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Melbourne, May 11.

In America, University debating teams are scientifically trained. They are put under a diet and trained as if they were a racing eight. All their points are card indexed, and they take their information into the debate and consult it while their opponent speaks. These sidelights on American debating methods were related by Mr. Paul Reed, a member of the Imperial debating team which is visiting Melbourne.

"In America and Canada," he said, "we found the method of adjudication unique. We have nothing like it in Britain. In both those countries adjudicators and the audience judged the debate, but they did not judge on the motion of the debate, but on the debate itself.

"This system has its merits, of course. It means that the debaters prepare their speeches carefully, but it has its demerits in that they prepare them too carefully.

"In America we found extreme instances of this. Their speeches are worked out to the last possible detail. An immense staff of research

Mr. H. L. Russell (Dean of Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin, America) is visiting Adelaide with the object of conferring with the Agricultural and University authorities in connection with scientific agricultural research. He has already interviewed Professor Perkins and the Waite Research Institute at Urrbrae, the work at which greatly impressed him. He spoke in glowing terms of the reputation of the Director (Dr. A. E. V. Richardson, M.A.), Mr. Russell is now inspecting pastoral properties under the guidance of Elder, Smith, & Co., Limited.

Plans of scientific research over the field of industry are being considered in detail by the executive of the reorganised Institute of Science and Industry. The members of the committee, Messrs. G. A. Julius and W. J. Newbegin and Professor A. D. C. Rivett, met again at the Institute to-day, and will hold further meetings each day this week, with a view to determining lines of action.

In accordance with a scheme approved by the Government the executive committee will exercise general direction and supervision over the work, and at an early date a council, comprising the chairmen of six State committees, will be appointed. These State committees will act in co-operation with other institutions, including the Universities, conducting scientific research. Early provision, it is expected, will be made for the training of a number of research workers, and for this purpose it may be considered advisable to send a few young specialists for a course of study abroad. At a later stage, when the present plans have been approved by the Federal Government, the Institute will concentrate upon specific problems, such as motor fuel from alternative sources, cold storage of meat and other produce, fuel problems and the utilisation of by-products, plant and animal diseases, and prickly pear eradication.

Professor Darnley Naylor delivered a lecture on "Euripides" at the meeting of the Poetry Society at the Dunster Galleries, Gawler-place, on Tuesday evening. The vice-president (Mrs. W. Fairweather) occupied the chair.

The lecturer stated that Euripides did not achieve success until he was 44 years of age. Shortly before his death he had to leave Athens on account of the attacks made upon him during the heresy movement. In character he had been studious and lived almost in retirement, and it was said he had worked in a cave on the seashore. He had sometimes spoiled situations in his plays by mere erudition. His long nose implied a critical faculty, and his mouth and kindly expression gave a touch of cynicism, and finally his deep-set eyes were characteristic of the statues of those days. He was, moreover, a distinguished athlete. It had been said that a man was known by his friendships, and Euripides was the friend of Anaxagoras, who had denied the existence of any gods. He was also the friend of Protagoras, who had written a treatise condemning the theology of his time. He was, lastly, a friend of Socrates, who was judicially murdered mainly for his alleged unorthodoxy. Despite his moroseness, he lived in the circle of Pericles. His poetry was realistic. Socrates had said, "I paint men as they should be, but Euripides paints them as they are." His realism was achieved at the expense of his popularity. All that was human claimed his sympathy. Heroes, men, Greeks, slaves, women, and children, all played their part, and the humblest sometimes took the noblest part with him. Few writers had depicted women so powerfully or so truly, and his description of the charms of home life were probably unparalleled in Greek literature. His breadth of sympathy with women was shown in his variety of characterisations, as with Alcestes, who had died to save her selfish husband, of Medea, the wronged wife, of Phaedra, the neglected wife, and of Electra, the ill-treated wife. It was something that this poet should have inspired such masters as Milton, Alfieri, Goethe, William Morris, and Robert Browning. It was wonderful that he should have been able to reach these heights of poetic power while his main purpose was unquestionably to lead men from the crude abuses of their forefathers to some loftier conception of the world about them. It was characteristic of the man that a prayer which had come down from him, and was said to have been uttered in the house of Pericles, was as follows:—"Omnipotent God, send light unto men that they may know whence their evils came and how they may escape them."

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Dr. A. L. Tostevin, who has been in practice at Murray Bridge, on Monday resigned his position as honorary surgeon at the local soldiers' memorial hospital, stating that on account of ill health he was about to leave the district. Dr. F. R. Wicks, of Yankalilla, has acquired Dr. Tostevin's practice.



University Debators from Britain who are coming to Adelaide

From left—Messrs. A. H. E. Molson, R. Nunn May, Paul Reed, and T. P. MacDonald (son of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the British Parliamentary Labor Party).

workers assists their preparation. On each question they tabulate a list of 50 or 60 possible points. These are then card-indexed, and the debater brings the index with him, and while his opponent speaks he is busily at work looking up his points.

