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£25,000 GRANT FOR MINING RESEARCH

Decision Of Federal Government

CANBERRA, November 27.

For mineragraphic research, the Federal Government has provided £25,000 to be spent over five years by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research in co-operation with representatives of the mining industry. This was announced by the Minister in Charge of Development (Senator McLachlan) today. The investigators, he said, would be free to lend their aid to the development of likely projects anywhere in Australia. It was the aim of the council to ascertain the form of occurrence of gold deposits, to advise on methods of extraction of the ore and to devise improved methods whereby the recovery of gold may be increased.

Miriam Hyde's Work As Scholarship Student

THAT London today is more than ever the musical Mecca of the world is the opinion of Mrs. C. H. Hyde, of Prospect, who has just returned from a seven months' visit to her daughter, Miss Miriam Hyde, who is studying music and composition under the terms of the Elder Scholarship at the Royal College of Music, London.

"I think it is largely due to the unrest in many European centres that students from other countries are flocking to London," said Mrs. Hyde. "Not only is it a centre of culture, but it appears to be a refuge for all sorts of foreigners."

Composing Second Concerto

Mrs. Hyde went to London because of her daughter's breakdown in health, following too intensive study, but before she left for home Miriam had quite recovered and was most happy to be back at her studies. "She is hard at work now on a second concerto," said Mrs. Hyde, "and hopes that it will meet with the same success as her first one, which was performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra at a Patron's Fund concert. That Miriam

Miss Miriam Hyde

was permitted to play her own composition was an unusual honor, because it is only when students have completed their course at the college that they are permitted to participate in such concerts.

Collecting Prizes

Just before her enforced vacation Miriam won the Ernest Farrar prize for composition, gained second place with her Pianoforte Quartet for the Cobbett prize, and as she tied for the Sullivan prize for similar work last year, she has really done extremely well. Very few people realise the immense amount of work involved in orchestrating a composition. Miriam works for hours at a stretch at intensive copying for the various instruments.

Mrs. Hyde met her daughter's teachers at the Royal College, Howard Blackburn for piano and R. O. Morris for composition, and were enthusiastic about Miriam's work.

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Treasures Of Royal College

"The Royal College is a most fascinating place," said Mrs. Hyde. "The Albert Hall shuts out the roar of London's streets, and as one approaches there is just a glorious medley of sound floating from the many studios—violins, pianos, voices and often the deep tones of the pipe organs. In one room, the Donaldson Museum, there is a most valuable collection of ancient musical instruments which were presented to King Edward in 1904. The room is decorated and furnished in Italian Renaissance style, and the varied selection of pianos alone is full of interest. The Parry, or "silence" room (the Council's memorial to the late director Sir Hubert Parry) is a haven where students can study in perfect quiet."

Homesick Chinese Girl

Since returning to the college, Miriam is living in a chambers for students in Kensington Gardens. There are six girls there, all studying a variety of subjects such as interior decorating, dramatic art, ballet dancing, and music; so one can readily imagine the nightly discussions that take place in the sitting-room. These are excellent from each girl's point of view, as she has not much opportunity to think and talk, exclusively on her own pet subject; consequently, her mind is relaxed and refreshed.

One of the inmates is a charming little Chinese girl, Diana Sun, aged 19, whom Miriam has taken under her wing. Diana is studying violin and piano at the Royal College, and was so terribly homesick when she first arrived that she refused to eat her meals in public. Now she is learning English from her companions, and mastering the intricacies of knife and fork. She and Miriam go walking in Kensington Gardens, where the names of the trees supply an excellent basis for language lessons for both girls.

Another student whom Miriam is "mothering" is totally blind. She is studying the organ at the Royal College, and the girls take turns to take her to and from the College.

Mrs. Hyde and her daughter were guests of Lady Buckland when Mrs. Hyde first arrived in England, and before Miriam returned to work they spent a delightful holiday at a 15th century farmhouse in Buckinghamshire.

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Mr. Arthur Stilwelle Hoblank, who has been recommended for the Joseph Fisher Medal for the diploma in commerce at the university, is the Registrar in Bankruptcy for South Australia. The medal is awarded to the candidate who is the most distinguished to complete the course. Mr. Hoblank, who is 45 years of age, began his studies at the university when he was transferred from country courts to Adelaide.

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UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETS

Revisions Of Statutes And Regulations

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Adelaide was held yesterday in the Prince of Wales's lecture room at the University. Professor R. W. Chapman, Dr. A. M. Cudmore, Sir Douglas Mawson, Mr. T. E. Barr Smith, and Sir Walter Young were elected to vacancies on the council. The Warden of the Senate (Mr. Justice Angas Parsons) and the Clerk of the Senate (Mr. F. W. Eardley) were re-elected.

