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Bright Future for Australia

— SAYS THE PREMIER.

Speaking to a crowded house at the second of the Politics Club's series of lunch hour addresses, the Hon. R. L. Butler outlined a future policy for Australia. He spoke with quite unexpected lucidity and brevity.

We must, he said, pin our faith to the "pay your way" policy, and eschew fancy financial doctrines. That was how we surmounted the depression. But credit must be controlled, not by supply and demand, but by expert handling on a national scale. It must not be the plaything of party politics, or sporadic fanatics. By its control, booms and depressions, both evils, might be suppressed, for limitless credit led to a boom, and then, lacking control, the same agency precipitated the slump. The only adequate standard was security, not ephemeral optimism. In Australia, the present reasonable rates of interest should remain, particularly as any increase hampered the man on the land. Let the Commonwealth Bank take supreme control, and all would be well.

Weakness of Our Banking System.

Lack of co-operation between the Commonwealth Bank and Private Banks, and the high rates of interest paid for money at call in the Savings Banks was the cause of slow industrial recovery. A constitutional change in respect of state finances was essential. At present the Grant system was a total failure, and should be replaced by a system giving compensation to the states that had been left behind in the rush for secondary industries. Further, the Government was embarrassed through shortage of funds in London. The cause? Excessive imports, and heavy external loan payments. But the British suggestion that we should borrow to pay our debts was absurd. We have tried that before. No doubt a most gratifying policy for British industry, whose products would then be purchased with borrowed funds, but it was being realised that loans must be commensurate with our resources. Even now, he added, some States were spending far too much on unproductive works.

Old Fallacy Exploded.

There was once a notion that all Australia was good for was to supply England with raw materials. Even now, English people find it hard to lay this bogey. But, unless we get to work and develop secondary industry we shall never be great enough to defend ourselves. Here we have materials, workmen second to none, climate ideal, and adequate technical ability to meet any task. True, we

need population, and to this end committees should be set up to make an immediate start with British migrants. And a good tariff policy was essential. In the past high tariffs had bred inefficiency; but now there were signs that in some lines, Australia can meet the world's competition. Protection must stay, but inefficient industry must be abolished. It was significant that the Tariff Board now examined every change in duties in the light of past errors.

National Defence and the Empire.

The Premier deplored the way in which defence was discussed with bated breath. The country was entitled to be enlightened on the true position. No one could call us aggressive, but situated as we were in an empty country surrounded by teeming millions, we should be on the qui vive. Collective security was as yet an unattained ambition, and, speaking for himself, he had more faith in the Empire than in the League of Nations. The Empire was a shining example of practical pacifism, and if six nations could keep the peace, why not the whole lot? The greatest force for peace in the world today was the British Commonwealth, and we must do our duty by it by being prepared. And, if voluntary training failed, force must be used. After all, the greatest crime of which a nation could be guilty was that of putting untrained men in the firing line. For the last century, Britain had borne the burden of our defence, and it was now time for us to have army, navy, and air force.

The speaker concluded by exhorting all to stick to parliamentary government. In the long run, the peoples' representatives, whatever their failings, were substantially right.

Altogether, a compendious address. It was unfortunate, though, that no time was found in which to expatiate on the golden harvest of five-year parliaments.

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Union President a Student

M. F. Bonnin Elected.

At the first Union Committee meeting on Monday, 20th April, M. F. Bonnin was elected President, with Dr. Pennycook as Deputy President. This is the first time an undergraduate has been elected to that office.

At the beginning of the meeting Dr. Pennycook took the chair. Mr. Bonnin was the only member of the Committee who was not present. The first business was the election of a President. R. Elix suggested that the time was ripe for the election of a student President. He was supported by A. H. Magarey, who said that the affairs of the Union were running quite well enough to warrant the step and that we had in Bonnin, a student capable of doing justice to the position. Dr. Pennycook then suggested that it would be unwise to establish a precedent which might prevent a future committee from discussing the appointment on its merits. He asked for a motion on the principle of a student presidency. R. H. Elix agreed with him, pointing out that the Union is now a composite body, including graduates and staff as well as undergraduates. A. H. Magarey then moved, and N. Wallman seconded, that the Committee had no objection in principle to a student president. This was carried unanimously. M. F. Bonnin was then nominated by A. H. Magarey, and seconded by J. W. Skipper, and was elected unanimously with acclamation.

