

# SIR TOM BRIDGES.

## THE OFFICIAL FAREWELL.

### AN IMPRESSIVE SCENE.

Genuine regret was expressed by the large crowd which assembled at the Adelaide railway-station on Monday to say farewell to Sir Tom Bridges.

Parting scenes of an impressive character were witnessed at the Adelaide railway-station on Monday afternoon, when his Excellency the Governor (Sir Tom Bridges) left for Melbourne by special train. It was evident from the large crowd of citizens which gathered that genuine regret was felt that the time had arrived for him to sever his official connection with South Australia.

Shortly after 3.30 p.m. a large number of people congregated on the footpath on North-terrace and near Parliament House. The northern footpath from the main entrance to the station to the Assembly was lined with Boy Scouts, in charge of the State Scout Commissioner (Captain S. A. White), and they afterwards took up a position on the western end of the station, near Morphett-street bridge, where the special train placed at the disposal of Sir Tom was waiting. On the street opposite the opening into the railway-station was drawn up the 43rd Battalion with its band.

Sir Tom Bridges left Government House at 4.15 in a motor car, attended by his private secretary (Mr. Legh Winsor) and Captain B. J. Andrew, A.D.C., and escorted by sixteen mounted police, in charge of Inspector W. F. Johns, Sergeant A. G. Wellington, and Sergeant-Inspector W. B. Partridge. The men on their grey horses formed a fine spectacle. On arrival opposite the station his Excellency took the salute from the battalion, and the band struck up the National Anthem. An inspection was then made of the lines, and it was remarked by officers that never did the battalion present a smarter or more soldierly appearance.

Sir Tom Bridges, in addressing the battalion, said:—"It is a pleasure to take away with me the recollection of a smart guard of honor furnished by the famous 43rd Battalion, which has such a splendid record, and of which I am proud to be honorary colonel. Your regiment has lately been affiliated to the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, a most distinguished regiment, whose battle honors extend back nearly 200 years, including such historic feats as the capture of Quebec and the conquest of India. Major McCann has charged me with greetings of comradeship, which I will not fail to deliver when I reach home. I shall expect to have news of your battalion from time to time, and confidently hope to hear that it is the smartest and most efficient unit in the State, if not in the Commonwealth."

His Excellency then entered the station, where a large number of prominent people were awaiting the opportunity to say good-bye. They included the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir George Murray) and Miss Murray, the Premier (Hon. R. L. Butler), the Chief Secretary (Hon. H. Tassie), the Attorney-General (Hon. H. Homburg), the Minister of Agriculture (Hon. J. Cowan), the Minister of Education (Hon. M. McIntosh), the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. Lavington Bonython), the town clerk (Mr. H. P. Beaver), the leader of the Opposition (Hon. L. L. Hill), the Hons. J. Jelley and T. Butterfield, and many other members of both Houses of Parliament, the chief naval officer (Commander A. J. Loudoun Shand), the base commandant (Brigadier-General O. F. Phillips), the Commissioner of Police (Brigadier-General Leane), Major R. C. G. Prisk, Lieutenant H. P. Jarrett, Lieutenant C. M. Thomas, Lieutenant G. A. Young, the president of the Returned Soldiers' League (Major F. J. McCann), and the secretary (Mr. A. H. Dalziel), the president of the Limbless Soldiers' Association (Mr. H. Tingey), the Under-Secretary (Mr. H. Blinman), and a number of inspectors of police.

After shaking hands with the company on the platform and paying special attention to two army veterans—Captain G. Ashby, who served in the Kaffir and Zulu wars, and Petty-Officer H. Currell, who served in the Royal Navy in Egypt—Sir Tom Bridges returned to the street to take the final salute from the battalion.

A salute of 17 guns was then fired from the Parade Ground, and while the train steamed out the band played "Auld Lang Syne," and the crowd cheered, the Boy Scouts continuing until the train was well away.

Sir Tom Bridges was accompanied on the train by Mr. Legh Winsor. His Excellency intends to proceed to Tasmania and be the guest of the Governor (Sir J. O'Grady) for a time, after which he will go to New Zealand on a fishing excursion. Later he will sail for England, and on his way home expects to call again at Adelaide, where he will remain for a while as a private citizen.

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### ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.

#### Final Students' Concert.

The Elder Hall was crowded on Monday evening for the final students' concert for the year, and the conferring of diplomas. The Acting Dean of the Faculty of Music (Mr. I. G. Reimann) presented to the Vice-Chancellor of the University the associates in music for 1927, and the scholars recommended for 1928. The associates were Margaret Mary Burry and Mary Teresa Byrne (pianoforte), in absentia, and Vera Selena Gwendoline Mayfield (singing), and Ernest Phillips Tideman (pianoforte). The Elder scholars were Betty Froome Puddy (pianoforte) and John O'Connor McCabe (violoncello); and the public examinations in music scholar, Jean Virgo.

