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SOCIAL INEFFICIENCY.

During September, Professor Berry, of Melbourne University, delivered a series of three lectures in Adelaide on the above subject. At the concluding lecture a resolution was carried that in the opinion of the meeting it was essential that effective measures be taken for the study, investigation, and solution of the problems associated with the mental status and development of the children of South Australia. A strong committee was appointed to take the necessary initial steps for carrying the resolution into effect. Meetings of the committee were held, and a sub-committee was appointed to make a preliminary survey of the question. At a meeting of the full committee on Tuesday, at which Sir Joseph Verco presided, the sub-committee submitted a report containing not only recommendations regarding the steps which it was considered should be taken in this State, but valuable information relating to what is being done in this direction in other States. The following resolutions were carried, viz.:—1. That in the opinion of this committee it is desirable that an institute for the study of mental deficiency in the young be established at the University of Adelaide. 2. That steps be taken to raise the sum of £5,000, which would be sufficient to finance the proposed institute for a period of five years. 3. That the sub-committee be requested to draw up a statement which would constitute an appeal to the public for the required funds. 4. That the question of additional medical officers for the Education Department be referred back to the sub-committee for a report. Dr. H. K. Fry was appointed a member of the general committee and Mrs. J. C. McDonnell a member of the sub-committee.

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ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

The examinations results for the faculty of music, November, 1921, are—For the Degree of Bachelor of Music.—First Year—First class, none; second class, Laurel Evelyn Taylor; third class, none. Second Year.—First class, Faith Harbank Harvey; second class, Edward William Black; third class, none. Third Year.—None.

For the Diploma of Associate in Music.

Pass List.—First Year—Beryl Cole Counter, principal subject, singing; Nance Jean Dvorak, organ; Clarice Haldee Beatrice Gmeiner, violin; Kathleen Mavis Graham, piano; Valda Lila Harvey, singing; Ernest Alfred Keal, violin; Lois Maud Lathlean, singing; Jean Rainsbury Litchfield, pianoforte; Constance Cecily McGrath, pianoforte; Elizabeth Caroline McGrath, singing; Hannah Olive Marrett, singing; Lilian Ethel May, singing; Evelyn Mabel Morley, pianoforte; Ruth Winnifred Naylor, pianoforte; Lilian Gertrude Elizabeth Pether, violin; Annie Doreen Skinner, singing; Richard Charles Watson, singing; Eileen Hall Wheatley, singing.

Second Year.—Mavis Stirling Batchelor, singing; Edward William Black, violin; Phyllis Harvey Chappel, singing; Herbert Percival Edwards, organ; Helena Katie Fisher, violin; Doris Alice Kentish, pianoforte;

Gwendolyn Moss, violin; Lilian Gertrude Elizabeth Pether, violin; Alice Mildred Price, violin; Muriel Marjory Prince, pianoforte; Jean Lois Renou, pianoforte; Alice Winnifred Savage, singing; Jean Lily Sinclair, singing; Lillian May Walsh, singing; Mervyn Ewart Lancelot Williams, violin; Aila Zeven, organ.

Third Year.—Constance Mary Badenoch, singing; Lola Penalurick, piano; Jean Florence Prince, piano; Doreen Stoneman, violin; Sylvia Caroline Curtis Thomas, singing.

Dr. Ruby Davy, of Prospect, has had conferred upon her a fellowship of Trinity College of Music, London. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davy, of Salisbury, Dr. Davy has been an earnest student of music from her earliest years, and has distinguished herself with each successive step she has taken in her art. She was the



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first student at the University to take the A.M.U.A. diploma, with composition as the principal subject, and the first lady in Australia to become a Doctor of Music, and now she is the first lady outside the United Kingdom to become a Fellow of Trinity College.

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Miss Constance M. Davey, who has been awarded the Catherine Helen Spence scholarship, is the daughter of Mr. S. H. Davey, bank manager, Westall-street, Hyde Park. She received the foundations of her education in the public schools, finishing at Mr. G. L. Barnard's school, at Clare, where she sat for the junior and senior examinations. On leaving school Miss Davey began teaching, under Mr. Barnard, and later took over the school herself. She came to Adelaide in 1908 and began teaching for the Kilburn Sisters at their Port Adelaide School. In 1909 she joined the teaching staff of St. Peter's Girls' Collegiate School, Kermodestreet, and has remained there ever since. For many years Miss Davey has been the chief assistant. During the whole period of her teaching work she has continued her studies at the University, where she took



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the B.A. degree with honors in philosophy in 1915, and won the David Murray essay prize in 1916. In 1918 the degree of M.A. was conferred upon her. Miss Davey's favorite subjects are economics and mathematics. She is the president of the University Women's Union, vice-president of the Women Teachers' Association, representative of the Adelaide University Women on the National Council of Women, member of the executive of the Women's Non-Party Association, of which Miss Spence was the first president, member of the Council of the Adelaide Diocesan Social Union, and representative of that body on the Workers' Educational Association Council. Miss Davey stated on Friday that she would feel greatly her severance from St. Peter's School, but hoped it will not be necessary for her to sever her connection with that school until the middle of 1922, as her studies in England would not begin until October next.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' PROCESSION.