Nominations for Vice-President were D. C. Cowell (proposed Magarey, seconded MacFarlane), and Dr. Pennycook (proposed Elix, seconded Cowell). Dr. Pennycook was elected.

The following officers and Sub-Committees were appointed:—Representative on Sports Association, F. J. Fenner. Finance Committee: Mr. F. W. Eardley, A. J. Stevenson, Miss P. L. Bidstrup, together with the President. Vice-President, Treasurer, and the Chairmen of the Men's and Women's Unions ex officio. House Committee, Miss A. Cherry, A. H. Magarey, and President and Chairmen of Men's and Women's Union ex officio.

The next business was the election of Professor H. J. Wilkinson as an honorary life member. In seconding this, Dr. Pennycook paid a tribute to Professor Wilkinson's work for the Union. Mr. Bonnin was instructed to write him a letter of thanks.

The Dance Club's affairs were then discussed. This society has suffered badly from competition by faculty dances and similar functions. Its

assets are now £1 3/6, and some cake dishes, and its liabilities more than £13. The question of taking it over was deferred to the Finance Committee. It was decided at the meeting that it was preferable to hold the lunch-hour addresses in the Lady Symon Hall as at present, rather than in the Refectory itself.

A number of non-graduating students were admitted to the Union, on Mr. Eardley's recommendation.

UNION BUILDING FUND.

The last business was the election of a committee to confer with the Professors on the launching of an appeal for funds for the Men's Union Building. The Union will be glad to hear that this is at last practical politics, and that the Union building may be going up by this time next year. The Committee will consist of the President, the Chairman of the Men's Union, the President of the Sports Association (Dr. Sangster), Dr. Pennycook, and Messrs Stevenson, Fenner, Bridgland and A. H. Magarey.

Coming Events

Friday, April 24th—Prof. J. R. Wilton will address the members of the S.C.M. and visitors on "The Authority of Christ" in the Lady Symon Hall, at 1.20.

Meeting of the Arts Association in the Lady Symon Hall at 8 p.m.

Monday, April 27th—Meeting of the Science Association in the Refectory in the evening. Speakers: C. D. Boomsma and J. W. Lilywhite.

Also Keep in Mind:

Wednesday, May 6th—Women's Union "At Home" to entertain members of the Wives Club.

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ANZAC DAY.

To-morrow we will be looking back on an earlier generation of youth who fought for their country, and for the hope of a lasting peace. That to-day their sacrifices seem to have been in vain, is the fault of those leaders who came after them and were not equal to the tasks of reconstruction. It is we who must fight for the realization of those ideals, and the task may be as hard for us as it was for them. However, those who fought in the last war have left us the means of attaining world peace and international law, and on these something may yet be built.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WAR CAPITAL AND BILLS.

Sir.—Mr. Bill's adherence to the good resolutions made by the exhausted belligerents of 1919 in a mood of penitence shows that admirable sublimity of faith which has led many a single minded martyr to the stake. True, we have had twenty years of peace; but not a peace founded, as Mr. Bills says, on collective security. Collective bankruptcy could hardly be called that. The world changes, so do its ideas. Sackcloth and ashes are as transient as the penitence they imply. The price of sinner's redemption is not always forgiveness; if he is strong enough to stifle criticism he asks no favors. Mr. Bills says we are being duped into another war. If this is so, then we are duped into a state of alert caution by the R.A.A. road signs between here and Mount Lofty. For obvious reasons the sign post is generally more conspicuous than the danger. Discard the signposts says Mr. Bills, and the danger does not exist. It is this exalted disregard of warnings that fills newspaper columns with motor fatalities. No, Mr. Bills, think of another: signposts are not a capitalistic wheeze to sell paint, nor are news reports of in-

ternational activities mere booting for a million pairs of army boots. If Germany wants to make a double bed of Poland and re-arrange a few cushions on the Balkans sofa it does not affect you nor does it affect me, but it must affect someone. If Italy wants a tradesman's entrance to India through Libya and Abyssinia that surely must affect someone. I do not hold any Suez Canal shares; you may, I do not know. Some British people do, I believe.

