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# CARNEGIE CHIEF FOR ADELAIDE

## President of Great Corporation

### APRIL VISIT LIKELY

TENTATIVE arrangements have been made for the president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York (Mr. F. P. Keppel) to reach Adelaide on April 6 for a six days' visit. He will arrive in Australia this week.

He is particularly interested in adult education, and in libraries as a means to such training. Mr. Keppel's visit follows a survey of Australian libraries made by the director of the Carnegie Corporation, U.S.A. (Mr. R. Munn) last year.

After his survey of the Adelaide Public Library Mr. Munn criticised several of its sections. In an interview he intimated that he intended to recommend in his report to the Carnegie Corporation that a rate-supported, free lending library should be established in Adelaide with branches in the suburbs.

### BIG GRANTS

Mr. Munn also said that the Adelaide Circulating Library was not a proper library at all, but simply a place where books, chiefly novels, were distributed to subscribers.

It will be Mr. Keppel's first visit to the country, and the arrangements for the tour are being made by the Australian Council for Educational Research. This organization received the largest benefaction yet distributed in Australia by the Carnegie Corporation when it obtained a grant of £750 a year for 10 years for research work.

Australia has already received many thousands of pounds from the corporation for adult education and for sending people abroad on missions of educational improvement.

## New 8-1-35 HONOR FOR S.A. PROFESSOR

### Invitation to Visit America

### AWAY 12 MONTHS

PROF. J. McKellar Stewart, of the University of Adelaide, and one of Australia's leading educationists, has accepted an invitation from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, to visit America to investigate certain phases of education.

At the request of the University Council, Prof. Stewart will also visit England to inquire into the question of the junction of schools and universities in Great Britain.

He will leave in the Ormonde on February 7 for England, where he will remain some months before visiting America. Prof. Stewart will be absent about a year and part of his duties at the university will be undertaken by Dr. A. C. Garnett, who returned a year ago from America where he lectured in philosophy, psychology and philosophy of religion.

He gave lectures on courses for the "Warner" Educational Association last year. It will be the corporation visitor from Australia and will interchange views with Americans." Prof. Stewart said today "I will visit the leading universities and talk with philosophers and others who are doing the same kind of work as myself."

PROF. STEWART ON MATRICULATION  
Prof. Stewart will leave Adelaide on Tuesday to attend the congress of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science Congress in Melbourne. His journey into the junction of

schools and universities in England should produce interesting information for the University of Adelaide on the question of matriculation.

Prof. Stewart has received a letter from the president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York (Mr. Keppel) who requested that they would not meet when Mr. Keppel visits Adelaide early in April.

Prof. Stewart was appointed Hughes professor of philosophy at the university in 1923. He is Dean of the Faculty of Arts, chairman of the joint committee for the W.E.A. tutorial classes, chairman of the W.E.A. Advisory Council of Education. He is also chairman of the Council of Governors of Scotch College.

## New 8-1-35 PROF. PRESCOTT BACK FROM TRIP ABOARD

### MECHANISATION IN RUSSIA

PREMANTLE, Tuesday.—Australian farmers are of high intelligence by comparison with those in other countries, but are unduly conservative, according to Prof. J. A. Prescott, who arrived in the Ormonde today on his return from Great Britain and the Continent, where he continued his soil research inquiries.

Prof. Prescott, who is professor of agricultural chemistry in Adelaide, also visited Russia. He was much impressed by the high standard of soil research there, but a tendency towards too complete mechanisation caused by the lack of good horses, he said. The Russian policy was to provide for a home market only, and there was no desire to flood markets. All agricultural production was strictly organised under the State, and the tendency was to fix the prices and acted as an intermediary between collective farmers and co-operative consumers.

Collective farming was the outcome of nationalisation, which, with mechanisation had forced many off the land. The Russian object was to raise the standard of living.

## Adv. 9-1-35 SCIENTIFIC FARMING IN RUSSIA

### Prof. Prescott Impressed With Advance

PREMANTLE, January 8. Returning to duty after nine months abroad, where he enquired into recent developments in agricultural science and inspected many research stations, Professor J. A. Prescott, Professor of Agricultural Chemistry in the University, and chief of soil division of Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, returned through Fremantle on the Ormonde today.

The chief objective of his enquiries was to compare the standards of Australian soils with those existing in other countries, particularly Russia, which, he said, had one of the most advanced systems of soil classification in the world. He visited America, Britain, Belgium, and France in addition to Russia.

Agricultural research was organised on an extensive scale in Russia, he said, and stations were well equipped. Greater benefit was now being derived from research, as the peasant farmers who in the past were uneducated, had reached the stage where they could appreciate the scientific knowledge available to them. The Russian agricultural policy did not embrace the dumping of large quantities of wheat on the world market, the main trends in agriculture being towards growing sufficient for home consumption and extending activities in dairying and fruit growing.

