EWS. 7.11.28

CIVIL SERVICE

Applications Received

... from being less satisfactory the ... of entrance examination into the Civil Service, which has been adopted ... the war, is most successful, said ... Gates, S. Price Weir (Public Service Commissioner) in addressing a board for the ... of the special entrance examination.

After reading an article in which the ... of a leading business college had ... the fact that the examination ... previous to the war, Mr. Price Weir ... pointed out the various advantages ... the later scheme.

Instead of the specially drawn up syllabus that was the usual entrance ... Civil Service was recognised (one ... the Public Service ought to be ... were the leaving (or senior) com... examination, the intermediate (or ... examination, the leaving (or senior) public examination, and ... intermediate (or junior) public examination.

The advantage of recognising the University of Adelaide examinations was that ... the Public Service ought to be ... to moderate the standard of work ... required by reason of candidates failing ... University always kept to the same standard.

Schools trained their scholars to sit for ... examinations, and the work set was ... the same importance to the future ... work of the youth in the department.

In the article the fact that shorthand and typewriting were not set out in ... "Back ... the Public Service was stressed," said ... Mr. Gates. Were, "This, however, is not ... serious, for, sufficiently long, shorthand ... typewriting in the Civil Service is done by ... who come for that purpose alone. ... are not usually taken, and are examined ... other than the efficiency tests of ... and accuracy."

Boys who come without qualifying were ... positions simply on the understand... that when qualified lads were available they would be dismissed unless they ... the necessary examination in the ... time. The service is finding it most ... to get enough boys," he continued, ... qualified boys were not available ... boy was taken temporarily, but ... seven years' a week. The qualified ... started his career with 30/ a week. ... job the service was advertising ... and 30/ a week. The schools told ... there was a great demand for boys ... the service, few lads were applying ... positions.

Adv. 18.11.28

UNNECESSARY OPERATIONS.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the ... Children's Hospital yesterday ... John Gwyn Swift said the work of ... dispatients' department had increased ... by owing to the number of children ... there by the Education Department ... treatment. He could not help giving ... opinion that there were times ... operations and the ... performed there could be ... ded. There had been a wave of ... dental extraction once when everybody's ... life aim in life appeared to be to have his ... teeth extracted and to wear an artificial ... plate. That wave had subsided, and it ... possible that the wave which led to the ... removal of so many tonsils would also ... recede. In his own experience he had ... known cases where enlarged tonsils had ... come down after two or three weeks. If ... they taught children to breathe properly ... while they were young, they would not ... hear so much either of enlarged tonsils ... or post-nasal growths. He was convinced ... that in future a great number of people ... would suffer from too deep a throat, ... as a result of the removal of their ton...

REG. 10.11.28

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.

The performance of the early English opera of Purcell "Dido and Aeneas"—by the Elder Conservatorium students' opera class, under the direction of Mr. Clive Carey, Mus. Bac., will take place in the Norwood Town Hall on Friday, November 20, and on the following Monday. The story of the opera is taken from the Masques of Elizabeth's day. The music of Purcell is delightful throughout, and fits the atmosphere of the play by its beauty and power of expressiveness. The scene opens with the Court of Dido and the arrival of Aeneas. In the storm scene of the second part the destruction of Dido is sought by the witches, and while out hunting the Queen is constrained to depart for Troy. The closing scene of the play is worked out in the fourth scene, when Dido believes Aeneas has left her, and he is dismissed from her court. The first scene of Mozart's "Magic Flute" will also be staged the same evening. Both operas will be given in costume, and accompanied by a chamber orchestra of 22 performers, under the direction of Miss Sylvia Whittington, A.M.U.A. The dances have been arranged by Miss Phyllis Leitch. The ballets are Marshall's, Gawler place.

REG. 11.11.28

LIFE IN RUSSIA

At the weekly luncheon of the South Australian branch of the League of Nations Union, on Tuesday, an address was delivered by Professor J. R. Wilton on "Russian problems" a continuation of a previous address on the same subject. He sketched briefly the method of representation in Russia, pointing out that the franchise was extended to workers, including the army and sailors. Included in the "workers" were all classes of manual and mental workers, who were members of trade unions. The employer of private business was not given a vote in the government of the country. Continuing, the speaker said he had had access to first-hand information, through a report issued by the Society of Friends, which had been working in Russia since 1916. In that publication it was stated that notwithstanding the revolution, and the drought and famine, which had followed, conditions were improving, the standard of life of the manual worker was not so high as before the war, while that of the mental worker was much lower than it was in pre-war days. There were improvements in the art of ridiculously low rent and cheap fuel and lighting. The women workers were well cared for by scientific measures. Most important of all was the spirit and co-operation with the Government, evinced by the people. The teachers were the class which was worst paid and cared for, although the Soviet had no means despised the value of education. Another great problem facing the Soviets was that of the peasants whose conditions of life were indescribable. The most primitive and wasteful methods of agriculture were employed, and the people themselves were grossly ignorant. In the loghouses or mud huts of the 10,000,000 Russian peasantry, there was no table or brown, and the main article of food was black bread, which contained little wheat. The shortage of horses had resulted in the use of oxen and even camels, and the sickle was preferred to the reaper and binder. As the babies were brought into the world by barbaric means, it was no wonder that 50 per cent. of them perished. The only sign of dawning political consciousness among these peasants was a growth of suspicion.

