

WOMEN STUDENTS' UNION

Lady Symon Building Begun

Formed about 14 years ago the Adelaide University Women's Union has as its primary object the promotion of the interests of past or present women students. Prior to its existence there was a women students' club which merged into the larger body now controlled entirely by feminine graduates and undergraduates.

Membership is limited to woman graduates of Adelaide or other universities recognised by the South Australian hall of learning, and students of Adelaide University in any year of study other than the first.

Students in the first year and holders of the final certificate in law and diplomas in primary education, commerce, economics, political science, and massage, and scholars of the University of Adelaide may become associates, may be present and speak at meetings, but may not vote except with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the members present.

The membership is about 80, and special meetings are held three times a year. At the beginning of the first term the freshmen's tea is organised to welcome new students, a dance takes place at the opening of the second term, and on the night of commemoration day a dinner is given when new graduates are honored.

New Quarters Before Long

Meetings other than these are held in what is known as the cottage, in the quadrangle opposite the old training college.

Members of the union are looking forward to the time when the Lady Symon Building, being built with the £10,000 given by Sir Josiah Symon, will be ready for their occupation. Sir Josiah stipulated that £500 of this amount should be devoted to the purchase of books for the library, so that there is every prospect of members being able to browse to their heart's content in the fields of literature.

To raise funds toward the furnishing of the Lady Symon Building the union this year organised a historic pageant which attracted a large crowd to the quadrangle and resulted in more than £500 being made.

It is anticipated that the foundation stone of the new building will be laid this month, and before very long the union, which has been hampered for want of room, will be able to enjoy all the advantages of a non-residential club.

The Lady Symon Building, which is at the rear of Darling Building, will contain a large hall, library, and reading room, common room, rest room, excellent dressing rooms, and between it and the men's union building will be a large refectory where both men and women will enjoy their meals.

Holders of Office.

Officers of the Women's Union are:—Mrs. T. G. B. Osborn, M.Sc. (president), Miss Phyllis Lade, B.A. (vice-president), Miss Mary Frost (secretary)—this office is always held by an undergraduate—Miss F. E. Watt (junior secretary), Miss M. Mann (treasurer), Miss E. De Land, B.Sc. (science), Miss Lade, B.A. (arts), Misses C. Ure and F. Emmcke (science undergraduates), D. McLean and T. Thomson (arts undergraduates), R. Treiving (debating club), Dr. Ruth Gault (graduates representative), and Dr. Helen Mayo (council representatives) form the committee.

NEWS 6-10-27

STUDENT MAGAZINE

First Edition of "Commerce"

A new trail among the forest of student magazines that flourishes in Australia has been blazed by "Commerce," the magazine of the Adelaide University Commerce Students' Association.

This is an organ with a purpose—many of them, in fact. Apart from furthering the interests of members it aims at promoting "integrity and fairness in all business undertakings and the fostering of a clearly defined code of business ethics, not only for ourselves but for our dealings with other countries."

It has made an excellent beginning. Among a host of instructive articles in the current number are sidelights on the Real Property Act of 1886, the history and problems of accountancy, the operation of the joint stock principle in South Australia, the influence of taxation on production, consumption, and national productivity, and the place of business in the University curriculum.

Mr. H. G. Ollent, Dip. Ec., proves conclusively in "Economics and Happiness" that economics is "not a dismal science, but a way of understanding man as he is," and Mr. W. M. Ashby sponsors an interesting summary of the social and economic problems of Australia.

Of interest to members and the public alike is the proposal to establish a Junior Chamber of Commerce. Peculiar needs of members of the association are ably catered for in an able survey of the history of the course and a racy account of association doings for the year.

EXAMINATIONS AND FEES.