Mr. Reimann, briefly touching upon the work of the year, said that the Student Opera, while one of the youngest ventures, had already given ample proof of a vitality which should be lasting. The work is that direction by Mr. Clive Carey and Mr. Winsloe Hall was of greatest value to the students. What had already been done in the way of performances had been of high order; but the two forthcoming performances would eclipse former efforts. These were to be given on December 8 and 9 at the Norwood Town Hall, and he hoped the support accorded them would prove an incentive toward further success.

The programme of the evening was distinctly well balanced, and the instrumental and vocal numbers were alike good. Miss Marjorie Walsh was recalled again and again for her singing of the air, "Une voix poco fa," from Rossini's opera "The Barber of Seville." Her charmingly clear soprano had a bell-like quality, and she gave the cadenza in the form used by Melba, the florid ornamentation being rendered with bird-like ease. Miss Mabel Siegele's rendering of the recitative, "Fid d'innocenza" and aria "O moi Fernando," from Donizetti's "La Favourita," was distinctly good and the tone mellow. Miss Vida Buring sang "Villanelle" (Eva dell'Acqua) with considerable effect, and Mrs. Gertrude Orr presented "The cloths of heaven" (Dunhill) and "Creation's hymn" (Beethoven). Miss Irene Thomson-Webb gave a brilliant and expressive rendering of two piano soli, "Autumne" and "The Jugleress" (Moszkowski). Miss Marjorie Adamson presented the "Toccata," op. 111, No. 6 (Saint Saens), and Miss Jean White gave a descriptive interpretation of "Jardins sous le pluie" (Debussy). Master Clifford Bevan made a marked impression by his rendering of two piano soli, "Valse caprice" (Cyril Scott) and "Bluettes in D" (Schutt). This young pianist possesses a touch clear and sympathetic, and varied, and a feeling for rhythm, while the melody was charmingly stressed. He had to return and bow several times in response to continued applause. Miss Olive Dyer and Esme Roach were enthusiastically applauded for their playing of the first movement of the "Sonata for violin and piano in G minor" (Mozart). Master Harry Hutchens played with effect the violin solo, "Scene de ballet" (De Beriot). An unusual and striking feature was the performance of Raff's "Cavatina" by Mrs. C. W. Chinner, Misses Phyllis Chappel, Imelda Smith, Julie Cockburn, Gwen Laffer, Mollie Scolin, Edyth Newman, Eleanor Skipper, Flora Windle, Elma Cosh, Pauline Hyde, Ida Allison, Jean Hack, Ella Solomon, Winnie Tassie, and Masters Fred Groth and George Hooker. Tone and ensemble were admirable throughout. Mr. Arnold Farley's playing of the one organ number, "Lil nut" (Siegfried Karg-Elert) was distinctly pleasing. The whole concert made a fitting close to a capital series for 1927.

## BONDS OF COMRADESHIP.

### English Speaking Union.

The drawing together of the English speaking peoples of the world in the bonds of comradeship is proceeding apace under the aegis of the English Speaking Union. The second annual meeting of the Adelaide branch was held on Monday.

The President (His Honor Mr. Justice Angus Parsons) occupied the chair. The meeting was held in the board room at the Chamber of Manufactures Building, Pirie street.

The hon. secretary (Miss Doris M. Johnson) read the annual report of the committee, which stated that in spite of setbacks, the growth of the branch had been steady. Attendance at all functions had been good, and the activities had greatly increased. Although still in its infancy, the branch had definitely made itself felt in the community. Since the last annual meeting the finance had been in the hands of Mr. Harding Browne. They expressed thanks to him for



MR. JUSTICE ANGUS PARSONS, re-elected President of the English Speaking Union, Adelaide branch.

