

REG. 21.5.28

ENGLISH LATIN PROFESSOR.

Visit to Australia.

LONDON, May 19. Professor R. S. Conway, Hulme Professor of Latin in Victoria University, Manchester, has been granted leave of absence to give four Classical Association lectures in Melbourne in October. He has also been invited to lecture in Sydney and Perth Universities, and will afterwards give the Wilding lecture at Canterbury College, New Zealand.

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UNIVERSITY ENGLISH.

From G. G. NEWMAN.—Your correspondent "Re" has not kept to the point at issue, but tried to pick faults in Mr. Ward's English. This method of argument shows the weakness of his own case. "Re" says he hopes the examiners will do their duty. They have overdone it, and as when meat is overdone, the result is far from satisfactory to the eater, so their overdone duty has resulted in general dissatisfaction among both teachers and scholars. Mr. Ward, by virtue of his position as deputy headmaster of the Adelaide High School, is unable to reply, but he may rest assured that he has the support of almost every teacher of English who has suffered by these wholesale slaughters. One professor tried to make every one Latin and Greek scholars, another attempted to turn out mathematicians of all of them; now English is the target. The twenty pages of jargon might be considerably shortened. What teachers would like to see is the essay written by the Tennyson medallist. They might be able to form an idea of what the examiners want.

REG. 22.5.28

SCIENCE AND FARMING.

Research Over Empire.

Sir J. Russell's Work.

FREMANTLE, Monday.

"I have come to Australia with quite an open mind to consult with the soil and agricultural experts," said Sir John Russell, director of the renowned Rothamsted Experiment Station, in Hertfordshire, England, who arrived at Fremantle to-night on the R.M.S. Cathay. Sir John will lecture in all the capital cities of Australia.

Under the auspices of the University Extension Board, Sir John will deliver two lectures in Perth, and will remain in Western Australia for about nine days. He said that he would see as much as possible of the State's agricultural development. He was hoping to ascertain in Australia the manner in which the Imperial Soil Bureau, now in process of formation, might be of most use to all the countries interested. The bureau would be established at Rothamsted with the idea of keeping in touch with what was being done in various parts of the Empire.

Asked whether any particular problem confronted agricultural scientists to-day, Sir John replied that dry land agriculture was the chief concern of those engaged in research work. The dry land problem affected Western Canada, South Africa, the Sudan, and parts of the African Protectorates, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, India, and Australia. Wheat was one of the best crops in dry land everywhere, and it would tolerate dryness almost as well as any plant. While on the way to Australia he had spent two weeks in Palestine, where he found the Jewish colonists making steady progress in the application of scientific methods to agriculture. They were producing fruit, especially Jaffa oranges, bananas, grapes, figs, and olives on dry land, which was irrigated, and were also producing wheat and dairy produce on unirrigated land. They were trying out some of the Australian wheat, which was noted for its rust-resisting qualities. The Australian wheat had a smooth ear, whereas all native wheats had bearded ears, the result being that native birds attacked the Australian wheats ferociously. Jewish scientists and investigators were trying to cross Australian wheat with bearded varieties to get a new sort, which would be rust-resisting and bearded.

