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tributor of knowledge, were agreeably tion of the advantages of higher learntion of the expansions of nigner tearning and scientific research, and reinforced the conviction that the future of South Australia will be in competent the conviction that the future culture. The questions mased in "to ensure the necessary knows as the future full distribution of the second of

Sir Douglas Mawson imscientific forestry relatively to economics, agriculture, and meteorology. The Professor's special devotion to geology does not detract from the auweighed pronouncements upon a sub-ject of urgent concern to the material well-being of the State, and especially of its populous and spreading metropolitan area. Strong emphasis was given to

profitable use cliffs and slopes which tion or posturage. Instead of spending huge sums of money on constructing channels for the draining of torrential storm waters into the sea, the Government is advised to provide for the conservation of such water by means of tury reservoirs, and, more particularly, by afforestation in the hills watershed their eagerness to exploit natural resources for immediate profit, South Australians have commonly overlooked the important role of forests in providing a spongy soil with an extraordinary capacity for absorption, and acting as 'the sovereign regulator of water-flow."

The steady progress of deforestation in the Mount Lofty Ranges explains the ever-increasing number and seriousness of the floods recorded in the Lower Torrens River. No country (as Sir Douglas observes) has a greater interest in water conservation than South Aused in tralia; yet, year by year, the holding Mary Jean, capacity of our hills is being reduced! Paul Theo-h. Eg, Mh, Next in importance to the agency of be forests in controlling the "run-off" They also beneficially affect meteoro-Ham. They also beneficially affect meteoro-Ex. logical conditions and promote climatic Fin. Salubrity. No one is likely to dispute the proposition that the control and ris, maintenance of forests is a State funcin Holder's maintenance of forests is a State func-rate, Mi.; Ger. Hai, fior, but, unhappily, it is clear that Hotchesson, the State's duty will not be discharged to the function of the function of the function of the Land of the function of the function of the func-tion of the function of the function of the func-dith Geety, sure by an enlightened public upon of the sure by an enignment party of occess, Fa: Governments, mainly because the good s. Kath. until artificial plantations have reached maturity. Trustworthy computations, however, leave no doubt that a bold and wisely directed scheme of State forestry angster, in the Mount Lofty Ranges would add dolph, in the Mount Lotty Kanges would add Gaz greatly to the value of the public sephero, the Carrying out of the scheme, rt. Ft. (to, would afford healthy employsee, Pt. Per Stone, Eine Co., would amora nearing empinyott, Ec. Gr; While, Willilliams, George Esson manual workers and trained experts.
Yates, Celin, Ma., Pex; The special economic advantage attendher, Dorothy May, Ez., and the growth of piece to the control of the co manual workers and trained experts. as a training institution for the wice.

The special economic advantage attendof the Commonwealth, and soliciting for ing the growth of pines near to the principal centre of population was demonstrated. Referring to the proposed es-tablishment of a Commonwealth School of Forestry at Canberra. Sir Douglas rightly contended that "our politicians, not being specialists in education, would of do well in matters relating thereto to The constantly increasing value of 40 west in matters relating thereto to the University to the State, and the submit their proposals to the National interest of the Sucral public in its Research Council, or to call together a operations both as a "reator and a disconference of recognised educational authorities for report." It will be a mis-

in evidence at the crowded Commemora- fortune for this State if the establishin evidence at the crowded Commenora. Tortune for this state if the Cambera tion gathering, presided over by the ment of a forestry school at Cambera to hold, would be much better assured Vice-Changellor (Professor W. Mitchell) shall involve the cessation of education by proximity to some forest combining of the complex Vice-Chancellor (Professor W. Mitchell) in the Science in the Adelause University of the Manager of forestry ought to receive sympathetic university within the Commonwealth was consideration. South Australia cannot deemed a sine qua non of a forestry constantion. South Australia cannot deemed a sine qua hon of a long-afford to neglect the "twin sister of agri- school; and even Mr. Poole admits that culture." The questions raised in "to ensure the necessary knowledge of

Money spent under competent guidance on plantations in our mountainous country, carrying a first-class rainfall, a well as in the South-East, would be first rate investment, although the pament of dividends might be deferred for a couple of decades.

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AFFORESTATION.

tan area. Strong emphasis was given to
the protests frequently made through In his address at yesterday's Conthe Press against the ruthless cetting memoration as the Adelaya University
down of Jinber in the storious hills Sir Douglas Hansed made a valuable
pass to Adelayade. Under the present contribution of the discussion of a valuable
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intro-scarred, bare hillsides remain.
Sir Douglas's view the well-designed
ad delightful Knitpr forest should be
due tiny section of Avast area of timyer growths, which would bring into millions sterling annually which now goes abroad for importation." pily external sources of supply are far first decade of the present cenissued a pamphlet on the growing scarcity of coniferous timber, showing how

largely the annual consumption exceeded the re-growth, and indicating the conscquences that must inevitably follow, sides of the Atlantic, and for many years the position and prospects of forestry in Great Britain, the planting and manage ment of woodlands, and the question of affording better educational and other

industry, engaged the attention of Royal Commission.

Six months ago Mr. C. E. Lane Poole, Commonwealth Forestry Adviser, in a special report, emphasised the responsi-bility of the Federal Government in the matter, showing the possibilities of afforestation in its own domains, and the programmes. There seemed good hop that South Australia would specially pro-fit by Mr. Poole's recommendation, hav-ing indeed every right to do so, the State being a pioneer in arboriculture, and pos sessing in connection with its Universi the one school in the Commonwealth claiming to give a full course in forestry. To the excellence of this institution Mr Poole paid a glowing tribute in his report, in which he spoke of the "enthusias tic and fine young foresters" it had pro-duced; and last year, as Sir Douglas Mawson reminds us, the Inter-Universities Conference and the Australisian Association for the Advancement of Science indicated their appreciation in terms still more emphatic by resolutions favoring the recognition of the school its completion and better equipment the assistance of the Federal Government As long ago as 1920 the forest departments of the various States had affirmed but as the proposal contemplated a ner institution near Sydney, the failure of the State Governments to reach an agree Not all experts, it must be admitted have seen the need of associating trioniculture with a university. Mr. Poole,