

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM

Successful Closing Social

About 500 past and present students gathered at the Conservatorium last evening to hold a closing social of the institution and of the Students' Association.

Many former friendships were renewed. Dr. E. Harold Davies spoke with enthusiasm of the happy spirit which united the past with the present, and linked up the work of the pioneers of the Conservatorium with the work of the present.

Mr. Frederick Bevan, he said, was leaving shortly for a holiday in Britain. He had been at the Conservatorium since its earliest days. His first pupil was with them in the person of Mr. Max Fotheringham. They had also Mr. Reimann and other original teachers who had laid a good foundation on which to build and were still continuing the good work. They wished Mr. Bevan a happy holiday and a safe return, and also Mr. Harold Wyde, who was to be absent on leave for a few months.

The programme opened with a performance of Liza Lehman's "In a Persian Garden," the singers being Madame Delmar Hall (soprano), Miss G. Michte (contralto), Mr. A. Penrose (tenor), and Mr. Campbell (bass). This was followed by a humorous dramatic sketch, "Double Demon," by Mr. Carey's dramatic class. It was produced by Mr. Frank Johnstone.

Eleven jurywomen and one man failed to agree on the guilt of an absent defendant on his assault on a young woman by kissing her. Mr. F. Johnstone as the solitary male juror, practised golf strokes and played "Double Demon" while his feminine conferees debated, smoked, slept, or fainted. Miss Lillian May was foreman of the jury. The sketch was full of bright witticisms which were ably handled by the company and caused much amusement.

Mr. Bevan mustered a goodly company of past and present students in an excerpt from Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore," which was highly appreciated. Mr. Percy Trevor made "a true-born Englishman" of supercilious tendencies as the commodore. Mr. S. Coombe took the part of the captain of the Pinafore, with Mr. Stanley Gare as Dick Deadeye.

Miss Jean Sinclair made a most attractive "Buttercup" and exhibited a melodious voice. Miss Elsie Cook was the highborn lass who loved a sailor, and debated in a pleasing soprano voice the chances of happiness in her ancestral halls against a dingy room in a poor quarter and dinner served in a pudding basin with the man she loved. Miss Phyllis Chappell contributed reminders of "his sisters and his cousins and his aunts."

The function was one of the most enjoyable held at the Conservatorium, supper, social intercourse, and an impromptu dance concluding the evening.

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AN ADELAIDE SCIENTIST.

DR. WHITRIDGE DAVIES.

"The Gamboner," the Edinburgh University magazine, in its issue for October, gives the following interesting sketch of Dr. Whitridge Davies, who a son of Professor Harold Davies, of Adelaide University, and received his earlier education at Prince Alfred College, and the Adelaide University:—

If the old adage be true that "Happy is he who knows the causes of things," we know of no happier man than Dr. Whitridge Davies. Lecturer in Edinburgh University. An Australian born and educated, he came to the study of medicine with that freshness and zest that we associate with colonial life. He is but thirty-one years of age, yet into that short space of time he has compressed an amount of study with a richness of result that is as astonishing as it is rare. He has seen war on the cricket field, for he served in France as captain and regimental medical officer; and he has seen the effects of war, for he was specially appointed by the Medical Research Council to one of their hospitals; and later he entered New College, Oxford, as research student.

After he returned to England from Australia, whether he had gone for demobilisation, he took up the position of research assistant to Professor Meakins, in the Department of Therapeutics. During that period he worked with various professors on problems concerning the respiratory function, metabolism, insulin, and others. In September, 1923, he went to Rockefeller Hospital, New York, on the strength of a Rockefeller Research Fellowship, and spent a busy year on research work in many fields, both in the clinics and in the laboratories. Indeed, to him any physiological problem is a real source of joy, for it may result in a solid contribution to human needs. And in this connection Dr. Davies has readily submitted himself as a candidate where a human victim was needed for an experiment. Such experiments and the part played in them by Dr. Davies are well-known to those students who have listened to his lectures on "Surgical Physiology."