From "DISGUSTED," Mount Gambier:—Being a student sitting for the forthcoming University examinations, I and my parents are indignant and shocked at the recently raised fees. In previous years the University managed on half the present sums, so why were they doubled this year and then doubled again for the supplementary examination, at which the fee is the exorbitant amount of 30/- per subject? At that examination not so many supervisors or chairs, &c., are required. Last year the sweet strains of perhaps high-class music (I have not an ear for music) from a vaudeville company could be plainly heard by the students who were trying to concentrate on their exams. They at last succumbed to it, and went out in despair to see, as well as hear, the rehearsals. I would suggest, if the present high fees are again required, that if a scholar does not get through he should be returned half his entrance fee; and, again, if the fees are still maintained, the results of the examinations ought to be out earlier. If a student is doubtful whether he is going to pass or not he cannot enjoy his holidays, as he is all the time wondering how he fared at the hands of the examiner.

REC 1-10-27

Professor W. Darnley Naylor, whose resignation of the Hughes Chair of Classics and Comparative Philology and Literature, will take effect on December 31, has been appointed Professor Emeritus by the Council of the University in recognition of the value of his work as Hughes Professor from 1907 until 1927.

REC 1-10-27

The Council of the University at its meeting on Friday received with regret the resignation of Mr. N. H. Stuart (demonstrator in physics), who has received a research appointment in the electrical engineering branch of the Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

ADV. 4-10-27

ORNITHOLOGY.

The monthly meeting of the Ornithological Association was held at the Royal Society's rooms, on Friday. Dr. J. B. Cleland occupied the chair. The secretary (Mr. J. Sutton) read a letter from the secretary of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, stating that the 19th session would be held in Hobart, starting on January 16 next year, and asking that the association elect a delegate. Dr. J. B. Cleland was appointed. Mr. J. Neil McGillip, State secretary of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union, reported that the 27th congress of the association would be held this year in Perth, starting on October 13, followed by a working field camp at Nornalup Inlet. The secretary (Mr. J. Sutton) reported that complaints had reached him relative to shooting of Albatrosses from a vessel arriving at Port Adelaide. It was decided to investigate the case. Mr. J. Neil McGillip reported that a Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike (*Coracina novae Hollandiae*) had nested for four years in succession in the same horizontal fork of a tree, on Kangaroo Island, a number of Red-rumped Grass-parrots (*Psephotus ndematonotus*) had been noted nesting in the straw roof of a shed at Gawler. Mr. Michael Hawker noted several Crested Pigeons (*Ocyphaps lophotes*) in his garden at Medindie. He had also heard the notes of the Southern Stone Plover, or Scrub Curlew (*Burhinus magnirostris*) at Medindie. The Mallee Fowl (*Leipoa ocellata*), which had been taken to Kangaroo Island some years ago under the direction of the association, were reported to have been acclimatised there, and had increased. The birds, although shy, had been seen on numerous occasions over a wide area of the western and middle parts of the island, and recently a mound nest was reported to have been seen near the Cygnet River, containing six eggs. Dr. J. B. Cleland reported having picked up a dead Little Penguin (*Eudyptes minor*) on the beach in an emaciated condition, and upon dissection was found to contain a number of species of parasites, interesting to science. Dr. A. M. Morgan drew attention to having twice found the Grey Butcher-bird (*Croctylus leucostictus*), usually a very pugnacious bird, and the Striped Honeyeater (*Plectrohyncha lanceolata*) nesting in the same trees, the former in no way molesting the latter. Mr. J. Sutton reported having seen the Olive-backed Oriole (*Oriolus sagittatus*) recently at Mitcham. This bird is a New South Wales species, but visits South Australia occasionally, as Mr. J. W. Mellor also reported its appearance at Lockleys at the beginning of the year, and read notes of having observed it at the Redbeds in February, 1901 and 1905, August 2010, and April 1912. The principal business of the evening was an examination and discussion of a portion of the smaller honey-eating family brought forward by Dr. A. M. Morgan, who exhibited for comparison a number of specimens from the Museum collection, and from Mr. F. L. Parsons's collection, including the Singing Honeyeater (*Meliphaga virens*), Fuscous Honeyeater (*M. fusca*), yellow-faced (*M. chrysope*), yellow-plumed (*M. ornata*), yellow-fronted (*M. plumula*), White-eared (*M. leucotis*), purple-gaped (*M. cratitia*), grey-headed (*M. kearlandi*), white-plumed (*M. penicillata*), and a subspecies of the latter found in more northern parts (*M. bellavalensis*). Dr. Morgan showed a number of the eggs of these birds from the association collection. Mr. J. W. Mellor exhibited a specimen of the young of the Delicate Owl, or Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) found dead at Lockleys during July, early for the breeding of these birds. He also showed specimens of the Olive-backed Oriole (*Oriolus sagittatus*) from the Redbeds. Dr. J. B. Cleland gave some interesting notes upon birds identified while on a trip to Mount Remarkable, in the Flinders Range, during August of this year, when 88 species of native birds and three introduced species, were identified in the course

