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OFF TO THE FRONT.

PARTY OF ADELAIDE DOCTORS.

Adelaide, in common with the other cities of Australia, is contributing a big contingent of doctors to carry on the large hospitals at the front. To-day four eminent Adelaide doctors will leave by the R.M.S. Mooltan. They are members of the staff of the 3rd Australian Hospital. It is not known definitely what the destination of this hospital is to be, but it is believed that it will be situated in England. The staff of the Third Hospital will be richer for the inclusion of Drs. A. M. Cudmore, C. T. C. de Crespigny, E. A. H. Russell, and Lancelot A. Hayward. Altogether there will be 35 medical officers, including specialists in all departments, 150 nurses, over 100 male orderlies and hospital attendants, besides others. Provision will be made for 1,000 patients, and the organisation will constitute really a double general hospital. Drs. de Crespigny and Cudmore will each have the rank of lieutenant-colonel, the former being registrar and secretary and Dr. Cudmore the consultant surgeon. Drs. Russell and Hayward will each have the rank of captain. The hospital will be equipped in England. Two other medical men (Drs. Yeatman and Cunningham) are going from South Australia to the hospital in Egypt owing to its having been enlarged. They are also leaving by the Mooltan. Dr. Yeatman has been medical superintendent of the Adelaide Hospital for about two years, and Dr. Cunningham has had a varied general experience for some time in Tasmania, and latterly in South Australia. Their loss will doubtless be felt here, but the community will praise the doctors for the step they are taking and think first of the need of the brave boys at the front. Biographical reference was made to Dr. Cudmore in "The Advertiser" yesterday.

Dr. C. T. C. de Crespigny attained to high repute when medical superintendent of the Adelaide Hospital, and in private practice since then has become still more widely popular. He is a son of Mr. P. C. de Crespigny, manager of the Bank of Victoria, Melbourne, and was born at Queenscliff, Victoria. His early education was at the Brighton Grammar School, Melbourne, and he matriculated at the Melbourne University and took the medical course. He was early recognised as a promising student, and he secured his degree, M.B., B.S., Melbourne, brilliantly, following that up by taking the M.D. degree at the same University two years later. He was in residence at the Melbourne Hospital for a year, and later was on the staff of the women's and children's hospitals in the Victorian capital. Immediately prior to leaving Melbourne he was honorary physician at the St. Vincent Hospital. He came to Adelaide about six years ago as medical superintendent and pathologist of the Adelaide Hospital, and remained in that position for nearly four years. Then he retired to private practice, but the Government retained his services as director of the newly-opened laboratory of pathology and bacteriology. The good work done by this laboratory can be testified to by every doctor who has been connected with the hospital. Dr. de Crespigny is also lecturer in pathology at the University of Adelaide and honorary assistant physician to the hospital.

Dr. E. A. H. Russell is a son of Mr. J. T. Russell, of Unley, and is particularly well known in the southern suburbs. He was educated at Prince Alfred College, and graduated at the University of Adelaide in 1911, he being third on the list in the medical course. In addition to his academic attainments he was a successful and popular sportsman both at college and university. He has always taken an interest in military affairs, and for some years he has held a captaincy in the Light Horse Field Ambulance. For the past five months he has been senior medical officer at the Oaklands and Miteam camps. Three years ago he entered into partnership with his brother, Dr. H. H. E. Russell, and the two have practised at Unley since then.

Dr. Lancelot A. Hayward is a son of Dr. W. T. Hayward, who, it was inadvertently stated yesterday, was included among the four. Dr. Lance Hayward is one of last year's graduates at the University of Adelaide. He was educated at St. Peter's College, where he became head prefect and a lieutenant of the college cadets. At college and at the University, where he matriculated after leaving St. Peter's College, he proved himself to be studious and a most popular and clever sportsman. He was vice-captain of the University Football Club.



Dr. L. A. Hayward.



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Dr. de Crespigny.

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His Excellency the Governor has approved of the appointment of Mrs. Osborn, M.Sc., wife of Professor Osborn, of the Adelaide University, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Botanic Garden, in place of the late Mr. T. R. Scarfe. Mrs. Osborn is not only the youngest member of the board, but she is the first lady to be connected with it. Her knowledge of scientific botany should certainly make her a valuable acquisition. Mrs. Osborn arrived in South Australia with her husband in August, 1912, she having previously been on the staff of Manchester University as assistant lecturer in botany, Professor Osborn being lecturer in economic botany. Mrs. Osborn took the degree of M.Sc., including honors in botany, in 1910. At present she holds a special class at the Adelaide University for teachers of botany, and in her own research has been dealing lately with Australian plants—particularly cycads, popularly known as sago palms—the material for which she obtains from the Botanic Garden. She was working on them at Manchester before leaving, and a treatise from her pen was published in "Annals of Botany." Mrs. Osborn is also giving attention to a very interesting Australian fossil plant, which she has just obtained from a deposit in the coalfield district of New South Wales. This specimen is apparently exactly similar to some of the fossils found in England and France, belonging probably to the carboniferous period. It is the first one that has been found south of the equator. There is, Mrs. Osborn thinks, a vast amount of interest in Australian plants for the botanical student. "I feel," she remarked to an interviewer on Thursday, "that the Government have done me a great honor in asking me to become a member of the Botanic Garden Board."

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Miss Nellie Stephenson, the youngest daughter of the late Rev. J. B. Stephenson, and niece of the Rev. A. Stubbs, has offered her services as an Australian nurse for the wounded, and has been accepted. She expects to leave Adelaide in a few weeks. Miss Stephenson has had a thorough training for such a position, and has passed the two years' training for masseuse at the Adelaide Uni-

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The Elder Conservatorium have issued the programme for the 1915 season, comprising nine concerts, four of which will be by the students. There will be chamber music concerts in June and November, an orchestral concert in August (Mr. Eugene Alderman, conductor), and choral performances in September and October.

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Mr. Herbert Angas Parsons will celebrate the forty-third anniversary of his birth tomorrow. He is a native of North Adelaide and a son of the late Hon. J. L. Parsons. He received his education at Prince Alfred College and at the Roseworthy Agricultural College. After successful courses at these institutions he devoted himself to the study of law and graduated LL.B. at the Adelaide University. His marked ability soon won for him recognition, not only at the bar, but in many other walks of life, for he is a many-sided man and has deeply interested himself in different public movements. In 1912 he was elected to the House of Assembly for Torrens, and he at once became a force in Parliament. On the resignation of Mr. H. Homburg from the position of Attorney-General in January last Mr. Parsons was offered and accepted the portfolio, together with that of Minister of Education. He continued to fill the offices until the resignation of the Peake Government. Mr. Parsons, who for many years has been a member of the legal firm of Glynn, Parsons, & McEwen, is a brilliant lawyer, a graceful and polished speaker, and a man of wide culture. Amongst the many important positions he has filled, those of Consul for Japan, president of the Automobile Association, legal adviser to the Government in connection with the purchase and municipalisation of the tramways, and legal adviser to the Employers' Federation have notable places. In 1900 Mr. Parsons married the eldest daughter of Sir Langdon Bonython.