ADV. 19-5-27

Miss Bessie Evans is played a modern piano group by Scriabin, Debussy, and Glazounow, which offered much contrast. Miss Helen Stratman gave a quiet rendering of Schumann's "Andantino and Scherzo," from Sonata Op. 22. Pozzoli's "Golden Sonata" for two violins and piano was played by Miss Katie Yeargin (Elder scholar) and Messrs. Hartley Williams (Alderman scholar), and Francis Kemp.

On a protracted programme some of the numbers were far too long, notably Tartini's "The Devil's Trill," a set of brilliant variations for the violin, played by Miss Helen Magarey. This was followed by Miss Jean Catt's scena, "Rebecca's Prayer," from Sullivan's "Ivanhoe," which showed a rare voice not too well controlled, and the brilliant piano solo, "Concert Etude in D Flat," played by Miss Jean Jean Finlay, one regret being that it came so late in the programme. Some of the young artists had to return many times and acknowledged the appreciation shown of their artistic work.

The second chamber music concert will be given on May 30. Miss Ivy Arves will take the soprano part in the Mozart "Quartet in G Minor," and Elizabethan songs with string accompaniment will be sung by Mr. Clive Carey.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.

One of the features of the second term of the University is the series of extension lectures. Two or more lectures by each will be given this year, the subject for the first series, which will be delivered by Mr. Hancock on June 7, being "The Economic Value of Science," the second course, which will be delivered by Professor C. S. Hicks, on July 12, 19, and 26, will deal with "The Discovery of Matter." In his lectures Professor Hancock will deal with Lorenzo de Medici, Savonarola, and Leonardo da Vinci respectively as representative of the State, the Church, and the art of Florence. To those who wish to read up the subject beforehand the following books are recommended:—J. A. Symonds' "Renaissance in Italy" and Rachael Annand Taylor's "Aspects of the Italian Renaissance." The first short biography of Lorenzo de Medici will be found very strong in the "Heroes of the Nations" series; Dr. Villari has written a fine book on Savonarola, and Cecil Roth's "The Last Florentine Republic" also deals with the revival of his theocracy. On Leonardo da Vinci there are good books in English, but Richter's "Literary Works of Leonardo da Vinci" is a useful work, and is available in the Public Library. Among the novels which deal with the Renaissance are George Eliot's "Romola" and Meryl Rowzie's "The Portent." Benevenuto Cellini's autobiography is more exciting than any novel.

REG. 19-5-27

also Adv. & News

ROSEWORTHY COLLEGE.

Mr. W. R. Birks, New Principal.

The position of Principal of the Roseworthy Agricultural College was on Wednesday conferred by the Executive Council upon Mr. W. R. Birks (Principal of the Dookie Agricultural College, Victoria). Mr. Birks will take the position recently vacated by Mr. W. J. Colebatch when appointed a member of the Irrigation Commission.

Mr. Birks, who has had a brilliant career, is a son of the late Mr. W. R. Birks. His mother passed away recently at Norwood. He is 41 years of age, was born in South Australia, and is a nephew of the late Mr. Charles Birks, a founder of the large drapery establishment in Rundle street. Mr. Melville, M.P. (formerly of Broken Hill) and the late Mr.

MR. W. R. BIRKS.

Lawrence Birks (electrical engineer, New Zealand) were brothers. Mesdames Partridge (Unley) and W. R. Woods, of Norman street, Woodville, and Miss C. N. Birks, of the Public Library, are sisters. He was educated at Prince Alfred College, where he matriculated in 1902. After gaining commercial experience with G. and R. Wills & Company, Mr. Birks entered the Adelaide University in 1905, and took the compulsory subjects for the B.Sc. degree, and several subjects included in the engineering course.

Student of Roseworthy.