of two days. He showed several interesting specimens of the roseola family, notably the Adelaide Rosella (*Platycercus adalaidae*), and the Yellow Rosella (*P. flavolus*), also the Purple-backed Wren (*Malurus aestivus*), and Chestnut-tailed Ground-wren (*Hylaeola pyrrhopygia*). Dr. Cleland also described the birds seen on a two days' excursion during August to the Flinders Range, when 84 species of native birds were identified, and two species of introduced birds.

ADV. 4-10-27

UNIVERSITY SPORTS GROUND.

EXTRA LAND GRANTED.

The Markets and Parks Committee reported at a meeting of the City Council on Monday that it had considered an application from the University of Adelaide, which requested the grant of an extra area of land of about half an acre in extent, beginning on the western side of the entrance-gate on the War Memorial Drive and running east to take in the University boatshed, thence to the south-eastern corner of the tennis courts. Other requests were that the existing leases relating to the area occupied by the University as a sportsground and the agreement relating to the boatshed on the north bank of the Torrens Lake, should be consolidated in one document; that the term of the new lease should be for 21 years; that the lease should contain a provision granting the right to the University of charging for admission to the grounds on 14 days in the year, without the necessity of securing special permission; and that the University should be granted the right of permitting outside bodies to use the ground for games for a day or an afternoon, and to charge such bodies a fee for the use of the ground. An inspection of the locality had been made, and members had expressed themselves in favor of the proposals.

It was decided to adopt the committee's recommendation that the application should be granted, that the existing lease of the University Sportsground should be terminated, and that a fresh lease for 21 years, to include the additional ground, should be granted subject to covenants, to be prepared by the city solicitors.

An application by the South Australian Croquet Association for a further area of land—105 ft. by 84 ft.—at the northern end of the association's present ground in the parklands on the eastern side of Hutt-street, was granted.

REC 4-10-27

At a meeting of the council of the School of Mines on Monday a letter was received from Professor Kerr Grant, a member of the council, stating that he expected to be absent in England and Europe until next January, and he was granted leave of absence until that date. Professor Grant expects to spend the remainder of the year visiting university and other laboratories in Holland, Germany, and Austria. He proposes to spend the last two months of the year in Vienna.

REC 7-10-27

The passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Fletcher, widow of the Rev. W. Roby Fletcher, M.A., a former pastor of Stow Memorial Church, takes my mind back nearly 50 years (writes Mr. Henry O. Leaver). Mrs. Fletcher was a daughter of the late Mr. John Stewart Turner, for many years secretary of the Adelaide Underwriters (Fire and Marine) Association. Mr. Turner was one of Nature's gentlemen, and about 20 years old when Mr. Turner had a serious illness which necessitated his absence from the office for three months. I went to his private residence at Park terrace, Parkside, on three evenings weekly and on Saturday afternoons with books of the office. On one occasion Mr. Turner invited me to stay to dinner, and during the meal Miss Turner (afterwards Mrs. Roby Fletcher), noticing my embarrassment, in a tactful way came to my rescue, and made me feel at home. The eldest son, Mr. Bob Turner, has lived in Melbourne for many years. He was a consistent follower of the hounds years ago. Mr. Frank Turner, another son, is a well-known resident of Adelaide. Mrs. Turner (formerly Miss McGeorge, whose father was an Adelaide business man for a long period) died a few years ago at an advanced age, and now the daughter has passed to the Great Beyond. It was fitting that prior to the funeral, Mrs. Fletcher's remains should be conveyed to Stow Church, where her husband of revered memory for a long time conducted a successful ministry.