We have said that Dr. Davies is not only a man of research, but is also a man

of results. This is clearly brought out in the list of his published works. The list is formidable and evidences considerable research, as well as the rarer faculty of expressing the results clearly and succinctly. These articles, written alone or in collaboration, have been published in our leading medical journals and have deservedly attracted much attention. And his recent book on "Respiratory Function in Disease" (Oliver & Boyd, 1925) is a valuable contribution to the science of medicine, for it sets forth the intimate relations between it and physiology per se, a fact somewhat apt to be lost sight of.

While lecturing in Edinburgh, he has continued to investigate such problems as the circulation rate and oxygen therapy. While thus engaged, he was regarded, to a certain extent, as "liaison officer" between the more theoretical departments and the clinical services, and was frequently consulted by physicians and surgeons regarding investigations of cases, research problems, and recent scientific literature. The work of Dr. Davies has earned him the membership of many of our learned medical societies, as well as of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine of New York.

While Dr. Davies is, above all, a scientist to the backbone, and widely read in his own subjects, his interests are not narrowed to the affairs of his profession. He has travelled much and brought to his journeyings that knowledge with-out which they would have been fruitless. In literature, English and foreign, he is widely read, especially in the moderns; indeed, nothing that affects human interests is averse from him. He confesses to a liking for golf, for collecting, as he facetiously terms it, interesting acquaintances, and most especially for a country life. Edinburgh University is fortunate in his possession, and we cordially wish him all success in his profession.

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A LESSON IN FORESTRY.

Correspondents to The Times (London) a month ago made allusion to the hereditary association with India of the newly appointed Viceroy, Rt. Hon. Edward F. L. Wood, M.P. His grandfather, Sir Charles Wood, the first Lord Halifax, performed noteworthy service as Secretary of State for India from 1859 to 1866. He recast the whole judicial system of the great dependency, reconstituted its finances, developed its railways, and reorganized its army. He also exhibited a wonderful insight into matters pertaining to a general forest policy, and this at a time when knowledge of forestry and forestry science was a dead letter in England. The facts recorded may be commended to the consideration of the present Commissioner of Crown Lands of South Australia, in view of his readiness to consign to destruction a highly valuable northern forest. When Sir Charles Wood became Secretary for India, the demolition of the extensive natural forests of India, by timber cutters, by charcoal burners, and, above all, by shifting cultivation had gone on unchecked for at least two generations. The extension of cultivation was considered to be the chief care of the Government, and no regard was paid to the accompanying improvident waste of timber. But as the pressure of population on the soil became more dense, and the construction of railways increased the demand for sleepers and fuel, the question of forest conservation forced itself into notice. It was then slowly recognised that the inheritance of future generations was being recklessly sacrificed to satisfy an immoderate desire for present-day profit.

In November, 1862, the Governor-General in Council addressed a despatch to the India Office in London, emphasizing the neglect to which the forests had been exposed, and intimating that he was bringing a Dr. Brandis from Burmah to act as adviser, with the object of introducing some form of administration in order to safeguard the forests which remained. Sir Charles Wood proved a most sympathetic Minister, and thereafter the main lines upon which an enlightened forest conservation policy was enforced in India was jointly formulated by him and Dr. Brandis. A Forestry Department was established as a branch of the administration in every province, and its operations were entrusted to skilled men. The forests were under a supervision in

India cover 250,000 square miles, of which 100,000 are under complete conservancy. Besides augmenting the national resources, the forests are profitable, and yield a net revenue yearly of more than a million sterling. In an interesting despatch addressed to the Indian Government in 1863, Sir Charles Wood urged the need for promoting afforestation in order to prevent deterioration of the climate, and to provide timbers for railways and other public works. He remarked, inter alia:—"A Government only can be expected to wait long enough to reap a profit obtainable from an article which it takes 80 to 100 years to bring to maturity. Permanency so far as it can be obtained, is therefore of the highest importance in any arrangement for the due administration of forests." India has benefited incalculably through the far-sighted and firm statesmanship of this able Minister, and the lesson which he impressed upon administrators 60 years or more ago, may well be acted upon in South Australia.

