Frome road will cost at least £150,000.