"The whole system means excellent set speeches, but let an American debater be confronted with some unexpected and original view and he is lost. I must admit, however, that it is difficult to find anything that is not on their card index."

In Canada, continued Mr. Reed, the same system prevailed, but it was not nearly so extreme.

Comparing Canadian Universities with British, Mr. Reed said that what amazed him most was the length to which the lecture system was carried in Canada. Students relied on the lectures rather than on their own research.

This was contrary to most English University traditions. The system of lectures degenerated, too often, into mere rapid note taking.

Mr. Reed commented on the part Canadian Universities play in the life of the people. Everybody takes an interest in them.

"A thing which astonished our team," said Mr. Reed, "was the number of people who work their way through the university by earning their fees at all kinds of work during vacations.

"Some even act as waiters through term and study at the same time. There is nothing approaching this in Britain."

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE.

We have received a copy of the May number of the Adelaide University Magazine, which contains many interesting articles dealing not only with domestic matters, but with events of the outer world. Poetry and sporting news are given a fair share of the space, and there are two interesting and well-written sketches, "The Cafe Normand," and "The Little Grocer." A particularly good contribution is that entitled "Recent Shows," in which the writer undertakes a criticism of plays and pictures which have achieved popularity in Adelaide during the last few weeks. The reviews are excellently framed, and one feels in perfect sympathy with a girl referred to, who, having 20 years ago been entranced with the fairy tale "Aladdin," has never recovered from her disappointment with the pantomime version of the story, and is still seeking to find some connection between the characters in the book and those on the stage. The editors, Messrs. D. P. McGuire, W. St. C. Riddle, and C. Sorby Adams are to be congratulated on issuing a periodical which contains articles as interesting to the general reader as to the University student, for whom it is mainly intended.

TALENTED PIANIST

Seventeen-Year-Old Genius

Eisteddfods and similar musical festivals have frequently been the means of discovering special musical talent and proving to the Australian public what a wealth of local material it possesses. The mining towns of Australia, cut off as they are from educational advantages, have provided quite a number of phenomenal vocalists and instrumentalists. Many have been helped to further study by the generosity of musical enthusiasts.

The latest case comes from Western Australia, where Miss Eileen Joyce carried off honors against all-comers at the recent Eisteddfod in Perth, at which Mr. Charles Schilsky and Mr. Clive Carey were the musical adjudicators.

Miss Joyce is a pianist and hails from Boulder City, where Mr. Schilsky heard her two and a half years ago. Owing to her phenomenal talent, money was found by public subscription to send her to Perth to receive a musical and general education. She entered the Loretto Convent, Perth, and has astonished the examiners of the Australian Music Examinations Board. She is now seventeen, and when she played before Mr. Schilsky at the recent Eisteddfod he recognised in her a pianist of outstanding genius, who had fulfilled his expectations.

Nothing presents any difficulty to Miss Joyce, and the music seems to drip from her fingertips. Mr. Schilsky's eulogy has aroused increased interest in her career. A committee has been formed, and an offer has been received from the manager of Union Theatres, Limited, for an engagement at £25 a week for two weeks. This is to introduce her to the public and give audiences an opportunity to subscribe to the fund which is to be raised to send her to Europe.

Mr. Schilsky suggests that she shall go to Paris and study under the celebrated master, Isidore Phillip, with a view to entering the Paris Conservatoire, which is State-owned and free to students who are able to pass the entrance examination. This is only possible to the exceptionally talented. Mr. Schilsky considers that one of Miss Joyce's chief successes lies in not being spoiled. He describes her as a simple, unaffected girl, with a great gift

Judge Mitchell

On Tuesday Judge Mitchell will celebrate his seventy-fourth anniversary. He was born at Mount Barker. He graduated in law at the University of Adelaide comparatively late in life—when he was 38—and, in the same year, was called to the Bar. Eleven years later he was elected to the South Australian Parliament as member for the Northern Territory. He sat in the House of Assembly for nine years, and for six years was Attorney-General in the Peake Ministry. In January, 1910, he was appointed Government Resident and Judge of the Northern Territory under the State of South Australia. Twelve months later he became Administrator and Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory under the government of the Commonwealth. His next appointment in the public service was as special magistrate at Port Pirie, and then as police magistrate at Adelaide. In February, 1918, he was made Commissioner of Insolvency. The judge's recreations are literature and music.

UNIVERSITY DEBATES.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday. The members of the Imperial Universities' debating team which is touring Australia left Melbourne this afternoon for Tasmania, to engage in debates with teams representing the University of Tasmania.

Dr. A. J. Schulz (principal of the Teachers' Training College), who has been on an official visit to the Teachers' Training College in Sydney, returned to Adelaide by the Melbourne express on Friday.

Dr. E. McM. Glynn has been appointed ophthalmologist to the Adelaide Children's Hospital.