The Russian farmer had a machine complex in farming, and there were no tramp tractors in the country. He emphasised the fact that collective farming should not be confused with co-operatively in, for example, anything up to four hundred farms, worked co-operatively in the case of private properties, under the auspices of the Agricultural Department. He believed that the Australian was far too much of an individualist at present for there to be a possibility of collective farming. Also, Australian conditions with farming on an extensive scale, did not lend themselves to this system. He added that in soil research, as in other branches of agricultural research, Australia was well advanced.

# Appointment Shortly to English Chair at University Considered Likely

It is considered likely that an appointment will be made shortly of a professor of English language and literature for the University of Adelaide. The post has been vacant since the death of Prof. Sir Archibald Strong in 1930.

University students attach significance to the presence in England of the Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Mitchell), who accepted an invitation from the Philological Academy to deliver its Philological Lecture for 1934. Sir William is still in England, and it is understood that negotiations are in progress to find a successor to Sir Archibald Strong.

Dr. R. C. Bald, who was a lecturer in English language before he left Adelaide to further his studies abroad, has been mentioned as taking part in the negotiations. Applications were received for the position in 1933, but no appointments were made.

July chair of English language and literature at the University was named in honor of the husband of Mrs. G. A. Jury, who gave £12,000 in 1921 for the endowment of the chair.

When questioned today regarding the appointment, the Registrar of the University (Mr. Eardley) said that he had no information to give on the subject.

## Adv. 9-1-35 Professor Stewart To Go Aboard

Professor J. McKellar Stewart, the Professor of Philosophy at the Adelaide University, has accepted an invitation extended by the Carnegie Corporation in New York to visit America to enquire into certain branches of education. He will leave for England by the Ormonde on February 7, and will remain there for some months before going to America. While there he will enquire, at the request of the University Council, into the question of the linking up of schools and universities in Great Britain.

Professor Stewart said yesterday that he would exchange views with American educationists, and would visit leading universities. Portion of the work of Professor Stewart, who expects to be absent for about a year, will be undertaken by Dr. A. C. Garnett, who gave lecture courses for the Workers' Educational Association last year.

## Adv. 14-1-35 Saltbush In Sinai

I MET Dr. Angus Johnson during the week-end, and he was pleased to have heard good news about the success of the expedition to the saltbush, which he sent to the Governor-General, Sir Philip Gurney Canning, (Major C. S. Jarvis).

Mr. Tiltham Ben-Avi, a Palestine newspaper editor, who recently visited Adelaide, told the versatile doctor that he had been down through the Sinai Peninsula, Dr. Angus Johnson and had seen what the Governor of that province had done with our saltbush.

Dr. Johnson, who, besides being Medical Officer of Health, is chairman of the Botanic Garden Board, has been collaborating with the Director of the Garden (Mr. H. Graves) in an endeavor to get Tamarix cuttings from Palestine, and in this connection Mr. Graves has received a letter from Mr. H. E. Oppenheimer (Head of the Division of Horticultural Science and Genetics) at Rehoboth:—

There are five species of Tamarix growing in Palestine. I think that for your purposes—for binding sand in desert places—Tamarix articulata would be best suited. I shall endeavor to collect seeds from the palestiniensis species for you, and rooted cuttings, which might arrive in good condition if sent by air mail. As most of the species mentioned are growing in desert regions, it will take a few months before I can send you the material. I thank you very much for your kind offer to provide us with Australian plants.

Mr. Graves told me on Saturday that there is none of these Tamarix in South Australia, and probably Australia. They should do well on the seaford and on windward parts of the Adelaide plains. In July the old man saltbush and a collection of seeds of culinary herbs were sent to Palestine, and recently Dr. Angus Johnson forwarded a collection of vegetable seeds, which should do well there.

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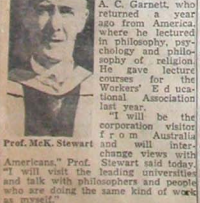
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## DISCOVERY BY S.A. RHODES SCHOLAR

### Meningitis Serum In General Use

Dr. Brian Macgrath, the South Australian Rhodes Scholar for 1930, has recently gained, with distinction, the Oxford degree of Doctor of Philosophy. While at Magdalen College, he obtained the degree of bachelor of science, and was recently elected to the Staines medical fellowship at Exeter College, Oxford.

As the result of experiments on animals extending over a period of three years, he has produced a serum which is now being used throughout the hospitals in England for the speedy diagnosis of cerebro-spinal meningitis. Dr. Macgrath has also been investigating the causes of high blood pressure, and will shortly publish papers on this subject.



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