Several amendments were made in certain statutes and a number of regulations. A slight revision was made for matriculation in the faculty of applied science, and a slight variation was made in the matriculation of the diploma in applied science. For the John Howard Clark prize, the prizewinner will now be required to proceed to the degree of Master of Arts by submission of a satisfactory thesis on a subject connected with the English language, or with English literature, and to be approved by the faculty of arts. The statutes of the Tinline Scholarship were revised so that the candidate for the honors degree of Bachelor of Arts who shall be placed highest in the final examination in the school of political science and history shall be nominated for the scholarship. In certain cases the candidate for the ordinary degree may be nominated.

Candidates nominated for the scholarship will be required to proceed to the degree of M.A. in the school of political science and history by submission of a satisfactory thesis on a subject approved by the faculty. The total value of each scholarship will remain at £60, and will be paid in two instalments, each of £30.

The regulations of the degrees of B.A. and M.A. were amended, and the curriculum for students proceeding to the degree of Bachelor of Science in physiology and biochemistry were slightly revised. The regulations of the degree of Bachelor of Agricultural Science were revised so as to re-arrange the work in second and third year botany.

The conditions under which the degree of Master of Engineering may be gained were altered to provide that every candidate must submit for examination a thesis which may be—(a) an original design for some engineering work; or (b) an account giving evidence of ability on the part of the candidate to cope successfully with engineering difficulties, of some engineering work for the design or construction of which the candidate has been largely responsible; or (c) an account of some original enquiry or investigation made by him into some matter connected with engineering.

Professor Davies Supports Centenary Hall Scheme

In a letter to the Premier (Mr. Butler), the Elder Professor of Music at the Adelaide University (Professor E. Harold Davies) supports the proposal to build a Centenary Hall at the Wayville Showgrounds. Professor Davies says that the hall should possess a modern organ, that the platform should be carefully designed, and that it should be furnished with chairs of real comfort. In addition, recent research into acoustics should be fully availed of to ensure perfect hearing.

"Such a hall would be greatly welcomed by the music loving public, and would return to music some small portion of the large sums yielded to the State by the amusement tax," says Professor Davies. "I believe that music is destined, before long, to take a still more prominent place in our communal life. The schools are even now realising the need to educate for leisure as well as for work."

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TO BE MEDICAL MISSIONARY

Young Adelaide Woman Doctor's Plans

Dr. Beryl Bowering, a young house-surgeon at the Adelaide Hospital, will leave for India at the end of January to become a medical missionary at the Jiaganji Women's Hospital, East Bengal. Dr. Bowering had planned to take up this work since she began her medical studies at the Adelaide University. She received her degree a year ago, and since then has been on the Adelaide Hospital staff.

Dr. Bowering is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bowering, of Henry street, North Kensington. Her mother is president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Before going to the Adelaide University, Dr. Bowering studied at the Methodist Ladies' College.

Dr. Bowering

Before she joins the Jiaganji Hospital staff, Dr. Bowering will spend three months studying the Bengali language at a college in Darjeeling.

NEW LECTURER FOR UNIVERSITY

W.A. Rhodes Scholar In 1931

Mr. John A. La Nauze, Rhodes Scholar for Western Australia in 1931, who has been appointed lecturer in Economics at the University of Adelaide under Professor Shann, was 19 when he was chosen as Rhodes Scholar. He had a brilliant academic career. In October, 1923, Mr. La Nauze, then at the South Perth State School, gained a secondary school scholarship and became a student in the Modern School in 1924. His junior certificate was obtained in 1926, and in November, 1928, he passed the leaving certificate examination in four subjects, with distinction in four. On the results of this examination he was awarded the Government University Exhibition in English and history, and the University medal in English for the best papers at leaving standard.

Mr. J. A. La Nauze

In 1929, his first year at the University of Western Australia, he passed in four subjects, obtaining distinction in each. He enrolled in the Arts School of history and economics and took honors in the latter subject in 1931. He edited the University magazine, and became the first news editor of the "Pelican," the University students' newspaper. At the end of 1929 he was elected treasurer of the Students' Union Council.

As an athlete Mr. La Nauze was prominent at school, winning the first and second year championships. In tennis he has been particularly successful. In 1924 he won the under 14 championship and, in 1926, the under 16 schools' championship of Western Australia. In 1927 and 1928 he was open schools champion of the State in singles and doubles. At the University he was captain of the team which won the Slazenger Cup in 1929.

Mr. La Nauze obtained first-class honors in Modern Greats at the University of Oxford in July. He will reach London for Australia on December 8 and, after several weeks in Perth, will come to Adelaide.