

COMMUNITY GATHERING

Girl Citizen Movement

Initiated by the Young Women's Christian Association for 'teen-age girls in Australia, the Girl Citizen Movement is a national one. Its object is to give girls, through normal activities, the habits, insight, and ideals which will make them responsible women, capable and ready to help to build up the best type of Australian citizens.

A community of girl citizens is composed of a number of sections, each containing from 12 to 20 girls, being under the leadership of a Counsellor, who is in turn responsible to the Chief Counsellor.

In the Adelaide movement all sections of the community meet three times a year for the official assembly.

The first community gathering was held last week. It was divided into two parts—ceremonial and social. The ceremony was conducted by Miss F. E. Piper, B.A. (Chief Counsellor), who enrolled the new citizens and counsellors and presented to them the challenge embodied in the code of Girl Citizens. Miss A. M. Bignell (general secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association) unfurled and dedicated a flag bearing the badge of the Girl Citizen



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Movement. The section which has most nearly fulfilled the standard of attendance, uniform, and efficiency will be presented with the flag at the next community gathering and will have the honor of guarding it for the ensuing term.

About 140 girls were present, their loyalty to the movement being shown in their careful regard for uniform and the sincerity with which they joined in the ceremony.

Afterward they entered wholeheartedly into team races held in the gymnasium. It will be remembered that the Commonwealth of Girl Citizens held its first annual conference at Mount Lofty in January. Among the 70 delegates were representatives from Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Brisbane, Adelaide, Newcastle, Bendigo, and Geelong. The legislative responsibility of the movement is in the hands of the girls, who this year undertook and accomplished an improvement of their code. Next January they will be an integral part of the general conference of the Australian National Young Women's Christian Association.

LONDON APPOINTMENT

Accountant for Agent-General

Mr. A. H. Greenham (Associate of Commerce, University of Adelaide), clerk in the Treasury, was appointed by Executive Council today to be chief clerk and accountant in the office of the Agent-General, London, in succession to Mr. E. H. Peake, who has returned to become Sergeant at Arms and Assistant Clerk in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Greenham, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Greenham, of Forestville, was born at Quorn. He is 31 years of age, and joined the Public Service as clerk in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department 16 years ago. He remained there, with the exception of four years' war service, until his transfer to the Treasury on July 1, 1925, where he is at present personal clerk to the Hon. J. Gunn in his capacity as Treasurer and Minister of Railways. He was appointed secretary of the South-Eastern Drainage Assessment Board in succession to Mr. A. L. Read in 1920.

Mr. Greenham enlisted in 1916 in the Field Ambulance and returned in 1920. During his war service he acted as stretcher



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bearer during many of the fiercest battles on the western front. Two brothers also saw active service, and one, Mr. Fred Greenham, was killed on Gallipoli.

He is of a quiet, studious disposition, and is popular with his fellow-officers. He gained the Diploma of Commerce at the University of Adelaide in 1923, and has since read other subjects connected with the commerce course.

Mr. Greenham married Miss Adelaide Plant, of Birmingham. They met during the war, and were married at St. Augustine's Church, Unley. Mrs. Greenham is an accomplished singer and has a vivacious personality.

During the occupancy of his present position Mr. Greenham won the respect of a wide circle of acquaintances by his courteous and considerate conduct, and it is generally agreed that in his new position he will be the right man in the right place. His father is chief clerk in the Police Department.

STUDENT DAYS

Romance of the University

WORK AND PLAY

Day after day and year after year the walls of the Adelaide University look down upon a stream of young people preparing themselves for the field of life, and exceedingly happy in their student days.

A certain amount of romance always attaches itself to student life in both fiction and history. Unfortunately the romance is frequently not felt by students until they have left behind them those halcyon days, and entered into the business of their various professions.

When one has stepped into the arena one realises suddenly that the great joy, the comradeship, and the happy care-free hours of college days are gone for ever. One regrets their passing.

The life of a student in the University varies according to the profession that he or she adopts, but most students spend a great part of their time in the University Library and in the Public Library.

When not attending lectures they may be found in these large book-lined halls, seeking information and solving problems. Law students have little spare time to spend in the lounge, and recreation rooms provided for them, as at an early period of study they become arctic clerk.

Engineering students also are found to have little leisure, and spend what they have in practical mechanics, taking something to pieces and putting it together again.

But in the comfortable lounge rooms of the men one finds cosy chairs and ease with a piano that is certainly not neglected. Here the students gather in the leisure time and while away many pleasant hours with singing and music, and the compositions of skits executed with good humor against one another.

The women have a cottage allotted to them where there are the essentials for cooking sausages or chops. How many a cheerful and appetising lunch is taken here where merry chatter and laughter abound!

No lady in her mansion was ever happier than the women students taking a pride in their college cottage, and getting their own meals. Here needlework also sees the light of day, and embroidery and garments gradually fashioned in the hours of leisure between lectures.

Another side dear to all Australians is the life out-of-doors, when tennis, football, hockey, and sports, according to seasons, are indulged. Keenest interest exists between teams, and the desire to win laurels on the athletic field is no less eager than the desire for fame in the halls of learning.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD.

Mr. S. Talbot Smith New Chairman.

