



GUARD THE UNIVERSITY: Railings which have been removed from Victoria square waiting to be placed in their new position in the University grounds.

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WORKERS' EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The twelfth annual conference of the Workers' Educational Association was held in the Institute Lecture Hall, North-terrace, on Thursday evening. The president (Mr. E. R. Dawes) occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of delegates.

The annual report and the statement of receipts and expenditure were adopted. The former showed that during the year the enrolments had totalled 1,316, of which 730 were effective, and the average number was 727.

Adult Education.

Mr. A. E. M. Kirwood spoke on "Adult Education in Yorkshire." He said the aims of the adult educational movement in that county were very high. The Workers' Educational Association controlled most of the 458 classes, and there was a membership of about 10,000 students. The tutorial classes there began with the W.E.A. movement, when the object was to provide education regarding social, economic, and political problems. More recently the aims had been widened, with a demand for other subjects, including literature and some of the sciences, and the W.E.A. became the popular instrument for general culture. As in Australia, the four methods adopted were lectures, discussion, reading, and writing, but care had to be taken in the discussions to prevent that method from being reduced to mere statements of opinions, unsupported by facts. The true aim of the tutorial classes, to provide facilities suitable to the circumstances of the students and on a university basis, was becoming generally recognised. A technique of teaching had been evolved which was comparable to that of the university in its results, although different in details. The educational movement was young and healthy in South Australia, with enthusiastic people taking an interest, but it depended upon the members to determine the future. If their aims were high, their work actuated by determination, and there was hearty co-operation between the tutors and the students, they would be well on the way to achieve the success which had been achieved in Yorkshire. (Applause.)

The Realities.

Dealing with "The Realities of Adult Education," Mr. E. G. Biaggini said if they claimed superiority for their tutorial classes, they must brace themselves for serious and sustained effort. Their standard was not as high as that of Yorkshire, and if they decided to reach it they must be prepared to have smaller classes in the later years of the courses. He thought that should be their objective for the ensuing year. It depended upon the efforts and sacrifices of the student and the suitability of the tutors. A minimum of five hours' study per week should be accepted by the students. It was difficult at times for the working people to devote this time to the work. For that reason he favored a shorter working week. He thought the educational institution should be independent. Their educational purpose was to adapt themselves to the circumstances in which they lived, and he knew the best that had been thought and said about the things that most concerned them. (Applause.) It was decided to combine the positions of secretary and treasurer, and to amend the constitution and the standing orders.

Officers elected:—President, Mr. P. Goring; vice-presidents, Miss A. L. Tomkinson and Mr. E. R. Dawes; joint

committee, Messrs. G. McRitchie, F. Goring, E. R. Dawes, and G. Wheel- don; additional executive officer, Mr. G. Wheel- don; auditors, Messrs. W. A. Burrow and C. J. Page; central com- mittee, Mesdames C. R. Morris and J. Toby, Miss K. Hotson, and Messrs. C. J. Page, C. F. Fryer, J. Burgess, J. Longmuir, C. H. Dicker, C. E. Skitch, and W. Ham.

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LECTURER IN BOTANY

Dr. J. G. Davies Selected

PASTORAL RESEARCH.

Dr. J. Griffiths Davies, B.Sc. (assistant agronomist at Waite Agricultural Research Institute), has been appointed lecturer in botany at the University of Adelaide.

Born at Aberystwyth, Wales, in 1904, Dr. Davies was educated at the public school there, and later became a research student at the Welsh Plant Breeding Station at Aberystwyth. He took the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Science at the University of Wales.

He received his appointment to the institute while he was in Wales in January, 1928.

Dr. Davies expects that his new class will number about 15. The course is for one year.

Mr. J. G. Wood, M.Sc., was in charge of the class, but he found that other duties at the University did not permit him to continue.

"I will conduct the class on the same lines as Mr. Wood," said Dr. Davies to-day. "I do not propose introducing any innovations. At present I am preparing the syllabus."

"By an arrangement with the University authorities, my appointment is from year to year."

Research work is engaging the attention of Dr. Davies at the Waite Institute. He is concentrating on investigations in connection with the nutritive values of South Australian pastures from the mineral content point of view.

"The result of my work here will not be brought before the pharmacy students because it is too advanced," he said. "They will start on plant life and elementary physiology. Later they will deal with plant structure and the modification of plants."

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The John Gordon scholarship, ten- able for one year at St. Andrew's Col- lege, has been awarded to Mr. A. H. Young, who, after a distinguished career at St. Peter's College, is now studying engineering at the University. The council has also awarded a scholar- ship to Mr. M. L. Limbert, who has now taken up residence in the college. Mr. Limbert passed the leaving honors examination while at Scotch College, and at the University he has passed the first and second year examinations in civil engineering with credit.