his valuable help and interest, and to members of his staff. One of the greatest incentives was the splendid spirit of fraternity between the branch and headquarters in London. Mr. Alfred Johns, the executive secretary, took a personal interest in their development, and were greatly indebted to the secretaries of the hospitality committees for their kindness to the many members who had gone to London. The practical help and courtesy shown to Mr. Ramsay Addison in London were deeply appreciated. They had also been helped by the friendship and advice of Mrs. Richard Gips (hon. secretary of the Melbourne branch). It might appear that undue emphasis was placed on the social side of the work, but after much thought and discussion they had concluded that they must work up publicity in that way if they were to have sufficient numbers to be on a sure footing. At present they were building a foundation for the more effectual and lasting work that was to come, when, through trade and commerce, music and art, they would be in closer contact with Americans. The event of the year, as far as the larger movement was concerned, had been the opening of Dartmouth House, Mayfair, as a permanent club for the E.S.U. During the year members of other branches visiting this State had been invited to their functions, and the secretary had always endeavored to see something of them. Those passing through on their travels had been met and shown as much of Adelaide as possible, and had been introduced to people who could be of interest and help to them. The membership had increased from 183 to 202. Letters of introduction to other branches had been given to 51 members. Mr. Glover was thanked for having acted as President during the absence of His Honor abroad. Special mention was made of the service rendered by the President of the reception committee (Mrs. C. R. J. Glover) and its members. As the branch grew their help would be needed more in entertaining overseas visitors. The resignation of Mrs. Glover was regretted, as she had given her time and energy to the work for three years. The committee was grateful to Miss Johnson for her zealous and efficient services as honorary secretary. Every member had been asked to get a friend to join, so that the numbers would warrant a clubroom for the administration of the work and as a meeting place for members. The committee had placed aside £50 for the clubroom fund. During the year reception had been given to the Empire Parliamentary Delegation and Dame Nellie Melba, the return of the President had been honoured. Lectures and recitals, an afternoon to American ladies, and bridge afternoons to introduce new members, and a reception to Miss Muriel Starr and Mrs. Macdonald were also held.

A satisfactory financial statement was presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. C. Harding Browne). The revenue totalled £149 from subscriptions, and there was a surplus of £25.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, the President mentioned the gratifying increase in membership, and urged members to assist in establishing a clubroom. He expressed regret at the retirement of Mrs. Glover, who had shown interest, zeal, and characteristic ability in carrying out her arduous duties with grace, charm, and success. In Mrs. Good, her successor, they had another lady of grace and charm. He also joined in thanking Miss Johnson.

Mr. C. R. J. Glover seconded, Aid. G.

McEwin, in support, voiced appreciation of the President. Every one going abroad, he added, should join the union before leaving, as it was a great advantage to come in touch with other branches, and especially to meet their American cousins. Dr. Duguid said the Anglo-Saxons in the United States were running the risk of being overwhelmed, and required their help and support tremendously. Any sacrifice made for the English Speaking Union was a distinct service to King and Empire.

Officers elected:—President, Mr. Justice Angus Parsons; Vice-Presidents, Mr. C. R. J. Glover and Dr. C. Duguid; Hon. Secretary and Reception Secretary, Miss Doris Johnson; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. Harding Browne; Hon. Auditor, Mr. Gordon E. Sunter; Executive Committee, Messrs. H. H. Balch (American Consul), J. G. Duncan Hughes, M.H.E., G. McEwin, G. A. Ward, F. W. Ralph, Mrs. J. Ernest Good, O.B.E., Lady Bruce, Messdames C. R. J. Glover, J. C. Slane, Charles Todd, Dudley Hayward; Reception Committee, President, Mrs. J. Ernest Good, O.B.E.; Vice-Presidents, the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Lavington Bonython), Lady Bruce, Messdames C. R. J. Glover, Mrs. H. Angus Parsons, Mrs. Dudley Hayward; Committee, Messdames Mollie Napier, Lisle Johnson, Reginald Quesnel, A. M. Cudmore, C. Harding Browne, Charles Todd, A. F. Cudmore, Bronie Smeaton, Frank Magarey, J. C. Slane, H. H. Balch, Samuel Johnson, W. A. Webb, Stanley Skipper, Wallace Sandford, J. S. Proctor, E. W. Holden, C. W. Rutt, and Misses Dora Muecke, Nora Herring, and Maude Puddy.

The retiring officers were thanked at the instance of Mr. F. W. Ralph.

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## TEACHING AGRICULTURE.

NEGLECTED IN SCHOOLS.

AUSTRALASIA BACKWARD.

Auckland, December 5.

That both New Zealand and Australia are backward in connection with the teaching of agriculture in the schools was the opinion expressed by the Director of Education in South Australia (Mr. W. T. McCoy), who is a passenger by the Aorangi, which is now at Auckland. Mr. McCoy represented Australia at the



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Biennial Conference of Directors of Education in London, and he spent a considerable time in the United States studying educational matters.

He said agricultural instruction was an important subject in school work there. There were 3,600 schools throughout the United States which taught agriculture, as well as many colleges which gave a post-matriculation course. Twice as much proportionally was spent on education in Utah as in Australia.

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### DENTISTRY EXAMINATION.

The Adelaide University authorities announce that no candidate for the degree of Doctor of Dentistry succeeded in passing the recent examination.