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Professor W. A. Laver, Ormond professor of music in the University of Melbourne and director of the Conservatorium, will relinquish his chair this week. Professor Laver has been associated with the teaching of music in the Melbourne University for over thirty years, and has been Ormond professor since the establishment of the chair.

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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION.

The annual commemoration of the Adelaide University will be held in the Elder Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law (Mr. W. J. Isbister) will present to the Vice-Chancellor the candidates for degrees in laws:—For the degree of Bachelor of Laws:—Patrick Joseph Christie, Kenneth Churchill Duffield, Arthur Frederick Fischer, Bernard Griff, Clare Sparkes Harris, Geoffrey Courtnay Harry, Edward Leo Haywood, Frederic Stephen Hodby, Joseph Reginald Keenan, Martin Rudolf Chemnitz Kriewaldt, B.A., Arthur Lawrence Pickering, Pepita Corda Saunders, Laurence John Stanley, Harold Norman Tucker.

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (Dr. H. Swift) will present to the Vice-Chancellor the candidates for degrees in medicine and surgery:—For the degree of Master of Surgery:—Albert Ray Southwood, M.D., B.S. For the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery:—Harold Henry Appleby, William Blackney, Harry Leonard Chester, Melville Ennos, Chinner, William Christie, Malcolm Turner Cockburn, Alfred Sydney de Bohun Cocks (Everard Scholar), John Francis Cramp, Clarence William England, Robert Owen Fox, Rosina Howard Hamilton, Francis Marian Hamp, Reginald Denis Hornabrook (Everard Scholar), Leonard Ross Mullen, Frank Kenneth Magford, John Ellison Porter, John William Rollison, Gordon Wearing Smith, William Delano Walker, B.Sc., Henry Gordon Prest (in absentia). For the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, ad eundem gradum:—Reginald Francis Matvers, M.B., Ch.M. (Sydney).

The Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry (Sir Joseph Verco) will present to the Vice-Chancellor the candidates for degrees in dentistry:—For the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery:—Sydney Gordon Cocks, Cyril Grosvenor. For the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery, ad eundem gradum:—Edgar Albert Meldrum, B.D.S. (Sydney), Leslie Sanders Rogers, B.D.S. (Melbourne).

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts (Professor J. McKellar Stewart) will present to the Vice-Chancellor the candidates for degrees in arts:—For the Ordinary Degree of Master of Arts:—Arthur Hammond Bell, B.A., Frederick Martin Burgess, B.A., Eric Gordon Kelly, B.A., Ivis Esther Robertson, B.A., Edwin John Stribbles, B.A. For the honors degrees of Bachelors of Arts:—Leslie Frank Casson, Walter Russell Crocker, Phyllis Evelyn Lide. For the ordinary degree of Bachelor of Arts:—Archibald Herbert Campbell, Thomas William Charlesworth, Gertrude Vera Gaejean, Max Johann Gerlach, Marjory Bayley, James McCann, Colin McMurtry, Dorothy Elizabeth Othams, Geoffrey Ernest Peters, Kathleen Naomi Powell, Genevieve Marjorie Jean Shawin, Margaret Walter Soerell, Ada Florence Strubling, William Laurence Thomas, Edith Louise Tilley, Walter Tobble Westgarth. For the degree of Master of Arts, ad eundem gradum:—Albert Ernest Maddon Kewood, M.A. (Melbourne).

The Dean of the Faculty of Music (Professor E. Harold Davies) will present to the Vice-Chancellor the candidates for degrees in music:—For the degree of Bachelor of Music:—John William