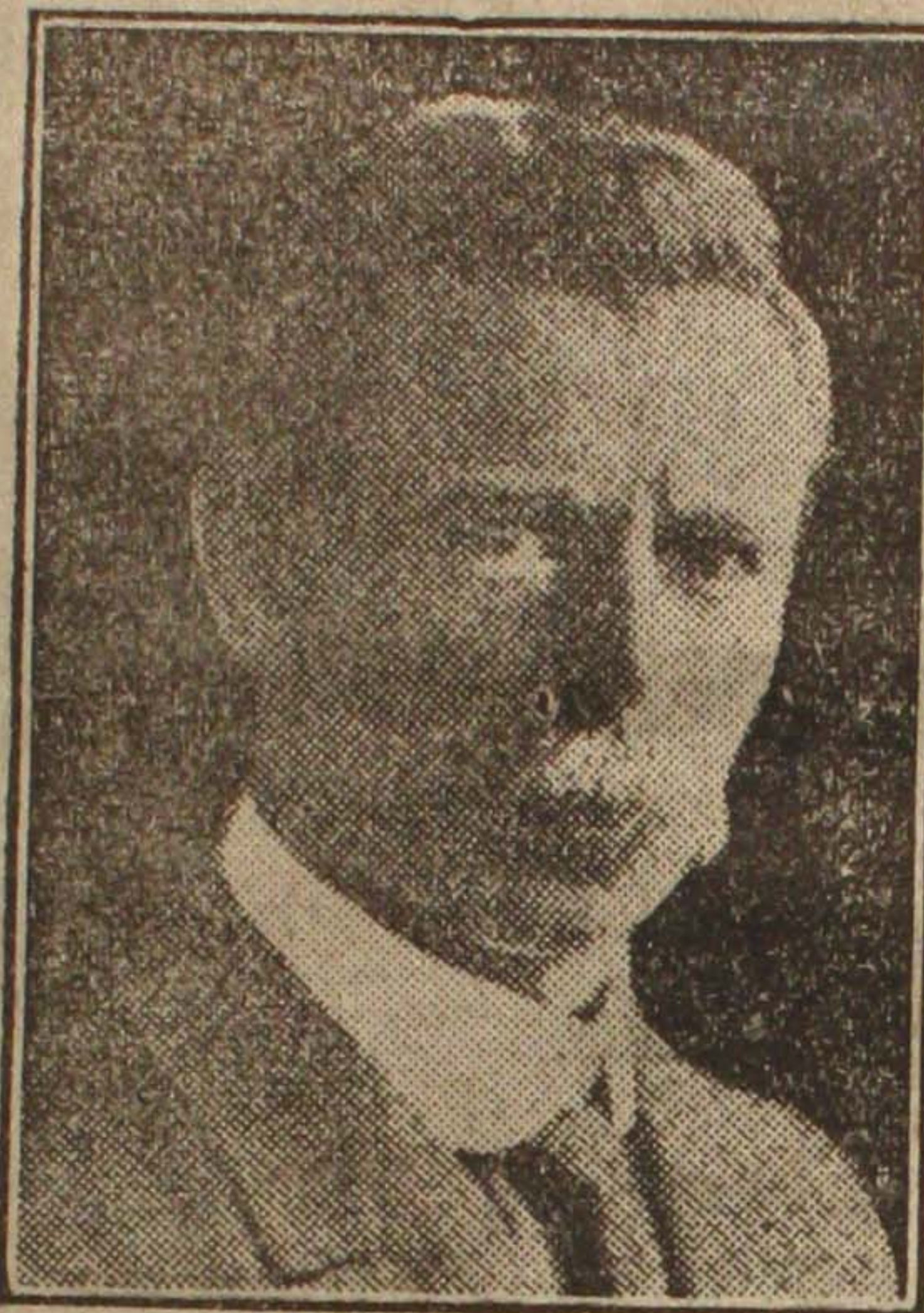
REG. 23.5.28

THE MAN ON THE LAND.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH.

Visit of British Scientists.

Science as an aid to agriculture is becoming increasingly recognised in most countries, and in Australia, the application of secrets wrested in the laboratories from the soil has been of particular interest recently. When the Imperial Agricultural Research Conference was held in England last year, one of the most important recommendations carried related to the establishment of Imperial Bureaus to act as clearing houses of information gleaned by workers throughout the Empire. Two of these are already in existence and deal with mycology and entomology. Considerable discussion occurred around the other subjects suggested for adoption by institutions, and it was ultimately decided that soil science, animal nutrition, and animal health, were the



SIR JOHN RUSSELL.

three most suitable subjects, and Australian agriculturists are indeed fortunate that the three men whose names have been prominently associated with the new bureaus are now in Australia.

Dr. J. B. Orr, is the director of the Rowett Research Institute in Aberdeen, and he has already been mentioned as the head of the proposed bureau of animal nutrition. He is now in Melbourne, and later proposes to discuss research problems with the authorities in New Zealand.

Sir Arnold Thieler is the second of the famous trio. He retired last year from the directorship of the South African research institute at Onderstepoort, near Pretoria, a position he has held since the establishment of the Union, and has already been offered control of the Imperial Bureau of Animal Health. This, it is proposed, will be situated in London. He is now in Sydney to confer with veterinary research officers. His investigations in Australia will later be the subject of a report to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. Sir Arnold is peculiarly fitted for his new position. His association with the South African Institute led him, about 20 years ago, into a veritable hotbed of animal ailments, and under his care wonderful results have been achieved in their control. So valuable, in fact, were his services and those of his colleagues that the newly constituted Union Government, reverting from an attitude which threatened the clearing out of all "foreign" scientists from the Dominion, granted an additional £40,000 for the work of the institute. That was in 1909. Since then its yearly expenditure has grown to £100,000.

Perhaps the most picturesque member of the trio is Sir John Russell, who arrived at Fremantle on Monday. He will spend about nine days in the western State, and is expected to arrive in Adelaide on Sunday, June 2. His direction of the famous Rothamsted experiment station in Hertfordshire has made his name a by-word among agricultural scientists the world over. His appointment to the historic station, founded in 1834 by Mr. (afterwards Sir) John Lawes, the discoverer of superphosphate, dates from 1912, when he succeeded another eminent scientist Sir Daniel Hall. An eloquent speaker, he has the happy knack of infusing popular interest into the intricacies of soil science.