If someone sits on half your seat at the pictures do you object, and how? Or do you shrink in order not to appear objectionable, or do you point out to the unmoved intruder the legal rights adhering to the payment of one and ninepence admission and then in ultimate despair appeal for your rights to an ineffective and slightly contemptuous usherette. I hope you do none of these things. I hope you shove back with the stubborn rigidity that upholds a righteous cause. Besides I have never found usherettes anything but theoretically helpful.

And thugs! What a name. Oh, Mr. Bills! Mr. Bills! How is it you can see all your enemies in your own camp and none on the opposing side? "Marymac."

Sir, re Mr. Bills' letter of 2nd inst. At first I was impressed; it seemed feasible. But being interested I pursued the matter further, and here is the fallacy. Sir, Mr. Bills is a Pacifist. So am I. So is everyone at heart. But peace is as yet an ideal. Mr. Bills urges Australians to denounce Mr. Lyons' Defence Policy. Mr. Bills may believe that we are isolated, that a policy of national defence is unnecessary and that we owe our continued peaceful existence to some moral quality in ourselves and not to the protection of Britain and the unity of the Empire! But make no mistake, it is to Britain alone that we owe our present immunity from attack. But the British Navy at its present strength "is unable even to guarantee Britain's oversea food supplies." (Jane's Fighting Ships.)

Think what this means to us in Australia! And even if Britain has now embarked on a forward defence policy, is that any reason why we, a self-governing dominion, should take all the burdens of nationhood but cast all the burdens on Britain? Mr. Bills may be content to do this; or he may rely on the League of Nations. Sir, you know and he knows that though formed to establish peace and ensure the security of its members it cannot accomplish these things until those members accept their responsibilities under the Covenant—until in fact, the League has the means by which to enforce its decisions. Were there no police force to enforce the rule of law as laid down by the courts, then every one would have to defend himself—and that is the situation in Europe to-day. We have been living for years in a world of dreams—the lull after the storm, magnified by the sense of false security created by an impotent League, from which we are now rudely awakened. Britain, whose foreign policy is as always directed to the

maintenance of peace, has at last realised that it is suicide to remain undefended in a world in which whole peoples accept the doctrine that 'might is right.' We will have to rely on Britain—we must work for the establishment of an effective League—but we must realise that "Preparation for defence is National Insurance," in the words of the Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, and that those who advocate this course are not war mongers, but sane persons.—Yours, etc.. N. B. NEWLAND.

THE BALANCE SHEET.

Dear Sir—It should be pointed out to the disgruntled Mr. Hayes that women get a larger union grant than men because of the upkeep on the Lady Symon Hall. When the Men's Union building materialises they will get a corresponding grant. As for the loss on the refectory trading a/c., there has up till 1935 always been a profit. If Mr. Hayes does not use the cafeteria he must at some time have benefited by the catering. Yours faithfully—"C."

THE INS AND OUTS OF THE NEW SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSE.

In Adelaide is a body of fourteen students who, under the direction of Mrs. Amy Wheaton, M.A., B.Sc., are bravely tackling an entirely new branch of studies (that is, for Adelaide)—namely, a Course of Social Study and Training. There seems to be some confusion as to whether the new Course has been made part and parcel to 'Varsity activities. Most of us have heard vague rumours concerning its existence, many have muddled it up with our University Social Settlement.

Here then are the facts.

