



GROUP OF AUSTRALIANS AT EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN PARIS

In the photograph from the left are Mrs. Nory, Dr. A. E. V. Richardson (Director of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute, Adelaide) and Mrs. Richardson, and Dr. and Mrs. Leon Jona. Behind is Mr. L. Adamson (head master of Wesley College, Melbourne). On the right is Mr. R. P. Franklin (head master of Melbourne Grammar School).

HELPING AUSTRALIA

Science Given Financial Aid

Of practical importance to Australia is the decision of the Federal Government to allocate £100,000 for scientific research work. The fund, which has been vested in trustees, will produce £3,250 income yearly to provide for the work.

Arrangements have been made to send six students abroad for training. From South Australia Mr. F. G. Holdaway, M.Sc., has been selected. He is shortly to leave for America to begin his course. He will study economic entomology at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Mr. Holdaway was born in Queensland 23 years ago. He went to Brisbane Grammar School and subsequently entered Queensland University, where he was a student of Prof. T. Harvey Johnston (professor of zoology), who is now at Adelaide University. Mr. Holdaway specialised in biology, including in his studies botany and zoology.

He graduated with honours four years ago and entered the service of the Queensland Department of Agriculture as assistant entomologist. He spent most of his time in central Queensland in connection with the study of insect pests of cotton. He was assistant to Mr. E. Billard, B.A., F.E.S., who was loaned to the Commonwealth Government by the Imperial authorities.

Studied Cotton Pests

After investigation Mr. Holdaway prepared and published a number of papers dealing with his findings. They are said to be useful and thorough.

A great deal of his work was the study of the bugs with which cotton is sometimes infested, and also the pink boll worm, which is a serious problem to cotton growers.

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Mr. F. G. Holdaway, who obtained the degree of Master of Science at the Adelaide University, left recently for the United States, where he will undertake private research study. This will be under the terms of the new Science and Industry Endowment Act, which provides that six specially qualified students shall be sent abroad by the Federal Government at intervals to pursue special work. Mr. Holdaway is the only South Australian representative in the first half dozen selected, New South Wales and Western Australia supplying the rest.

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Miss Mignon Weston, who is recovering from a severe illness, will spend a protracted holiday in Victoria until she regains her strength. On her return to Adelaide she will not resume her duties as secretary of the Elder Conservatorium, she having resigned from that position in order to take up her musical work professionally. Miss Weston is well known as a member of the South Australian Orchestra, and she is a gifted pianist and elocutionist.

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ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Anthropological Society was held at the University Anatomy School on Monday evening. The chairman (Dr. R. Pulléne) presided over a good attendance. The subjects of the evening were "Message Sticks" and "Smoke Signals."

Professor F. Wood Jones exhibited a series of drawings of native message sticks, the markings on which related to definite objects and animals. He contended that the sticks bore messages which natives could decipher. Dr. Pulléne said in his opinion message sticks were merely passports. Mr. L. E. Gee, in a short paper, described the receipt of a message stick by one of his native assistants at a place near Tanami, in the Northern Territory. Mr. K. M. Cornish exhibited a message stick obtained some 30 years ago from the now extinct Mount Margaret tribe of Western Australia by Mr. Anderson. Mr. H. Christie said that some years ago when travelling down to the Daly River from Darwin he was given a carved stick from the Hall tribe for delivery to the Ami tribe. With it he was given a verbal message challenging the latter tribe to proceed to Point Blaine for a fight. Incidentally he was instructed to make it appear that only Hall men were going to fight, whereas in fact the Worgait and Larakia were also going to assist the Hall. Dr. T. D. Campbell quoted several instances from literature which tended to show that the message stick was merely a passport. Mr. N. B. Finsdale submitted that from his experiences in the Northern Territory it appeared that no message was inscribed on the Ingura tribe message sticks, which, being of a highly decorative character, served as credentials, giving authority to a verbal message.

Members were divided in their opinions regarding native smoke signals, whether there was a definite code or not. In view of the interest aroused by this and the preceding subject it was decided that the next meeting should be devoted to the same subjects. Professor F. Wood Jones spoke on "Native Reserves." Motion pictures of native life at Wilgena, taken by Dr. E. Embree, and at Ooldea, taken by Dr. T. D. Campbell, were shown.



DR. A. E. V. RICHARDSON

Director of Waite Agricultural Research Institute, in the Court suit which he wore when presented at Buckingham Palace.

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Professor Kerr Grant left Adelaide for Melbourne yesterday.

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The students and friends of Mr. Frederick Bevan are entertaining him at a welcome home social at the Elder Conservatorium on Wednesday evening, October 6. Misses Alma Strempel, Vera Mayfield, and Minna Cozens are organizers.



SIR SAMUEL DAVENPORT.

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Saturday, October 2.—Afternoon—Motor carnival. On view—Wool, machinery, in



THE LATE JOHN HOWARD ANGAS.



MR. F. G. HOLDAWAY, M.Sc.

of Adelaide University, who has been sent to Cornell University, America, for special training in economic entomology.

Last year Mr. Holdaway came to South Australia as assistant lecturer in zoology, and was associated with his old teacher Prof. Johnston, at Adelaide University. Specialising in economic and forestry entomology, Mr. Holdaway gave a course for forestry students.

Prof. Johnston recommended him for training under the provisions of the recent legislation. Prior to his departure he was engaged at Urrbrae in special study of the lucerne flea, and will no doubt publish the results from the many notes which he gathered.

His course at Cornell University will be for two years, after which, on his return, he will be at the disposal of the Federal Government.

Stimulus to Science

He will gain academic experience, and will do practical field and laboratory work. He should then be able to undertake entomological investigation in Australia.

Prof. Johnston this morning expressed satisfaction at the decision of the Government to grant money for scientific research. He pointed out that professors were somewhat hampered in their work because of the time spent in teaching. There was also a dearth of men who were properly trained in various important fields of science research. Formerly, also, inducements were poor, but with the field opening out in this manner science would be given an enormous stimulus.

Mr. Holdaway, who is rowing enthusiast, visited Adelaide in 1922 with the Queensland University rowing team, which took part in the interstate university rowing contests. He was coxswain. He is 24 years of age, and for one so young has had a brilliant career, giving promise of even greater work in the future.