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# Education Says Head

# Varsity Students May Be Searched for Liquor

## TALK BY REV. G. PENTREATH

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This opinion was expressed tonight by the head master of St. Peter's College the Rev. Guy Pentreath, during an address to the senior branch of the Student Christian Movement at the Y.W.C.A. Hindmarsh square.

Mr. Pentreath laid great emphasis on the basic principle of education, which he said, was training for life and citizenship. In England, South Africa, Australia, and other civilized and progressive nations today there was a growing dissatisfaction with the training supplied by secondary schools.

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## NORMAL EDUCATION

Mr. Pentreath asked: "Is it writ in heaven that a proper training for life and citizenship is a purely intellectual training?" Was not a physical education a crying need in these crowded days of training eye, hand and ear should not be a luxury for a few enterprising people, but the normal education, because it is not a luxury.

"Further, what is the good of training the men and women of tomorrow to use that terrific power which science gives us unless we have been able to appreciate and desire the best things in life and the right use of power?" he continued.

To be able to control the powers of Nature without being able to control ourselves is the mark of a lower civilization. Every possible means of character building should be employed in education, because without character is against the interests of the human race.

Mr. Pentreath quoted the report form of a school in Kashmir, which he said, had many points to teach the man who thought the best school was necessarily the school which produced the best examination results.

In the Kashmir scale of value, a knowledge of English was worth 150 marks; pluck, unselfishness, and good temper, directed towards other boys, 50; high character, 50; neatness, 100; cleanliness, 200; and a fine esprit de corps was valued at 300 marks.

## PROF. E. HAROLD DAVIES

A thought-provoking address to the students of the University of the South Australian Medical Association, "Character," said Dr. Harold Davies, in a lecture given yesterday to achieve success in a medical career—the will to surmount difficulties and to stand firm.

No experienced and observed musician can fail to realize that mere natural talents do not necessarily ensure musical leadership; in fact, the highly talented, often are "average" in mood, must realize that had mere labor been necessary to achieve partial success, strong personal character and greater "grit" would have been their desirable possession.

Every male student envies the facile technique of the virtuoso who stands out among their contemporaries, compared with their own seemingly mediocre efforts. They may have taken courage from the notorious fact that those vivid feminine sits are very often most superficial and rarely develop into great factors in after life.

THE vice-chancellor of the University (Sir William Mitchell) has issued a notice under the statute governing the board of discipline in which he states that the janitors of the University have been instructed to report evidence of drunkenness on the University grounds and to search cars suspected of containing intoxicating liquors.

This action followed the University hall on July 3, at which, it is stated, there were complaints and evidence of drunkenness on the University grounds. While not disputing the spirit of the vice-chancellor's edict, the University paper "On Dit," questions its legality under the statutes.

"On Dit," ever alive to the interests of the union, which body it so faithfully represents, has, at considerable expense, obtained opinion of learned counsel on the drink edict," states an article.

The counsel's name is withheld "for professional reasons," but the opinion expressed is that a specific rule is necessary to support the power of search claimed by the board of discipline, and that no such rule exists.

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Month-Glimmering Coasts," and "At Last I Know," from "The Immortal Hour," with their adroit accompaniments, served Harold Tideman well for the display of his vocal fluency. Rutland-Boulton, although he did not succeed in achieving the foundation of distinctive quality "The Immortal Hour." Trio in F major, op. 66.

A most useful work for a student's evening, he should not hold one's attention as a concert, giving a most facile treatment by Kathleen Williamson (piano), Lewis Jones (violin), and young Porter (cello). The four movements of this trio are well contrasted, but there is so little "meat" in the music.

Judged by the four early preludes of Scriabin, expressively played by Jean D'Arcy, this set of music might be passed as a pleasant disciple of Chopin. It is to his later works, both for piano and orchestra, that we must look for the color and modernism of this great Russian innovator. Dr. Ray Newling invested his playing with verve and spirit, and "The Witch" (Lorraine-Breville-Smith) had some fine dramatic moments. "Lorraine, Lorraine, Lorraine" was very effective. "The Horse," the historic song of Francis Korbay, the Hungarian song-writer, was vividly portrayed by the cello. Helen Magarey, violinist, essayed the "Andante" from "Symphonie Inevitable" which calls for a tempo for suppressed fire rather than the repose; however, this performer has a most good style.

The concert ended with "Scherzo" and "Finale" from Quintet in F Minor (Graham), in which Kathleen Williamson, Lewis Jones, William Gieseler, Clarence Gmelner and Ronald Porter took part. Subject matter, equally suitable for string or piano, was the first of this quintet—well marked, and a rhythmic precision characterised a fine sense of style. The "Scherzo" and "Finale" calls for much musical understanding; and a student's tempo was made to cope with its manifold difficulties.

Much of the accompanying was in the capable hands of Muriel Prince and Kathleen Williamson, who were the other accompanists.

# CHANGES IN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

## Rev. Guy Pentreath's Remarks Approved GREATER GENERAL DEVELOPMENT

Leading educationists were unanimously in agreement yesterday with the Rev. Guy Pentreath, headmaster of St. Peter's College, in his remarks on the new value of education, published in "The Advertiser." It was considered that the present curriculum is inadequate for the average boy and girl; that matriculation examinations have exercised undue influence on secondary education; and that the greater development in education is seldom recognised because students are urged much more to do some thing than to do it well.

Professor Keith Grey, Chairman of the Public Examinations Board, said that the present system of secondary education is suffering from serious defects. The mind of a child was not an empty space into which material could be crammed, but rather a growing organism, which, for its proper development, must be nourished with suitable food. There was evidence enough to show that the present system was often productive of an actual reversion from the modern curriculum was far too predominantly literary to suit the tastes of the average boy and girl. The curriculum of the secondary schools had a tendency to be dominated far too completely by examinations generally, and by the nature of the examination in particular. It was highly desirable that the secondary schools should evolve ideals and methods of their own. He would urge compulsory examinations as a general basis, and retain that system only for those schools which had definitely selected a professional career. It was true, but regrettable, that the average boy or girl was not more attracted by literature, especially that of the "high brow" nature. The development of the mind was an important note in Mr. Pentreath's address.

## THE SECOND CREST OF FORMER STUDENTS OF THE ELDER CONSERVATORIUM

By H. B. BREWSTER, JONES  
The youth concert programme of former students of the Elder Conservatorium of Music, which took place in the Elder Hall last night, was more sparsely attended than it deserved.

It is good to see that certain former students will have since taken upon themselves the responsibility of home management, have been able to keep the technique in their spare time. No doubt the practical classes which have been formed in Adelaide in recent years have helped to encourage students to do this, and the concert under review will also act as a further incentive.

Muriel Prince and Kathleen Williamson, who directed the programme with "Romance" and "Waltz" from one of Arensky's suites for two pianos, gave a good account of themselves. Arensky, born about three-quarters of a century ago, has an idiom which, although essential, is more effective, and he attracts by his graceful melodic line. A group of German luter, sung in the night by Phyllis Everett, brought forward the "Arensky" by the Viennese genius, Hu Wolf, and with it his "Dr. Late." He is good to hear many more of them. "Zueignung" (Richard Strauss) completed the bracket, which was musically sung with just too staid an use of the "ch."

Julius Savage, cellist, chose as her piece a very Scotch-sounding arrangement by Kennedy and "Dance des Sylphes" (Jenkins), which, although a mixture of English and French in the title, suited its style of a nature to the cellist. The performance of Gmelner, who has devoted much time to the violin, appeared very successfully in the "Concerto in G Minor" (Max Bruch) and two modern English excerpts of Roland-Boulton. By Dim