Going to Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1907 he took the full course for the B.Sc. degree (agriculture). He obtained the first-class diploma and the college gold medal as dux of the diploma class. Mr. Birks went back to the Adelaide University for a year in 1909 to take the science subjects of the course, and graduated the following year. He returned to Roseworthy College in 1910 as demonstrator in the science laboratories, carrying out original research work on the effects of superphosphate on the germination of small seeds, and afterwards submitting a thesis on the subject as required by the terms of the examination for the B.Sc. degree. In the same year, after graduating, Mr. Birks was appointed foreman at the Kybybolite Experimental Farm, under Mr. W. J. Colebatch. In 1911 he was appointed manager of the Bookpurnong Experimental Farm. That was during the infancy stages of the institution. In 1913 he was appointed Inspector of Agriculture in the New South Wales department, and was stationed in the western district.

Military Career.

He enlisted for active service abroad, and joined the 5th Field Artillery Brigade in September, 1915. He was promoted to sergeant in Egypt in March, 1916, and lieutenant in October, 1916, and served in action with various batteries of the 4th and 5th brigades from April, 1916, until the armistice. During 1917 and 1918 he was in command of the battery on various occasions, and for a period of four months performed the duties of battery captain. He definitely left for the armistice he was transferred to the A.I.F. education service as assistant director for a period of eight months. Among his duties was the organization of an agricultural training depot at Sutton Veny, near Salisbury. In 1919 he obtained release from military service, and prosecuted enquiries mainly on the subjects of wheat growing, plant breeding, and agriculture generally. In the course of these enquiries, in addition to spending three months at Cambridge, he visited Denmark, Sweden, Canada, United States, and New Zealand. He resumed duty with the New South Wales Department of Agriculture in July, 1920, and in February, 1922, was appointed Principal of the Dookie Agricultural College in Victoria. He joined the college when it was at a low ebb, and reorganized many branches. The present enrolment of the college is a record. At the beginning of 1927 all the accommodation was filled, and there was a waiting list for the following term.

REG. 21-5-27

BRILLIANT ADELAIDE STUDENT.

Awarded American Fellowship.

LONDON, May 19.

An American organization, the Commonwealth Fund, which provides fellowship (valued at £600 a year and tenable for two years) as American universities for British graduates, has established three extra fellowships for dominions scholars. Under the scheme Mr. H. I. Coombs, of South Australia, has been appointed to the Rockefeller Institute in connection with the study of physiology, and Mr. McDougall, of Tasmania, to the Columbia University to study law.

MR. H. I. COOMBS.

Mr. Herbert I. Coombs was in August, 1920, chosen as the South Australian Rhodes scholar. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Coombs, of Lily street, Goodwood Park. He took the degree of Master of Arts at Magdalen College, Oxford, and was elected senior scholar. He also gained a first class in the honour school of chemistry. He is at present at Trinity College, Cambridge, doing research work under Professor Sir F. Howland Hopkins.

ADV. 21-5-27

FACULTIES OF THEOLOGY.

FAVORED BY CONGREGATIONALISTS

The Congregational Union has decided to support the movement in favor of the establishment of faculties of theology in Australian Universities.

"That this assembly urges on the universities of Australia and New Zealand the desirability of establishing faculties of theology and degrees of divinity, believing this can be done without the slightest breach of those principles of religious equality which as Congregationalists we have always cherished." This motion was submitted to the assembly of the Congregational Union at Stow Church yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Principal Kiek, who contended that the matter was of a nonsectarian character. Last year at the University celebrations the suggestion was made by the Bishop of Adelaide. The time was ripe for establishing faculties of theology in connection with which degrees in divinity could be granted. The Bishop of Adelaide, who put forward the suggestion in an official capacity at the Cathedral, convened a meeting of all denominations, and also communicated with the head of the Roman Catholic Church. The Bishop also got into touch with all the capital cities of the Commonwealth. A committee had been formed to carry out this desirable proposal. In most universities in Great Britain and in other parts of the Empire such faculties had been established, and there had been no trouble in regard to sectarian differences or religious equality. Mr. Kiek took the opportunity of congratulating the chairman (the Rev. Principal Thatcher) on having had conferred upon him a degree by the Melbourne University Council. They helped in his well-won honors. Mr. Thatcher also held the degree of Doctor in Divinity of the University of Edinburgh (Applause.) He hoped the example of other places in the matter could be followed without prejudice or trouble in Australia. The Methodist had unanimously passed a resolution unanimously in favor of the proposal, and it had also been approved by the Presbyterian Assembly, and by the Baptist Union. Their own union had passed a similar resolution with perfect unanimity, as it also had in favor of the highest standards in education.