"The Board of Social Study and Training has not been successful in establishing the new Course as a Department of the University, as it was, with out exception, in Great Britain, but we hope that it will be accomplished in the near future—Mr. J. T. Massey, J.P., Organiser-in-Chief.

Nor is the scheme the product of the minds of our University Settlement workers. True, the Settlement is represented on the Board, but then so are the Women Police and the Boy Scouts, the Salvation Army and Miss Kate Cocks. The list of members of the Board is far too long and imposing to print here, but let it suffice if we say that it is composed of representatives of all Adelaide's socially minded societies and organisations.

In other respects Social Study and Training is very similar to a 'Varsity Course. For instance, it is only open to (a) University Graduates, (b) those having matriculation or equivalent qualifications and (c) those with special experience in social work but without academic qualifications, who may be admitted at the discretion of the Committee of Studies.

The prescribed course should take two years to complete. During the first year students take Economics I,

and Psychology at the 'Varsity, Social History with the W.E.A., and Physiology and Hygiene at the Teacher's College. The subjects for the second year are Mental Hygiene, Dietetics and Nutrition, Social History and the principles and practice of Social Case Work.

Just as we have Practicals in Science, Medical and other subjects, so the Social Science Course devotes study in general social agencies, approved by the Board and under the Supervision of the Director.

Until about a fortnight ago the students had been struggling along as best they could under the guidance of a harassed committee. Then the new Director, Mrs. Wheaton, arrived from England and took over the management and its accompanying worries and hard work. On the evening of Wednesday, April 8th, she met her students together for the first time and told them something of the activities of similar organisations in Britain. To justify the Institution of the Course we can do no better than print her words spoken on that occasion.

Mrs. Wheaton began by outlining the Course given in the London University, with particular reference to the opportunities for practical work. It was a Course intended both for voluntary and professional social workers and formed the basis of the training for many specialised forms of work such as that of Hospital Almoner, Probation Officer, Factory Inspector, Housing Estate Managers, etc.

In some Universities, for example, Edinburgh, students were encouraged to take the Social Science Course as a post-graduate one. Their academic careers were watched and advice was given as to the best subjects to choose. A term's practical work was expected.

Practical work at the London School of Economics played a great part. For example, students spent two evenings a week for a whole term at Clubs for boys and girls in London's East End, and in addition helped at Play Centres and Settlements in the slums.

Late opportunities to specialise presented themselves. The embryo probation officer attended juvenile courts, the would-be Social Care Committee organiser learnt how to visit houses, attend medical inspections of school children and write up case histories under the direction of the District Organiser. The hospital almoner, however, must spend a further 11 months in the Almoner's Department of a large hospital when her two years' university course was completed.

Although there is a greater field for social workers in England owing to such administrative machinery as health and unemployment insurance, yet there are great possibilities awaiting the trained worker in Australia. To us, the new course seems to be inseparably linked with the University Settlement plan. Let us hope that the two schemes will cooperate to do some good in Adelaide's areas inhabited by our poor relations slums. (Oh! We beg your pardon—not slums in Adelaide!—merely closely settled areas inhabited by our poor relations.)

BROWSE AMONG THE
UNLIMITED RANGE
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PREECE'S

Societies

LAW STUDENTS.

The opening address to the Law Students Society last Tuesday night was given by Mr. R. J. Rudall, M.P., and his speech could well be taken to heart by every member of the University, law students and others. Professor A. L. Campbell said that Mr. Rudall was the most convinced as well as the most convincing speaker that he had heard address the law students during his 11 years as President of their Society. The students themselves certainly thought so when the harangue had finished, for Mr. Rudall spoke in deadly earnest.

The law, said Mr. Rudall, is a jealous mistress, but remembering his position as husband and father he felt he couldn't say just how jealous he had found her. If, after death he ever came to earth again, he would unhesitatingly follow the same profession since all you have to know in order to be an enormous success, and a great lawyer, is how to get away with the fact that you don't know anything at all. But that, perhaps, isn't so easy.