Black, Faith Erskine Harvey, Lesley Maux Patrick (in absentia). The Dean of the Faculty of Science (Professor T. Harvey Johnson) will present to the Vice-Chancellor the candidates for degrees in science:—For the honors degree of Bachelor of Science:—Geology—Paul Samuel Hossfeld, B.Sc. For the ordinary degree of Bachelor of Science:—Biology—Unwin Byles, Harold Norman England, Bruce Fleming Gouda, George Houston Barrett, Haskard, Maxwell Ralph Jacobs, Thomas Glen Luke, Lewis Arthur Newman, Gordon Rudolph Piper, Maurice Knight Pitcher, Thomas Laurence Williamson, Irwin Toppswein, M.A. (in absentia). The Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science (Mr. H. W. Gartrall) will present to the Vice-Chancellor the candidates for degrees in engineering and for diplomas in applied science:—For the Degree of Master of Engineering:—John Bagot Brookman, B.E. For the Degree of Bachelor of Engineering:—Keith McQuarrie Bennett; Malcolm Archibald Brooker; James Douglas Chapman; Harold Stewart Elford; George Read Fisher; Lance Galbraith Johnson; Richard Henry Maitland Lea, Frederick William Tideman; Reginald Clarence Walsh, Adrian Akhurst Anderson (in absentia). For the Diploma in Applied Science:—Alwyn Bowman Barker, B.E., Keith McQuarrie Bennett, Malcolm Archibald Brooker, James Douglas Chapman, Harold Stewart Elford, George Read Fisher, Humphrey Crayle Forgan, Lance Galbraith Johnson, Richard Henry Maitland Lea, Frederick William Tideman, Reginald Clarence Walsh, Adrian Akhurst Anderson (in absentia).

The chairman of the Board of Commercial Studies (Mr. S. Russell Booth) will present to the Vice-Chancellor:—For the Diploma in Commerce:—John Parr Harding Biddle, James Marshall Biggs, James Beaton Blair, Harold Duncan Campbell, Eric Ambrose Gibson, Charles Edgewood Horrocks, Bessie Lillywhite, James Gilbert Lyon, Philip Bernard Alphonse McCarron, Arthur William Mack, Colin Walter Martin, Eric James Mortess, Margaret Mullin, Ronald Stewart Postle, Helene Raffet; (Fisher medalist).

(Taken out of the list of the articles also)

phant, William Valentine Leach, M. John Fife Smith.

SCHOLARS AND PRIZEMEN FOR 1925.

FACULTY OF ARTS.

Ruby Fletcher Prize (Logic and Psychology)—Gertrude Vera Gaejean, John Howard Clark Prize—Dore Aileen Bieby. Tinline Scholarship.—Keith Sydney B. Prox, acc.—John Heywood Reynolds. Jeffers Medal (Philosophy)—Edna Holmes, B.A., LL.B. Burr Smith Prize (Greek)—Harold Wilson. Andrew Scott Prize (Latin)—Frank Stephen Hodby. Bundy Prize (for English verse)—Merries. Torrance Prize (for Essays in English Literature)—Barbara Kate Sweeney.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE.

John L. Young (for Research)—Samuel Hossfeld, B.Sc. The David Murray Scholarship—Harold Norman England. The John Bagot Botany Scholarship—Dorothy Mary Eyle. The Lowrie Scholarship—Maxwell Jacobs.

FACULTY OF LAWS.

David Murray Scholarship (for law)—Kenneth Churchill Duffield. Stow Prize—Kenneth Churchill Duffield.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

Elder Prize.—First Examination—Gilmore Macarrait. Dr. Davies-Thomas Prize.—Second Examination—Philip Cornelius Hogan.

Examination.—Herbert George Leach, Alistair Campbell, McEachern (joint).

Everard Prize.—Final Examination—Alfred Sydney de Bohun Cocks, Reginald Denis Hornabrook (joint).

BOARD OF COMMERCIAL STUDIES.

Fisher Medal—Helene Raffet.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Faculty of Medicine. Degree of Master of Surgery.—Paul Thoms—Southwood, Albert Ray, M.B. Degree of Doctor of Medicine—passed.

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The health of Mr. James Carr (chairman of directors of G. Wood & Co. Limited) is causing anxiety his friends and relatives. An operation some time ago Mr. Carr has shown little improvement, and condition today was reported to be unchanged.

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A request by Dr. A. E. V. Ralston for 12 months' leave of absence granted. It was desired that he be asked to supply a report on the regarding organisations similar to Central Bureau existing abroad.