Sir John, who will control the Imperial Bureau of Soil Science, will lecture here under the auspices of the various universities. His addresses will be given in Brookman Hall on June 6 and 8. Tickets are available at the University office, and his addresses are sure to be largely attended in view of the great attention given to soil analysis and research in this State.

On his journey out from England, Sir John visited Palestine, where he advised on the schemes of the Empire Marketing Board and the Zionist movement concerning the intensifying of production. After his visit to Australia, he will proceed to New Zealand to visit the experimental stations there.

REG. 24.5.28

VICEREGAL LEEVEE.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven) will hold a levee at Government House on Tuesday, June 5, at noon. Regarding the function, The Government Gazette says:—"All gentlemen attending the levee must bring a card with them with their names distinctly printed or written on it, for presentation to the private secretary, who will announce the names. Officials attending the levee are requested to write their official titles on their card for presentation. All gentlemen entitled to wear uniform or court dress are requested to do so. Other gentlemen to wear evening or morning dress. There will be no precedence in the order of presentation, but members of public bodies are requested to enter together as much as possible."

REG. 25.5.28

GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY.

Chances for Science Workers.

CANBERRA, Thursday.

Several graduates in physics and geology, and two surveyors are required for the field party being formed to carry out investigations on geophysical prospecting in the Commonwealth, under the direction of Mr. A. Broughton Edge. Each officer will be required to go with the party through Australia. The salary offered for one surveyor is £400, and for the other £350. For these positions training equivalent to School of Mines graduates is required. The other officers will be paid £400, and will be expected to have had training in physics and specialized methods of prospecting. A records officer is also required at £312 to £400. Applications close on June 11 with the secretary of the Geophysical Executive Committee, Melbourne.

REG. 25.5.28

RADIUM FOR CANCER.

Proposals For Use.

Rich to Pay For Poor.

CANBERRA, Thursday.

It has been decided by the Government that the radium recently purchased, shall be distributed through the universities of Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide, and that in cities where there is no Chair of Medicine in the universities, through the hospitals.

Proposals which have been submitted by Dr. Burrows, the English cancer expert, are interesting. One is that wealthy persons shall be charged for use of the radium, so that poorer people may have the use of it free of charge. Another is that emanations from the radium shall be bottled and sent to country centres for use.

REG. 26.5.28

The German Geographical Society has bestowed the Nachtigall gold medal on Sir Douglas Mawson in recognition of his exploration of the Antarctic. Sir Douglas recently lectured on the subject at the centenary celebrations of the society in Berlin.

NEWS 26.5.28

After 18 months spent in study in Britain Miss E. Potts, daughter of Rev. W. A. Potts, of Prospect, returned by the Maria Cristina, which berthed at Outer Harbor this morning. She obtained the Oxford Diploma of Education and also took a special course in geography at the London University. Prior to leaving for Britain she was the senior mistress at the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Glen Osmond.

NEWS 26.5.28

Miss M. Wait, M.A., who was formerly associated with a number of activities among women in Adelaide, has arrived in Paris. She will take post-graduate studies at the Sorbonne, with her sister, Yvonne. Miss Wait, who has been on a hurried tour of Britain, is contemplating a visit to Normandy next month. At the office of the League of Nations Union in London, she met Miss Margaret Darnley Naylor, an official of the organisation.

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A cablegram from Berlin states that the German Geographical Society has bestowed



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the Nachtigall Gold Medal on Sir Douglas Mawson, professor of Geology and Mineralogy at the Adelaide University, in recognition of his explorations in the Antarctic, on which he has just delivered a lecture at the centenary celebrations of the society. Sir Douglas Mawson left Adelaide in January, and is expected to return at the end of August.

REG. 28.5.28

The council of the University of Adelaide has appointed Mr. J. A. Fitzherbert to the Hughes Chair of Classics and Comparative Philology in succession to Professor H. Darnley Naylor, who resigned from the chair last year. Mr. Fitzherbert was born at Launceston, Tasmania, in 1892. He graduated B.A. at the University of Sydney in 1913, with first-class honours and university medals in classics and mathematics. In 1913 he entered Trinity College, Cambridge, and in the following year was elected to a senior scholarship in classics. After the war he returned to



MR. J. A. FITZHERBERT.

Cambridge, and in 1920 was placed in the first class in the classical tripos, part II, with a mark of special distinction in ancient philosophy. Since 1922 he has been lecturer in Greek at the University of Edinburgh. For some years Professor Fitzherbert has been preparing an edition of Plato's 'Kratylos,' and the work is now nearing completion. Professor Fitzherbert was engaged in military service from August, 1914, to April, 1919, and was gazetted M.C. in 1917.

REG. 29.5.28

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven) and the Hon. Lady Hore-Ruthven, accompanied by Capt. G. L. Verney, A.D.C., spent about two hours at the Waite Research Institution at Glen Osmond on Monday morning. They were met by the director (Dr. A. E. V. Richardson) and Professor Prescott.