Mr. Rudall, coming to the serious part of his address, then postulated the three essential qualifications which a true lawyer should possess. First, a lawyer should have a profound knowledge of human nature. The opportunity for furthering this knowledge is given to every lawyer because he is dealing with a living subject. It is only in the light of this particular sort of knowledge that the facts of each case can be classified. If the study of the law is interesting—and Mr. Rudall urged those who did not find it so to abandon it forthwith—the study of human nature is absorbing. Every lawyer, young or old should analyse the actions and motives of the men and women round him.

Secondly, no lawyer can class himself as a true member of the profession unless the ideals of the profession become instinctive in him. Mr. Rudall admitted that the legal profession is, to its members, their bread and butter, but one of its ideals is to help the men and women who, in trouble, seek its assistance. And so long as a lawyer prostituted this ideal to the scramble for bread and butter, he could not regard himself as a fit member of the profession, and brought no honour to it. A good lawyer, then, must place his client first and foremost, fighting his case with conscientious fervour.

Thirdly, a lawyer is not a whole man if he leaves his University simply as an efficient trainee in the technicalities of law. Unless a lawyer has learnt, or is prepared, to labour greatly for his country, he is not fulfilling his duty to the State.

No training more fits a man to take his part in the public administration of his country than a legal training. It was to lawyers therefore, that the community looked, for providing leaders in clear thought. Many of the greatest figures in British history were lawyers who had sacrificed their own aggrandisement to the service of their country. These men, above all others, were worthy of emulation by those starting

out in the profession. The absence today from the political life of the country of the leading legal minds is a loss to the State and to the profession.

Mr. Rudall then went on to say that the University should be the nursery ground of the State's leaders in every branch of thought. The University falls, and its existence cannot be justified, if all it does is to turn out specialists. It is leaders and thinkers that are wanted. Members of the Varsity should talk about that among themselves and act accordingly.

We may make of our lives just what we please, Mr. Rudall concluded. We may wallow along in the sheltered places, but the great zeal and zest in life was to be found in the climb to the mountain top. That the summit appeared farther off than ever, at the end of one's life, is no discouragement.

In replying to a hearty vote of thanks Mr. Rudall emphasized the vast improvements in the Varsity since he was here 25 years ago. He felt undergraduates should take advantage of their wonderful opportunities.

Finally, he said, all experience is grist to the mill of a lawyer, but an articled clerk shouldn't put that up as an excuse for arriving home late at night with his shoes off.

WOMEN'S UNION.

On Wednesday, May 6, the Women's Union will entertain the members of the Wives Club in the Lady Symon Hall at 3 p.m. There is a list on the Lady Symon Notice Board, and it would be a great help if those who intend to grace the meeting with their presence would just jot down their names. For those who have never been to this entertainment before, and others, let us tell you that the event is an annual one and that usually far more guests turn up than hostesses. So do please make an effort to come, if only for a few minutes, and you are sure to enjoy yourselves listening to Miss Yvonne Richardson sing and Miss Doreen Jacobs and Miss J. Virgo exercise the piano in between conversation. The committee would be very grateful if those who come would bring a plate of cakes (preferably small).

As far as is known the date of the Women's Union "At Home" is fixed for July 11. So don't leave it too late. Ask someone now. But remember, the ruling is that only members of the Union, fiancés and husbands are eligible.

CARNEGIE GRAMOPHONE

Programme Tuesday, 28th.

On the Steppes of Central Asia, Borodin.

Song—The Midnight Review, Glinka. Ballet of the Unhatched Chickens, Moussorgsky.

Concerto No. 2 in C Minor (1st Movet.), Rachmaninoff.

Song—Death of Boris, Moussorgsky.

Violin Concerto in D Major (2nd Movet.), Tschaiakowsky.

Flight of the Bumble-Bee, Rimsky-Korsakoff.

The programme will start at approx. 1 o'clock.

WHO IS THE 'VARSITY'S UGLIEST MAN?

