

CHAIR OF ECONOMICS.

The decision of the Council of the University of Adelaide to establish a professorship of economics and invite applications for the chair is very gratifying to those who have been working towards this end, and has been well received in academic and other circles.

MUSICAL JAUNDICE.

Was Besley Piqued?

Clive Carey Comments.

A few months ago The Register gave a summary of Maurice Besley's caustic criticism of Australians and their music in the London musical journal, The Sackbut.

Mr. Carey proceeds:—"I am not out to boost Australian music, for that would be foolish, when it is obvious that music there is in an undeveloped condition as yet, but do let us at any rate try to be just. It is surely childish to expect of such a young country anything very advanced.

As to visiting artists and their programmes, he pertinently enquires, "How often do these folk play anything new when they appear in London? On every hand I hear criticism of the poor stuff with which Toti dal Monte obscured the better things in her programme, yet in Australia, Melba at her farewells, instead of trotting out some of the old war horses that so delight English audiences, closed with a group of Strauss, Debussy, and Chausson—no small tribute to the taste of her countrymen."

Mr. Carey demurs to the Besley laudation of musical and cultural standards of New Zealand to the detriment of Australia. He refuses to agree that "the large and vulgar continent situated only four days away is entirely eclipsed by her more fortunate small sister, in music as in everything else."

Mr. Carey concludes with the assertion that the Besley dithyramb is based upon hasty generalizations, and that it is difficult to believe that it is not the outcome of pique.

MR. HAROLD DENTON.

RECITAL AT THE ELDER HALL.

Mr. Harold S. Denton, the new teacher of singing at the Conservatorium, created a favorable impression at his song recital in the Elder Hall on Monday night.

He began with seven German songs, the first being "Der Wanderer" (Schubert), in which there were artistic legato singing and perfectly-produced notes in the upper register.

Mr. Denton had as a colleague Mr. John Horner, who accompanied him at the piano and played three solos on the organ.

Mr. Denton revealed a capacity for dramatic expression of which his earlier lyric numbers had given only a hint.

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Britain had realised the value and importance of the economist to the business world. Many economists were engaged by large industrial and commercial concerns to give expert advice.

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the University in politics, but it might, if the council of the University were to appoint someone who failed to distinguish between the science and what might be called the art of economics.

Of course, the science dealt with the basic principles of finance, industry, trade, and commerce. The application of those principles to practical problems belonged to the art of economics, but the result of that application would vary with the ability and outlook of the individual.

Dr. Brown concluded by saying that he wished to emphasize that economics as a university subject meant hard, clear, and impartial thinking—all mainly with the purpose of the student being able, when he left the university, to apply in life what scientific knowledge he had gained at the university.

While welcoming the decision of the University council to create a professorship of economics, Mr. C. W. Anderson (president of the University Commerce Students' Association) said that the desire of his association was to see the establishment of a chair of commerce so that it would be possible for students to obtain a degree in pure commerce, as could be done at the Universities of Melbourne and Tasmania.

He considered that a commerce degree would be more suitable than a degree in economics for business students.

GRANTS TO SCIENTISTS.

£1,500 Made Available.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Society of South Australia on Thursday night, the chairman (Professor J. B. Cleland) announced that he had received notification from the secretary of the Commonwealth Science and Industry Endowment Fund, at Melbourne, stating that the trustees (of which Dr. A. E. V. Richardson is one) had decided to make available the sum of £1,500 for distribution to provide assistance to persons engaged in scientific research.

1. Personal Payments to Investigators. Personal payments will be made only to investigators of proved powers to enable them to devote to some specific research time which would otherwise be given to paid work.

2. Preference will be given to persons whose careers lie in research work. It is not intended, for example, to assist persons who are seeking research degrees as avenues to employment which will not include research.

3. At the end of the period for which payment is made the investigator will be required to submit to the trustees a report on the progress of the investigation. Interim reports may be called for if the trustees so determine.

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2. The trustees will require a report at the end of each year upon work for which they have provided assistance.

1. All apparatus of a permanent character purchased out of a grant is and remains the property of the trustees, who will determine, in consultation with the investigator, its disposal when the research is completed.

Though the sum now made available is an increase on that granted last year, it is still comparatively small, and it is obvious, therefore, that no big grants can be made; but it is believed that there are many experienced scientific investigators in Australia to whom some small measure of assistance will be very acceptable.

Such aid is intended for workers of proved powers, not for beginners.

UNIVERSITY COURSE OF ECONOMICS.

Satisfaction has been expressed in business circles at the action of the University of Adelaide in creating a chair of economics. The chairman of the board of commercial studies of the University (Mr. S. Russell Booth) considers that the proposal is in the best interests of the business community and the State.

TUTORIAL CLASSES

Series of Free Lectures

The tutorial class department of the University of Adelaide has arranged for a lecture to be given in the anatomy theatre tomorrow night by Mr. H. Burton, M.A., who will speak on "The Suez Canal: Its Place in World Affairs."

On Wednesday, October 31, Mr. H. G. Oliphant, Dip. Ec., will speak on "A Search for Economic Equilibrium," and Dr. E. A. Allen will lecture on "Research Work in Psychology as Seen in London" on Wednesday, November 7.

LADY VETERINARY EXPERT.

From S. J. KNEEBONE, secretary of the Veterinary Association:—"The Advertiser" on Monday a paragraph headed "A Lady Veterinary Expert" contains the statement that the lady in question is "taking a veterinary course at the University."

There is no course in veterinary science at the Adelaide University, nor is it possible to qualify as a veterinary surgeon in this State. The universities of Melbourne and Sydney are the only places in Australia which maintain chairs in veterinary science, and it is this fact, coupled with the position that this State is the only one in the Commonwealth which has not a Veterinary Surgeons Act on the statute book, which accounts for there being so few qualified veterinarians in practice.

Until some such measure is passed, protecting the public and the qualified veterinarian from the mushroom growth of unqualified practitioners, the position can scarcely be hoped to improve.

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University Course Approved

PARTY POLITICS TABOO

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