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MUSICAL MOMENTS

(By "Staccato")

The Conservatorium opera performances of Shamus O'Brien occupied Monday and Tuesday evenings, and excellent houses were recorded for both nights. An entirely new cast was presented each evening, and Mr. Clive Carey and Mr. Winsloe Hall shared the conductorship. Written by an Irishman for the Irish and about the Irish, both music and dramatic action had a spicy flavor all their own, into which some of the young people merged themselves artistically.

On the first night the Kitty O'Tools of Miss Marjorie Walsh was an outstanding feature of the opera, and on the second evening Mrs. Dorothy Back made a warm and convincing Nora, wife of Shamus. Mr. Donald Wildsmith's fine baritone voice gave promise of much more to come.

Among so much good talent it is almost invidious to make distinctions, as the work all through was of a high-class order for students and showed a distinct advance upon last year's first performances. It is impossible to pick from among the students all the actors true to type, but an admirable selection was made. Owing to the illness of Mr. Esmond George, Dr. J. Williams took the part of Capt. Trevor on both nights, and showed himself the possessor of a lyric tenor of excellent quality, though his acting was a little stazy.

Miss Phyllis Leitch rendered her usual good services in arranging the Irish jig and reel, which she led to Piper O'Leary's Irish pipe and the woodwind instruments of the orchestra.

While in England Mr. Clive Carey will select an opera to be performed next year.

An interested audience gathered in the Prospect District Hall on Wednesday evening, when the pupils of Miss Olive Lyons gave their annual concert. In a programme of 26 student items, piano solos, and duets predominated. Some of the performers were hardly past the nursery stage.

Master William Beer, a boy soprano, had a good reception for his singing of Monckton's "Pipes of Pan." Marches, minuets, and spring songs were well presented by nimble childish fingers, whose work showed the conscientious and indefatigable labors of their teacher. Misses Ada Wordie and Elsie Woolley contributed vocal assistance, and Mr. Stephen Dunks gave an elocutionary number. Many recalls were demanded and the children all received bouquets and other gifts from the appreciative audience.

RHODES SCHOLAR

Mr. Ronald Mitton Chosen

STUDENT AND CRICKETER

At a meeting of the Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee at Government House this morning it was decided to recommend that the Rhodes Scholarship for 1926 be awarded to Mr. Ronald Gladstone Mitton, aged 21 years, of Beach road, Grange. There were three other candidates.

The successful candidate is a son of Mr. E. W. Mitton, of the Grange, and is a well-known cricketer in West Torrens team.

Mr. Mitton has had a particularly brilliant career. In 1918 he passed the qualifying certificate examination, and took up his studies at Woodville District High School. In 1920 he passed the junior public examination in eight subjects, with



MR. R. G. MITTON

who has been awarded the Rhodes Scholarship for 1926.

six credits, and was awarded a Government bursary which he relinquished to enter the Education Department as a probationary student.

In 1921 he passed the senior public in eight subjects with six credits, and in the following year succeeded in the higher public with five subjects with one credit. He was nineteenth on the general honors list that year.

From 1923 to 1926 he has been a student at Adelaide University and Teachers' Training College. At the latter institution he passed the required examinations in the general course, examinations in connection with the military instruction camp for teachers, and gained the bronze medalion of the Royal Life-saving Society for proficiency in life-saving, resuscitation and swimming.

Mr. Mitton is studying for the honors degree of bachelor of science, which he hopes to obtain this year.

In sport he was a member of Hindmarsh Public School team for two years, and at Woodville High School played regularly for the first 18. He was vice-captain of the team for two years. Since then he has been a member of the Teachers' College team in the Amateur League, and has won a college honor badge for the game. In 1924 and 1925 he headed the list of goalkickers.

He was also vice-captain of the South Australian Amateur League side which met the Victorian 18 this year.

Mr. Mitton has also done well at cricket, having played with West Torrens B as a wicketkeeper. In 1923-24 he scored the highest aggregate of runs for the team, including 161 not out, for which feat he was presented with a gold medal. He was promoted to the senior side in 1925-26. Last season he was awarded the club trophy for the best A Grade fieldsmen during the year.

In tennis Mr. Mitton has distinguished himself. He was defeated in the semi-final in 1922 for the schoolboys' championship singles in the Adelaide Oval tournaments.

He has taken part in debates and literary society work at the Teachers' College, and during the present year held the office of president of the literary and debating society there. He is president of the Teachers' College Students' Council, and has been manager of combined sport teams on several occasions.

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

Scholarship Awards

The Council of the University at its meeting yesterday adopted the reports of the examiners recommending the award of the following prizes.—

Elder scholarship for singing, Ruth Winnifred Naylor; special commendation, Margery Cecilia Walsh.

Elder scholarship for violin, Katy Yoerger.

Eugene Alderman scholarship, Arthur Roger Willson; special commendation, Harry Wellington Hutchins and Bett Froome Puddy.

Robert Winham prize for elocution, Victor Allen Edgell and Merie Nona Jenkins, equal.

The Board of Examiners has reported favorably to the Council of the University upon the thesis presented by Mr. L. K. Ward, B.A., B.F., for the Doctor Science degree. The subject of the thesis was "The Geology of Central Australia."

The Board of Examiners has also reported favorably on the work presented by Mr. T. A. LeMessurier for the degree of M.Sc. The degrees will be conferred at the annual commemoration in December next.

The several Faculties and Boards of the University have reported that the following have been appointed deans of chairmen for 1927:—Faculty of Arts, Prof. W. K. Hancock; Faculty of Science, Prof. T. G. B. Osborn; Faculty of Medicine, Dr. W. Ray; Faculty of Dentistry, Sir Joseph Verco; Board of Commercial Studies, Mr. S. Russell Booth; Library Committee, Prof. Wilton; Joint Committee for Tutorial Classes, Prof. J. McKellar Stewart.

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Prof. Darnley Naylor, who will leave for Europe on December 9, was bade farewell by the Council of the University yesterday. Prof. W. Mitchell (Vice-Chancellor) expressed the thanks of the council that Prof. Naylor had in so eminent a manner given effect to its desire that professors and lecturers should be of service to the community outside the University as well as within. Prof. Chapman expressed the regret of his colleagues at losing an intimate friend and Mr. W. T. McCoy spoke for the large number of his teachers who had been inspired by the example as well as the teaching of Prof. Naylor when they were students.

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STUDENTS UNDER TEST.—This photograph, taken in the huge Exhibition Hall yesterday, shows a few of the many lads and lasses who are now sitting for the leaving and leaving honors examinations. Most of those who get through will pass on from the secondary schools either to the University or else to the outside world.