A war rages at the Varsity. Students are divided into eight camps—seven led by candidates for the Ugly Man Contest, the eighth composed of those who wonder how the rest can be so childish. With the eighth group we have no concern, except to urge them to be sports and make the most of their fast fading opportunities to "act the goat." It is with the other seven that our interest and sincere sympathies be.

The Women's Tennis Club Committee knew something when they chose the candidates. Being of a mercenary turn of mind they knew that they must have men with both brains and brawn—men who could set feminine hearts fluttering at first sight and then be callous enough to accept all the eager offers of assistance. Shame on the men who deceived her! Shame!

But the fact remains that there are so many two shilling cards floating around the 'Varsity that there is no way, at the instant, of checking up on the money and finding out who is in the running for the 'Varsity's ugliest man. We head faint rumours that one fair supporter is on her third card for one of the candidates: that another has accepted cards from four of the rivals and pricks each in turn. Nor are activities restricted to the Refectory lawn. One supporter set his standard up at Oakbank and extorted shillings from many a winner delirious with joy (in part) and hardly able to answer for his actions. Pennies have become the curse of the student's existence—money is changing hands with incredible rapidity. If only a record of all the money can be kept, the women's Tennis Club ought to be in the money and be able to entertain the InterVarsity visitors like royalty, next vac.

But still we have not solved the problem of the 'Varsity's ugliest man. We understand that ugly is to be taken in the widest sense of the word.

Can it be "Pretty Boy" Hammill? Surely not. John Hill? Not so sure. Froggy Ray? We never thought you would descend so low, Frog. And it could not be Pansy Goode because pansies usually have such sweet innocent faces. Nor could it be A. B. Eckersley. That only leaves Nugent Wallman and D'Arcy Cowell. But you think of their hair! Nugent's thick, masculine mat and D'Arcy's curls. Ask any girl and she'll shriek, "No, not them."

The question has resolved itself into one of vital importance. Firstly from the point of view of the Tennis Club's treasurer. Secondly from that of the jealous supporters of rival candidates, and thirdly from that of the whole University. We must have an ugliest man, although we admit that it is hard to choose from the seven candidates. Australia is a free country. We are all allowed to vote (for a penny per vote.) So make the most of your rights before the competition closes, and help to prick up a card for your favoured candidate (and/or candidates).

COLLEGES' NOTES.

ST. ANDREW'S.

Members of St. Andrew's have been delighted with the College's recent success in the Bumping Races and Pillow Fight. To have advanced two places in our first Bumping Contest was no mean performance, while our unexpected prowess in the noble and autente arte of pillowe fightyng was a source of satisfaction and glee to all except Mr. T— who, overjoyed with his colleagues' triumphs, was a little too rash and had his ardour damped and his high sprits somewhat cooled.

The possums have been raiding us, so we are raiding the possums—so far without result; but our hopes are high and we shall report our first success in due course.

The College Dance will be held on Friday, 15th May.

ST. MARKS.

The Master has left us for some weeks, being engaged on research work in the eastern States, Mr. Tucker being in charge while he is away.

On Easter Saturday the Alpine Club lined up behind Mr. Troop Moodie, well armed with climbing tools and wearing Alpine ties; found its way to Burnside where further members joined the party. Then began the assault proper. Great dangers were negotiated, precipices avoided and finally after reaching Mt. Lofty summit, the party with ever-increasing speed swooped down to the Crafers hotel where light refreshments were enjoyed. An hour later the party set out hot-foot for the Eagle on the Hill, numbers having decreased somewhat. After a stirring dart game, the happy band leapt down into Waterfall Gully and then set their faces towards home. After refusing to allow a number of young persons to join them, and a short sojourn by the wayside, a tram hove into sight homeward bound.

A number of 'blues' were awarded for valiant efforts, including Blue Extra-Mural, Blue Absolute, Blue Nisi and Blue Grotto (the last to John 'Pictures' McFarlane). The Grand Alpine signified that it was his pleasure to appoint the last named and Wim Harriman as Viceful Grand Alpines. Altogether a memorable day!