The Rev. Dr. G. H. Wright, in seconding the motion, said there was unanimity in South Australia among the churches with regard to the proposal. They had consulted the Roman Catholic Archbishop, who said he was sorry he could not cooperate, but at the same time wished them success. They have failed to get that sympathetic statement. They felt that the time had arrived when theology should be recognised among the faculties of their universities.

The motion was heartily supported by the chairman, and carried unanimously.

REG. 21-5-27

By the Melbourne express on Friday the members of the Adelaide University rowing crew left to compete in the Australian championship at Penrith, on the Nepean River (N.S.W.), on June 4. The oarsmen are A. F. Hayward, R. M. Smith, S. J. Douglas, A. J. Jarvis, M. A. Trudinger, S. E. Terrill, E. J. Robe, W. M. Morgan (stroke), and A. Walker. Also on the train were the following rowers who will represent the Adelaide University at the inter-Varsity championship at Melbourne on May 21:—P. H. Young, A. F. Hayward, R. M. Smith, (captain). J. A. Davis will leave Friday.

Dr. Angas Johnson has received intimation from Tasmania that he has been made an ex-territorial Justice of the Peace for that State.

REG. 23-5-27

£1,000 FOR UNIVERSITY.

A further £1,000, presented by Sir Langdon Bonython to the Adelaide University, will be added to the £7,000 already in hand for the construction of the Men's Union Building on land recently acquired north of the Darling Building. The Women's Union Building is also to stand on the same property, and £10,000 toward cost of its erection has been presented by Sir Josiah Symon. An appeal is being made for funds to reach the total required for the erection of the Men's Union Building.

NEWS - 14-5-27

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Conference in Adelaide

MELBOURNE, Today.

As a result of the agricultural conference convened by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research last March a standing committee has been appointed to act as an advisory and consultative body on matters relating to agricultural and live stock research undertaken by the Commonwealth.

This committee consists of the heads of the State agricultural departments and Profs. A. E. V. Richardson, J. A. Prescott, and T. G. H. Osborn, and will hold its first meeting in Adelaide on May 25.

Senator Sir George Pearce stated that the whole question of the matters to be brought forward by the Australian representatives at the conference will be discussed by the standing committee.

NEWS - 18-5-27

In the Assembly this afternoon Messrs. F. Anthoney, E. J. Shepherd, and E. C. de Vardon were appointed ballot to form a council of the Adelaide University under the Adelaide University Act Amendment Act of 1917.

REG. 19-5-27

Mr. Joseph Garnett Wood, B.Sc., of Adelaide, who has for two years been engaged in research work on plant physiology at Cambridge, has been commissioned by the Commonwealth Council of Scientific Research and Industry to investigate British research into pastoral problems (states a cablegram from our London correspondent). In 1923 Mr. Wood, who was chief demonstrator in botany at the Adelaide University, was awarded a scientific research scholarship by the commissioners of the exhibition of 1851. The scholarship is one of two offered annually for competition among persons nominated by the various Australian universities, the final selection being made in Great Britain. Mr. Wood graduated B.Sc. in 1922 with honours in chemistry. In 1923 he was appointed student-demonstrator, and in 1924 full demonstrator in botany. He published several papers in conjunction with Professor Osborn and independently on the physiology and ecology of plants from the "salt bush." His work in this field formed part of the scheme of research initiated by the Department of Botany on the native fodder plants of the arid and semi-arid districts.