REG. 19. 11.28

LATE MISS E. JACKSON.

HONOURED BY M.L.C. OLD SCHOLARS.

At the morning assembly of the Methodist Ladies' College, Wayville, on Monday, a number of friends gathered for a ceremony in honour of the late Miss Elizabeth Jackson, M.A., a former pupil and teacher at the college.

The Rev. F. Lade, M.A. (Principal of the Brighton Theological College) led in devotion.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. R. Jackson, mother of the late Miss Jackson, the President of the Methodist Conference (Rev. F. Bullock) and Miss E. Sharman, in behalf of the M.L.C. Old Scholars' Association, on hand over to the college an enlarged photograph of Miss Jackson.

In accepting the presentation from Miss Sharman, the head mistress (Miss A. Patchell, B.A., B.Sc.) thanked the old scholars for their kindly thought in thus remembering their fellow pupil and teacher.

The President, referring to Miss Jackson's career, said that she came to the college as a pupil in 1904, when she was about 12 years of age. She had a particularly brilliant career, and among the distinctions which she gained were the Challenge scholarship for English history, the David Murray scholarship for English and philosophy in 1914, and the J. L. Young scholarship for economic research in 1918. Within 10 years of entering the college she gained her M.A. degree, and for a period was a member of the teaching staff at the college, and also at Adelaide University. She was particularly interested in suburban work, and it was her great ambition to see a clinic established in Adelaide for inefficient children. The old scholars had raised £100 towards the fund, but as the project had not yet been completed the amount had been devoted to the purchase of a bust, as a special psychological section at the University of Adelaide. Miss Jackson, unfortunately, had died in 1922. Mrs. R. Jackson, father of the late Miss Jackson, had expressed the desirability of his wife and himself in respect of the erection of a bust of scholars in thus honouring their daughter's memory.

The Rev. J. H. Crossley and Mr. J. W. Gillingham (secretary of the college) were among the visitors.

ADV. 14.11.28

Our London correspondent telegraphs that the passengers by the Orient mail steamer Orsova, which arrived on Saturday, include Sir George Murray (Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Justice of South Australia), Archbishop Mannix, and Sir Arthur and Lady Cooke (Sydney).

ADV. 17.11.28

THE MISSING LAW STUDENT.

Shortly before 11.30 a.m. yesterday, a boy advised the Glenelg police that he had noticed a body floating about 100 yards out to sea almost opposite Pier-street, Glenelg. It was found that the body was that of Mr. Adrian Joseph Kerff, a law student, about 29 years of age, who had been missing from his home at New Glenelg since Monday last. On the previous evening he had gone to bed early, and at 6 o'clock next morning it was found that he had left his room. He had stated that he hoped that he had not been sleeping well lately, owing, they thought, to his having failed in a law examination. He was seen to be covered, was clad in a bathing suit, and appeared to have been in the sea for several days. Arrangements had been made for the arrest of the deceased on Friday.

REG. 10.11.28

Dr. R. M. Glynn has returned to Adelaide after four and a half years spent in study of diseases of the ear, nose, and throat. He obtained the fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, and the diplomas of ophthalmology and oto-laryngology of the Conjoint Colleges of London. He also studied a year in Berlin and Vienna, and was house surgeon at the Royal Eye Hospital, London, and Birmingham and Midland Ear and Throat Hospital. He has joined Dr. A. H. Bennett in partnership.

NEWS. 10.11.28

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

Increased Entries Received

Entries for the public examinations conducted by the University of Adelaide show a large increase this year over those of 1924. For intermediate, leaving, and leaving honours respectively 2,188, 639, and 120 entries have been received, as against 1,914, 602, and 97 in 1924. The increase is largely due to the additional number of candidates sent up by the Education Department.

Examinations will be held in the Exhibition Building and at a number of local centres from Monday, November 23, to Monday, December 7.