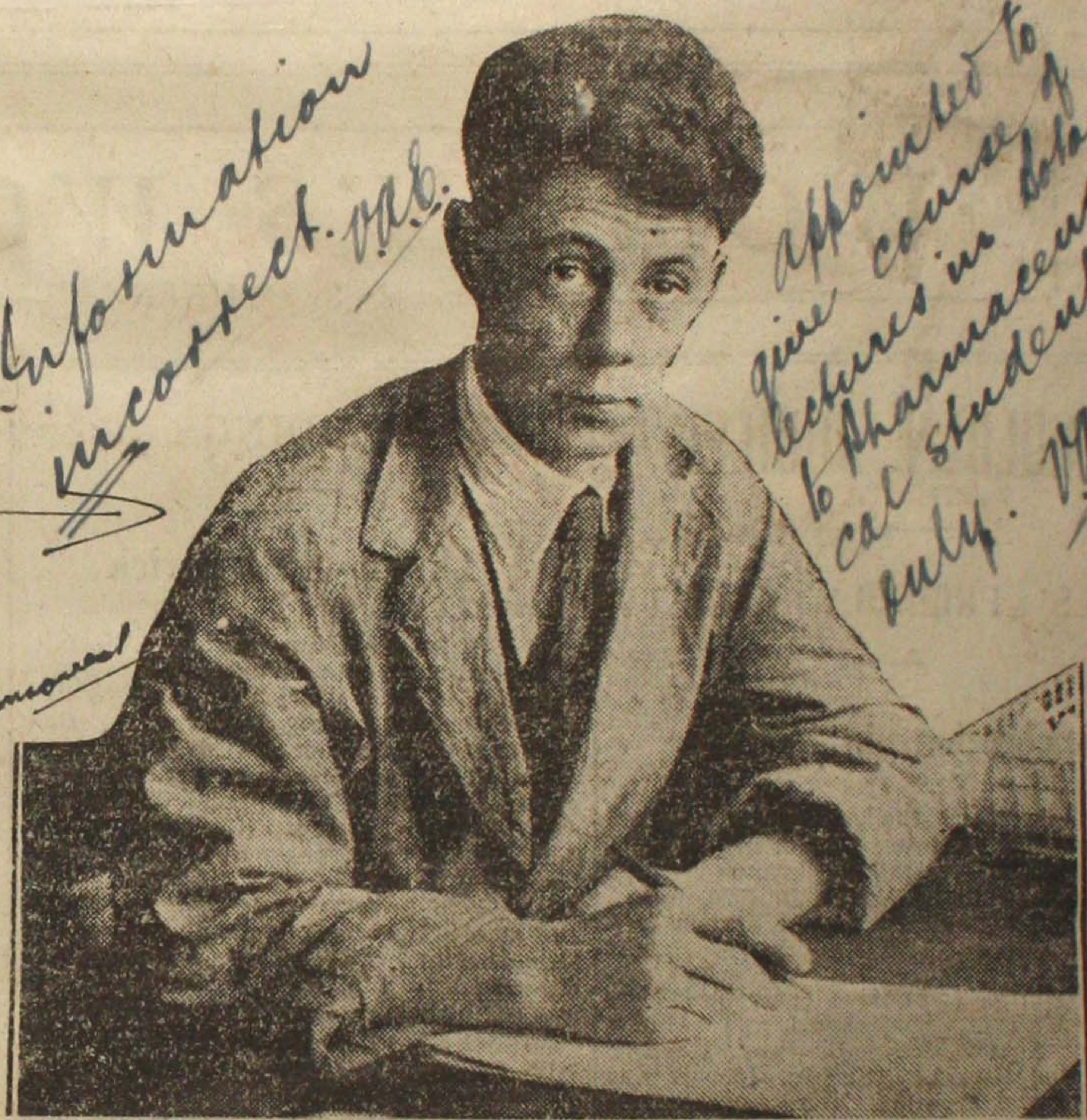
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The council of St. Andrew's College has awarded the A. E. Hamilton scholarship for 1929 to Mr. F. F. Heddle, who is now in residence at the college. Mr. Heddle while at Prince Alfred College took a prominent part in the life of the school, being elected a school prefect, and winning distinc- tion as an athlete. He obtained the leaving certificate, with honors, in several subjects. He has entered upon the medical course at the Univer- sity.

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Information incorrect. M.B.

Appointed to give course of lectures in Pharma- ceutical students. July. M.B.



BOTANY LECTURER AT UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

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Mr. M. W. Fletcher, the holder of a council scholarship at St. Andrew's College last year, has been awarded a similar scholarship for 1929. Mr. Flet- cher gained third place in the leaving honors examination of 1927, and going into residence at St. Andrew's Col- lege in 1928 secured first place on the credit list in the first examination in medicine, being awarded the Lister prize.