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM STRING QUARTET.

The third recital of the Elder Conservatorium String Quartet was given at the Public Library Lecture Hall on Wednesday evening. The programme opened with Beethoven's "Trio for piano, violin, and cello in B flat," by Miss Maude Puddy, Mr. Charles Schilsky, and Mr. Harold Parsons. The piano part in this writing is elaborate and exacting, and Miss Puddy's playing was expressive and artistic in every way. The "Allegro moderato" was brilliant, and the "Scherzo allegro" delightfully treated, while in the "Andante cantabile" delicacy and purity of touch and depth of tone were marked. In the closing "Allegro moderato" with the delightfully clear and rapid runs and shakes, the pianist's technique was remarkable, yet never gave the impression of effort. Mr. Schilsky's violin part was handled with his accustomed artistry and finish. Mr. Harold Parsons had much scope in the cello passages, and the occasion was notable from the fact that he was playing on an instrument that had just arrived; one made by Gabrielli in Florence in 1765. The rich, resonant, mellow tone of this instrument was to be recognised in the string quartet "Minuetto in D" (Mozart), in which Miss Kathleen Meegan played the second violin and Miss Sylvia Whittington the viola. In several passages the cello voiced the melody, accompanied by the other instruments, and the tone was by turns mellow as a human voice and deep as an organ note. Maurice Ravel's "String quartet in F" concluded the recital, the descriptive quality of the composer's work being beautifully rendered. The "Allegro moderato" with its haunting themes, and the "Assez vite" with most unusual pizzicato effects afforded scope for a fine rendering, and in the plaintive "Tres Lent" with the effect of wind through the trees and a swaying, drifting rhythm, the viola as well as the cello had much that was effective and expressive. Miss Whittington brought out just the right value in this movement. The concluding "Vif et agite" was given in a manner that interpreted the composer's mood vividly, and made an admirable close to an unusually enjoyable recital.

REC 5-10-27

NUTRITION LABORATORY.

As announced in The Register some months ago, the Commonwealth Council for Research is devoting much attention to the study of the most suitable foods for animals, particularly from the point of view of their nutritious value. Much attention has been paid to this matter in other States, and an up-to-date plant is to be installed in this city to work in conjunction with the University of Adelaide. A contract has been let, and a start was made by the contractors last week with the erection of the new building in the University grounds adjoining the bowling green in Victoria Drive. The building, which will be a two-storied structure, is to be of brick with cement dressings and red tiled roof, so as to conform with the general building scheme laid down by the council of the University. It will measure 110 feet by 60 feet, and is estimated to cost £10,314, exclusive of laboratory fittings, which will be provided by the Scientific and Research Council. They will be the most up to date possible to secure. The building is expected to take about 10 months to complete.

ADV. 5-10-27

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

"EMPIRE'S GREATEST INDUSTRY."

LONDON, October 4.

Welcoming delegates to the Imperial Agricultural Research Conference, at which the Australians, Mr. Julius, Mr. Cameron, and Dr. Richardson, and the New Zealanders, Dr. Reakes and Mr. Rigg, were present, the Minister of Agriculture (Lieutenant-Colonel Guinness) said never had such knowledge and experience of experts throughout the Empire previously been concentrated to assist the Empire's greatest industry. In this time of complexity and change, industries standing still were quickly left behind. Research must be used to improve agriculture, which was the giant pillar of the Empire's life and prosperity. As an example of Empire co-operation, he mentioned the Aberdeen institute's research work into the mineral contents of pastures, which was linked up with work in Australia, New Zealand, and Kenya. Conference would ensure that each part of the Empire would be educated in the research discoveries of the others.