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Miss E. D. Proud, B.A., the first Spence scholar, will leave to-day for New Zealand, where she will, in compliance with the conditions under which the scholarship is held, enquire into methods of social, industrial, and political reform. She will attend a conference to be held at Bangiora, which is to consider the "Social conditions in Australasia." Miss Proud will also spend some time in New South Wales and Victoria in social science study. The members of the scholarship advisory board are anxious that the holder of the scholarship shall be well equipped with the knowledge of the treatment of social problems in Australia before her departure in May next, to continue the investigation of similar subjects in Europe and America.

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MAWSON EXPEDITION.

COMMUNICATION ESTABLISHED BY WIRELESS.

Melbourne, December 13.

Advices have been received by the Central Administration from the secretary to the New Zealand Postal Department that a steamer will leave Wellington on December 21 for Macquarie Island, which is now in touch by wireless with Dr. Mawson's expedition in the Antarctic. Anyone desirous of communicating with friends on the island is advised to forward letters via Wellington without delay.

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A UNIVERSITY RECORD.

Professor T. G. B. Osborn and his wife each hold the degree of master of science of the University of Manchester, and at the Commemoration Day gathering in connection with the University of Adelaide on Wednesday they were admitted to the rank and privileges of bachelors of science. In conferring the degrees, the Chancellor (Right Hon. Sir S. J. Way) remarked that they had had father and son graduating on the same day in that University, and on many occasions they had had brothers and sisters, but this was the first time in the history of the institution that a husband and wife had been admitted to a degree together. Mrs. Osborn repeated the record in another way in that she was the first wife of a professor of the University of Adelaide upon whom they had had the honor of conferring a degree. Addressing Professor Osborn, the Chancellor said:—"The chair which you fill in the University has been founded since our last Commemoration Day, and we owe that fact to the munificence of the Government of South Australia. When you were recommended by the board in London, to whom the responsible duty of selection was entrusted, we felt that this University was fortunate in securing the services of a gentleman of such high academic and scientific distinction, who had done so much work in original research. We are sure that under such inspiring leadership the school of economic botany will achieve great success. We are further confident that the researches of yourself and those who learn from you will result in a better knowledge of the fungus pests of plant growth, and that your work will be of great value to the material interests of South Australia, and especially of the agricultural producing interests."

A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

THE LATE SIR HENRY AND LADY BUNDEY.

AN ACT OF FILIAL AFFECTION.

At the conclusion of the Commemoration Day gathering at the Elder Hall on Wednesday afternoon, the Chancellor (Right Hon. Sir S. J. Way) said:—Before we close these proceedings I am going to mention an incident, the recollection of which will, to many of us, make Christmas and the new year more pleasant. This afternoon, at the final meeting for the year of the council of the University, I received a letter from Miss Bunday, a graduate in music of this University, enclosing a cheque for £200 in order to found a prize in memory of the late Sir Henry and Lady Bunday. (Applause.) Those who had the privilege of their acquaintance will agree that their lives were well worthy of being remembered in the annals of the University of Adelaide. The late Sir Henry Bunday and I were friends from boyhood. He and I were colleagues on the Supreme Court bench, and I was best man at his wedding. The great reason, however, for our being grateful lies in the fact that but for the deceased judge probably the University of Adelaide would not have come into existence, if at all, for many years. He was Minister of Education at the time of those great gifts by Sir Walter Hughes and Sir Thomas Elder, which led to the foundation of the University. As Minister of Education, he had the University Bill drafted, and he piloted it through the House. It is within my personal knowledge that there were scarcely any members of the Legislature 38 years ago who thought the period had arrived for the establishment of a University in Adelaide. Consequently the proposals for its establishment were regarded with a good deal of coolness and indifference, and, by some persons, of opposition. The enthusiasm of the late Sir Henry Bunday, however, influenced his colleagues in the Ministry and overcame the indifference of the great majority of the legislators and the public. Thus one of the greatest services in the history of South Australia was accomplished in the foundation of this University. (Applause.) I think you will agree that it is a beautiful example of filial affection that the daughter of the late judge and Lady Bunday should have made this valuable gift. It is to be called the Bunday prize for English verse, which is similar to the Newdigate at Oxford. We have a literature in South Australia, and I suppose great poets will come to us in due time. To those who have a poetic afflatus it will, no doubt, be a great object of their ambition in future years to win this prize. I cannot give you a better message for Christmas or more properly end this little story than by wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. (Applause.)

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Mr. Eric Goyne Stephens, who was admitted to his degree of Bachelor of Science of the Adelaide University yesterday, is the second son of Mr. J. J. Stephens, headmaster of the Nailsworth School. He received his education up to the primary standard in his father's school—then at Moonta. He studied then for three years at Prince Alfred College, passing the junior and senior, and in 1907 he was awarded a University bursary on passing the higher public examination. He has now spent three years at the University—taking chemistry, physics, and mathematics as his main subjects, obtaining eight first-classes out of 10 examinations, five of them being top places. He intends to continue his studies in chemistry and mathematics with the object of taking honors degrees in these subjects at a later date.