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Sports Notes

ATHLETIC CLUB.

Cold weather and the approach of winter sports have combined to lessen the ardour of a few of the less enthusiastic among the club, but quite a number have now settled down to serious training for the 'Varsity Sports, which take place on Friday, May 15th.

The Committee has decided to hold an Athletic Club Ball on Saturday, May 16th. This is an event to be looked forward to, and all those accustomed to attending similar functions are asked to spread the glad news among their friends. It will be the first Ball held by the Club apart from Inter-Varsity Balls, for many years; but that is no reason why it should not be the outstanding success it is going to be.

The Athletic Club Ball will be the only dance at the University this term, and as it is only three and a half weeks off, all who are thinking of attending it are urged to make their arrangements at once. Full information can be obtained from any of the committee.

Much interest has been aroused inside and outside the University by the proposal of Mr. T. L. Nicholson to race a motor car over a 100 yards from a standing start. We have even had inquiries from a leading Melbourne newspaper on the subject, and it should prove a great attraction if it can be held on the Sports Day.

Entry forms for the Sports are now obtainable from the Committee and at the Secretary's office in the Refectory. All entries must be handed in by May 2nd, so all intending competitors are asked to decide which events they wish to compete in as soon as possible.

CRICKET AS IT SHOULD BE PLAYED.

The visit of our Cricket Team to Port Pirie during Easter was a happy enough affair. The cricket, qua cricket, was distinctly successful, since neither side in either match made more than 100 runs—which is just as modern cricket should be. We lost the first match and won the second.

The second match was an event in Pirie's cricketing annals, for the turf wicket which has lately been laid down on the main oval was used for the first time in this match. The Lord Mayor, the President of the Port Pirie Cricket Club, and sundry other sporting gentlemen in bowler hats proceeded to the middle of the ground and there my Lord Mayor made a speech to which Captain Whittington replied in truly forensic fashion. Then with a snap of the civic fingers the my Lord Mayor cast a wily ball at the President, who authentically dodged to the boundary. After this delightful roundelay the match proceeded apace on the turf wicket, the subject of all this speechifying, and which had grown out of the Port Pirieans' desire to attract the last lot of Englishmen to their heath.

But there was more to the visit than mere cricket. There was, for instance, the drive up there, which was accomplished by four mystically inclined members of the team in a

state of utter unconscionness. If you don't believe it, ask Mr. Baker, the engineering undergraduate. He was, for various reasons, found late on Thursday night by our four friends, alone and wandering on the road five miles from Pirie. They bundled him into the car and took him along to the town, but were totally unable next morning to account for his presence among them, and wondered where he had sprung from!

Sundry other indoor sports and pastimes such as drinking, poker, billiards, and drinking, were played with proper relish at every available opportunity.

On Saturday night our stalwarts were the paying guests of the District Trained Nurses Association at a dance at the Palais. Cricketers are proverbially dour and reticent and we thus found it impossible to extract an appreciation of the local talent from members of the team. There were however, no complaints, and the doubtful charm of rural feminine earnestness was toned down by the presence of sophisticated spinsterhood from this almighty burg of ours.

The smelting works were visited on Sunday night, and here the team found an adequate excuse for drinking. The sulphur fumes from the works, so the theory goes, permeated the surrounding air, and these fumes, acting as an irritant, and the direct cause of an enormous metropolitan thirst. Therefore, whenever a Piriean is reproved for overdoing it, all he has to say is "It's the sulphur" and he is exonerated. His reprover then finds his own throat beginning to itch. We hope the cricket team has got over the unpleasant after-effects of the sulphur irritation.

Of the cricket performances little need be said, since the trip was of importance not as a cricketing conquest (which it wasn't in any case) but simply as a Centenary Gesture. Whittington made 40 at one stage and Davey, with fiery exhalations and threshing motion of arms and legs mowed down six Pirie players for 17 runs.

These trips by 'Varsity teams to country centres should be encouraged. They may have vast repercussions in the spread of learning. And even the visitors themselves never fail to learn a thing or two.