Mr. S. Talbot Smith, M.A., LL.B., is highly esteemed in literary and art circles. His appointment to the position of President of the Public Library Board of South Australia—rendered vacant by the resignation of Sir William Sowden—will, therefore, be a popular one. At Friday afternoon's meeting of the executive body Mr. Talbot Smith was asked to accept the presidential office, and did so. He was appointed a member of the Board by the Government in September, 1921, and has been an active member of the library and archives, fine arts, and printing committees since that time.



MR. S. TALBOT SMITH, M.A.

The new President, who is the only son of the late Sir Edwin Smith, was born at Burnside in 1861. He was taken home to England to be educated, and obtained his degrees of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Laws, at Cambridge. Subsequently, practice was entered into at the Middle Temple. Just 40 years ago Mr. Talbot Smith returned to Adelaide, and has never since then left the boundaries of Australia. Like his late widely esteemed and philanthropic father, the son has taken a deep interest in the public affairs of the State. In his case, the trend has been towards educational and artistic matters. As a literary, dramatic, and art critic, Mr. Talbot Smith is widely known throughout the Commonwealth, and, in addition to his profession as a barrister, contributes regularly to some of the leading newspapers and periodicals here and overseas. He has been dramatic critic for The Bulletin for the last 30 years.

Among the positions that have been held with distinction by the new Library Board President is that of membership of the University Council of South Australia for more than 20 years. He has been Chairman of the Literature Commission of Institutes' Association Council, from its inception. Other notable offices include the presidency of the Repertory Theatre, where Mr. Talbot Smith has played some excellent character parts; President of the Literary Societies' Union, and President of the Amateur Athletic Association. A keen lover of sport, this follower of many interests, is President of the Cricket and Lacrosse Clubs in the East Torrens district. For years past Mr. Talbot Smith has held the office of referee at the intercolonial and university sports. A conversationalist of great attainments, and noted for his ready wit, Mr. Talbot Smith's scholarly attainments fit him for this latest public recognition.

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HELP FOR SCHOLAR

Appeal by Dr. Harold Davies

"Mr. Richard Watson, who recently won the Elder Scholarship of the Royal College of Music, is in every way a most deserving student," said Prof. E. Harold Davies, Mus. Doc. (Director of the Elder Conservatorium) today.

"The scholarship pays only for the tuition, and a small portion of the maintenance required. For this reason it is necessary to raise, if possible, enough money to provide for the maintenance of the scholar for three years.

"We are all doing our best to help this promising young South Australian. A farewell benefit concert will be given for him at the Adelaide Town Hall on Tuesday. I hope the public, which has been so generous in helping other South Australians, will give Mr. Watson the same warm support."

Dr. Davies said that he had received a cheque for £10 10/ from Mr. Abe Shannon. "If any other friends would like to help in a similar way, they may send their gifts either to Mr. Gus Cawthorne or to me. They will be most gratefully received."

SCIENCE CONGRESS RECORD.

Members of the South Australian branch of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Science will be interested to know that the book containing the records of the meeting of the association in Adelaide in September, 1924, will be issued shortly. The publication of the work has been delayed by circumstances over which the officials had no control. The printing has been in the hands of the Government Printing Department, and as the work was gratuitous, as is the custom in each State where the gathering is held, it had to be performed during slack periods. The latter have been few and far between with the Government Printer, who has always many departmental reports and other printing connected with the Government of the country to attend to. The book, which will contain papers read at the congress by experts in many branches of science, will be issued to each subscriber of the membership fee of £1 1/. It should prove a valuable work of reference, as the contributions are by the leading scientific authorities of Australia and New Zealand. Preparations are now being made for the holding of the next conference at Perth.

THE IMPERIAL DEBATING TEAM.

The Imperial debating team who are visiting Australia will arrive in Adelaide by the express from Melbourne on Saturday. On Sunday afternoon they will be taken for a trip through the hills, and on Monday morning will be tendered a reception by the Lord Mayor (Mr. Wallace Bruce). On Monday night, together with the local debaters, they will be entertained at dinner at St. Mark's College, North Adelaide, and will be present the following day at the League of Nations Union lunch. Arrangements are also being made for a dinner to be tendered them by the Commonwealth Club. The members of the team are Messrs. R. Nunn May, A. H. E. Molson, P. Reed, and T. P. MacDonald. The following debates have been arranged to take place at the Liberal Hall, North-terrace:—May 22, "That democracy is proving a failure." Adelaide University (negative) will be represented by Messrs. M. R. Kriewaldt, B. G. Griff, and S. Pick. May 24, "That the introduction of colored races into Australia would be opposed to the best interests of the white races of the world." Adelaide (affirmative)—Messrs. J. R. Kernan, B. G. Griff, and J. F. Brazel. May 25, "That Western civilisation is becoming a degenerating influence on mankind." Adelaide (negative)—Messrs. M. R. Kriewaldt, G. O. Harry, and A. L. Pickering. The visitors will be staying at St. Mark's College while in Adelaide. They will leave for Perth on Friday.

LEVEE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Tom Bridges) will hold a levee at Government House on June 3 at noon. Each gentleman attending must bring a card with him with his name and official titles distinctly printed or written on it, for presentation to the private secretary, who will announce the names. There will be no precedence in the order of presentation, but members of public bodies are requested to enter together as much as possible.