ADV. 11.11.28.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

From "COMMONSENSE," Balaklava:—Now that the public examinations are in connection with the University are at hand I would like to call attention to the need for reform in several directions. The dry bone of contention is that of the curriculum. On every hand we hear the educational authorities proclaiming the doctrine of "learning to reason" as against that of mere "learning by rote." And so we are rightly, too! Yet University savants prove the very reverse of the true education by their persistence in setting courses too long and too arduous to be anything but a jumble of facts to be lolled, unless he "crams" his pupils to the point of mental indigestion. So much stress has been laid on the fact that there is a clear loss of depth, and is it no wonder that business folk complain about the lack of simple business knowledge—especially of the "three Rs"—in the children of to-day. The fault is not of the pupil or the teacher, but of the system. The papers are too long for the finished or the allotted time. This is the biggest bugbear of all, there being no reason for it; and year after year we see the steady, sensible, intelligent, but slow-thinking pupil fail because he could not finish. No one is criticised for the cause of such failure. In the examiners' remarks each year we read of bad writing and spelling, careless mistakes, and careless work, but they are no blame, for they do not allow time to finish, let alone revise, or be careful. In other words, they encourage careless questions are set down in the examination papers. Merely cancelling an incorrect question without compensating for the loss of time or moral, or for the nervous strain and despair generated in the hearts of the simultaneous sufferers. A few years ago, an algebraical problem defied the efforts of some of the best mathematical brains in the city, and was solved by a lecturer in that subject at the University, the solution occupying three sheets of foolscap. Just visualise the pupil worrying themselves sick over that lot! The modern syllabus of the leaving examination, which now covers one year instead of two, is very nearly as heinous—from the pupil's standpoint. How is that amount of work to be done in one year, which previously took two years!

ADV. 20.11.28

Professor Darbey Naylor has been seriously ill, but was reported to be slightly better on Thursday. He is at his home in Toorak.

Dr. A. E. Richardson (Director of the Waite Research Institute at Urrbrae) has been appointed a commissioner to enquire into and report upon the progress of agricultural research during his forthcoming travels round the world.

ADV. 17.11.28

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.

Next Friday will see the initial performance of student opera in Adelaide in connection with the Elder Conservatorium. On this occasion the British opera, "Dido and Aeneas" will be given by the opera class in continuation of studies under the direction of Mr. Clive Carey, Mus. Bac. It is fortunate that so eminent an authority on old English music is Mr. Carey undoubtedly is, should be able and willing to undertake this production, and is doing so in work in all the departments—gesture, deportment, and general training—that the class is able to give these performances after one year's work. Purcell's music is delightful, and the opera is distinguished for its beauty, charming airs, and lilting rhythms, and is full of impressive and wonderful writing, and illustrative of his best work. This opera will also be given in costume. Miss Sylvia Whittington will lead the chamber Orchestra of 22 performers, and Miss Phyllis Leitch is arranging the ballets. Plans at Marshall's, Gawler place.

ADV. 14.11.28

REPORTED MISSING.

For some days Mr. Adrian Joseph Kerff, an articled clerk, of New Glenelg, aged about 29 years, has been missing from his home at New Glenelg. His disappearance was reported to the police on Tuesday last. It is understood that on the morning of that day it was discovered that he had left his room, but his clothing and money were still there. His bathing clothes, however, were missing. It is understood that he had worried a good deal about his final examinations, and had not been sleeping well. He is about 5 feet 7 inches in height, and is of dark complexion, with dark hair and brown eyes, and clean shaven. A warrant has been issued for his arrest on a charge of having assaulted a little girl.

ADV. 13.11.28

ELIZABETH JACKSON MEMORIAL.

An appeal was made to the Methodist Ladies' College Old Scholars' Association some time ago to do something for a project which was very dear to the heart of one of the most brilliant scholars of the college (Elizabeth Jackson), namely, the establishment in Adelaide of a psychological clinic. Unfortunately the general public did not respond as liberally as was expected, but the Old Scholars' Association raised £100 to the fund, and the money is being devoted to buying books for a special psychological section of the University library. The old scholars have expressed a desire to place an enlarged photo in the assembly hall, and it has been arranged that Mrs. Jackson shall unveil this tribute to the memory of their old schoolfellow on Wednesday morning at the morning assembly. Old scholars and members of the college committee are invited to be present at 9 a.m.

ADV. 14.11.28

Professor E. C. Jeffrey, Ph.D., D.Sc., Dean of Harvard University, Cambridge (Mass.), who arrived at Adelaide on Friday to consult with Professor T. G. Osborne, of the University, has decided to make enquiries regarding scientific problems, is a native of Ontario, his birthplace being 25 miles from the Niagara Falls. Professor at Harvard University he was granted leave for one year after seven years of duty. Professor Jeffrey found that the last 12 months had added to his credit, and he decided to spend six months of that time in Australia and New Zealand. He is a specialist, and has hope for study in Australia that he intends to return next year to spend the other six months in the work he is entitled.

Dr. Harold Rischbieth, who recently returned from England, has resigned his appointments as honorary surgeon at the Children's Hospital and honorary surgeon venereal clinic at the Adelaide Hospital.

NEWS. 16.11.28

Rhodes Scholarship

"No announcement regarding the successful student for the Rhodes scholarship can be made until the results of the examinations now being held are finalised," said Mr. F. W. Hardley (Registrar of the University) today.

"There is a number of students sitting for the examinations, and it will take some time before the final result is known. It will be made public probably after the return of His Excellency Sir Tom Bridges from England this month."

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