NEWS ITEMS.

New Medical Science Director.

In our last issue we announced that the Government had agreed to grant £15,000 towards the foundation of an Adelaide School of Medical Science, and that the Premier had announced that there would be no delay in starting work on the scheme. Evidently not. Last week the Executive Council appointed Dr. E. Weston Hurst of London as Director of the new institution at a salary of £1,500 a year, and now we have reason to believe that it will not be long before another new building will begin to emerge from the Adelaide Hospital block. We congratulate whoever are responsible for their swift work.

Dr. Hurst sounds an excellent man for the job. After graduating he

held a position as House Physician at the Birmingham General Hospital. Since then he has spent most of his time in teaching and in research work on the diseases of the nervous system and even has some approved published works to his account.

An advisory Committee has been formed at the University, with Dr. C. T. C. de Crespigny as Chairman, to help in the foundation of the Institute.

New Dentistry Degree in Melbourne.

The Melbourne University Council has agreed to add another degree to the Dentistry Course. After completing the normal course, students may continue for another year, at the end of which they may obtain the degree of Master of Dental Science by examination. The degree of Doctor of Science may then be gained by submitting a thesis.

THE UNIVERSITY RIFLE COMPANY, 27th BATTALION AND ITS PLACE IN UNIVERSITY LIFE.

If you go to Sydney or Melbourne you will see and hear about the University Regiment, a unit complete in itself, while in South Australia, we have one Company which is roughly 1-5th of a regiment and yet one finds it difficult to keep numbers up to full strength.

What is the Matter with Adelaide?

One lamentation often heard is that if it was made a pukka officers' training corps everybody would join, but Melbourne and Sydney are only training units.

The Adelaide Company is a part of the famous 27th Battalion, whose active service record, lived right up to its motto "That it was first among equals" and it still holds up to the motto now. The Adelaide Company offers many advantages in the way of more advanced tuition, more opportunity for promotion and an opportunity to learn something about the other fellow in the game of life.

The life of a soldier or the fulfilment of a Citizen's obligation for the privilege of existence, is open to all classes and vocations. Medical men, Ecclesiastical students, as well as those who study the Arts and Sciences, can, and will gain by serving a term of service in your own University Company, and service in this Company does not mean that you jettison the olive branch of peace to assume the guise of the swashbuckling barbarian. Because the Australian Army is an army of peace. True pacification will be found in the ranks of the defence force. These men are not nearly so militant as many of our so-called pacifists. The soldier believes in the sacredness of

his home, his parents and his family and is prepared should the occasion arise, to defend his loved ones and his Country so that the benefits of peace may be reaped and so that learning and prosperity may grow side by side for the benefit of mankind.

So let us gird up our loins and follow the example set by St. Mark's and put forward our own quota for service in "B" Company, 27th Battalion, the University's own Company and training ground for leadership.

SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION.

"The sense that something must be done against poverty, ignorance, and sin is a divine heritage in humanity. It the stronger members of society left the weaker alone . . . the stronger would lose more than the weak."—S. A. Barnett.

The Settlement Association has come to an agreement with the trustees of the Hackney Methodist Mission whereby the Association may use the Mission Hall in Park Street, Hackney, to conduct its experiment in forming a Community Centre. We are deeply grateful to the trustees for their cooperation and assistance.

The following activities are already being controlled by the Association:—
Sunday Service at 7 p.m. (A.S.C.M. Parkin and Wesley students); lending library.

Monday: Scouts (D. Wallace, K. Leaver, D. Bailey).

Tuesday: Girls' Gym, Eurythmics and Dancing Club (Miss G. Hisgrove, Miss D. Hedger).

Wednesday: Boys' Gym. Club (L. Dalziel, D. Allen, D. Lloyd).

Thursday: Evening Lecture.

Saturday: Tennis Club.

Other activities have been planned and will being as soon as capable leaders are found. Offers of assistance may be addressed to the Hon. Sec., Box P.

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