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MEDICAL MEN WANTED.

Message from the War Office

MELBOURNE, February 26.

A cable message has been received from the War Office asking that 100 medical men be sent so soon as possible to join the Royal Army Medical Corps in Europe. The War Office desires single men under the age of 40 years and medically fit. The following terms are offered:—First-class passage to and from England; outfit allowance, £37 10/; rank of lieutenant (temporary) in the Royal Army Medical Corps, pay 24/ per diem and rations and a bonus of £60 at the conclusion of the term of service if carried out satisfactorily, service to be for 12 months or the term of the war. It has been decided to engage in Australia for the Imperial authorities as many medical men as can be spared without leaving the supply for Australian requirements (present and future) short. Apart from the above, 40 are required at once for the force now being raised in Australia, and it is likely that about 10 or 12 more will be needed each month so long as troops and reinforcements are being sent from Australia. Married men are eligible for the Australian units.

Communication has been made with the universities asking for their assistance in obtaining the necessary medical officers and to explain the condition of service, but the authorities are confident that many members of the profession not in regular touch with the universities are anxious and willing to offer their services at such a time, and that many will be prepared to make sacrifices for their country. It is hoped that a considerable number will be able to leave next week. Some time ago many recent graduates offered their services to the department, and are still available. The final examinations at all the universities will be held almost at once, when it is expected that from 150 to 200 candidates will present themselves for examination. All who pass are asked either to offer their services to the department or to arrange to relieve the present resident staff, so that they can go to the front.

The Director-General of Medical Services has issued instructions that fourth and fifth year medical students are not to be enlisted in the ranks of any Australian units, as he considers that their undoubted duty is to work and pass their examination, so that if the war continues a regular supply of medical officers will be available for future requirements. It is hoped that the universities will alter the date of the examinations to allow of one being held in about October of this year. It is pointed out that the above call is for men in the more active time of life for both the Australian and Imperial forces, but for those medical men of mature years who do not feel fit for the rough conditions of active service plenty of positions are available, where they will, by acting in a professional capacity, relieve the younger men. Each transport leaving Australia must have a medical officer, and similarly each transport returning with invalids requires at least one surgeon. The various medical units supply as many of these officers as possible, but they are at times not enough. Medical officers have to be detailed to return from the front with invalids. If older men will volunteer for this service each will in a year allow three other medical men to go or remain at the front. For the consultants and senior leaders of the profession there are no hospital positions available at present, where their knowledge would be most valuable, but it is certain, if the war should last long, that a call will have to be made on them later to either form new hospitals or to relieve those at present away with such units.

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EDUCATION.

From "Catholicus":—"The granting of equal opportunities to all South Australian children in regard to exhibitions, scholarships, bursaries, and studentships at the University, and also the determination of the Government to make medical examination and inspection of scholars available alike to public and private schools, represent an epoch in the educational system. To the Peake Government belongs the credit of doing this fair and just thing by the children of South Australia, irrespective of school or creed. The policy of the Government and its avowed sympathy with the parental rights and conscientious convictions of every citizen are in strong contrast to previous Governments, one of which not only refused to give equal opportunities to all school children, but also proposed to give the Education Department the autocratic power to close private schools—on the recommendation of its inspectors—without in any way compensating those who, at great expense and sacrifice, maintained their schools. It will be to the everlasting credit of the present Government that all children and schools are placed on an equal footing in regard to medical inspection, bursaries, and so on."

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Miss Clara Serena Sings With Melba.

The Adelaide contralto Miss Clara Serena has been recently honoured for inclusion in Madame Melba's Victorian Concert Company. Miss Serena sang at Ballarat and Geelong with marked success. Madame Melba is greatly impressed with the Adelaide girl's career, and is showing her characteristic interest in helping her along.

The Ballarat concert yielded £750, and Geelong no less than £1,500, these amounts going to swell up Melba's already great achievements in Melbourne, Sydney, and Adelaide.

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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

A vacancy has occurred in the University Council in consequence of the resignation of Frederick William Young, LL.B. Nominations to fill the above vacancy must reach the clerk of the senate (Mr. T. Ainslie Caterer), at the University, North terrace, not later than 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, duly signed by not less than two members of the senate.

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The candidature is announced for the vacant position on the council of the University of Adelaide of Mr. T. Ryan, who as member for the district of Torrens moved and originated the motion bringing into existence the Royal Commission to enquire into the University of Adelaide, which was subsequently instructed to enquire into all branches of education. In his capacity as president of that Commission the University Acts of the Commonwealth were examined, as well as most of the buildings and its leading officers.