From "VARSITY STUDENT":—"Pro Bono Publico" is evidently a young married man who has taken upon himself the task of reforming those excitable youths who, when their examinations are finished, amuse themselves, as well as thousands of business men and others, in the annual procession through the city streets. True, some of the garments worn are novel, but it is an insult to the officers of the law who censor this pageant to say that any are indecent. Perhaps our social reformer "Pro Bono Publico" could have escaped the crowded streets if he had not been enjoying himself so much in watching the "riot of puerile tomfoolery," to use his own words. After all, we are young only once, and the best plan is to make youth last while we can. Alas, for our modest and shocked brother's appeal to public opinion; methinks he will gain no support there. Perhaps, if "Pro Bono Publico" is in the city on the night of the procession this year we will excuse him if he smiles.

From "WELLWISHER":—"I wish to endorse the sentiments of 'Pro Bono Publico' concerning the University students' procession. The proceedings of the students in these affairs are quite unworthy of them, and for their own good I should desire them to reconsider their decision to hold a procession. The public lose their respect for any one who can carry on in such a manner. Some of the displays last year were certainly offensive to those of modest temper, such as myself; and, in view of the fact that many of those who take a keen interest in these proceedings are of immature years, I earnestly request that the students, if a procession be held, will exercise more discretion in the staging of their displays.

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From "XERNES":—"In The Register 'Pro Bono Publico' says he understands that the University students are again contemplating holding their annual procession. Perhaps he is right in this surmise; one most certainly hopes so. But surely the students do not so interfere with the traffic that courageous men such as 'Pro Bono Publico' are unable to escape, but are forced to stand gaping at things 'which shock, not only their sense of propriety, but also their feelings of modesty.' If 'Pro Bono Publico' only makes it known to the offending students that he wishes to go home and hide his eyes from such grossly immoral and riotous conduct, I do not doubt that some one would be good enough to escort him across the street to the nearest tramcar. Why the students should be 'visited with punishment' I cannot see, unless it is because they cause a few moments' harmless enjoyment to the public. Doubtless to 'Pro Bono Publico' any form of amusement (except, perhaps, Psalm singing) is a worthy subject to be visited with the direst punishment. 'Perhaps public opinion will settle the matter for us,' says he. So we all hope; and there is little doubt that public opinion will differ from his opinion, as the majority does not see everything distorted by that haze of smugness and self-satisfaction which evidently surrounds 'Pro Bono Publico' and a few others of his type.

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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

EXAMINATION RESULTS, NOVEMBER.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (116).

In Order of Merit.

First Class.—Sydney Charles Greenville Wright, Second Class.—James Leonard Sydney Treloar, Dorothy Christine Somerville, Herbert Charles Boddy.

Third Class.—Vivian Rhodes Millhouse, Kenneth Norman Jones, Thelma Evelyn Beby, Cecil Charles Crump, Joseph Fisher Gillman, Irvine Dale Wuld.

LAW OF EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE (114).

In Order of Merit.

First Class.—Francis Ernest Piper; Edgar Layton Bean and Jack Pleckring Cartledge (equal). Second Class.—Frederic Stephen Hobdy, Reginald Roderic St. Clair Chamberlain, Lancelot Marlon Spiller Hargrave, John Felix Astley.

Third Class.—Herbert Charles Boddy, Joseph Fisher Gillman and Hubert Scott (equal), Clare Reginald Hannan.

FACULTY OF LAW.

Recommended for the David Murray Scholarship in Roman Law.—John Felix Astley. In Theory of Law and Legislation.—Francis Ernest Piper and Dorothy Christine Somerville (equal).

Recommended for Slow Prizes (in alphabetical order).—Edgar Layton Bean, Francis Ernest Piper, Gwendolyn Helen Ure.

Francis Ernest Piper, having obtained a Slow prize for the third time during his course, is recommended upon being admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Laws to receive the gold medal and to be styled Slow Scholar.

UNIVERSITY COMMERCE ASSOCIATION.

The second annual dinner of the University Commerce Association was held in the reception room at the Grosvenor on Saturday night.

Mr. J. Tennyson Reid, proposed 'The University,' and outlined the advantages of the institution to the individual and community at large. Professor Brailsford Robertson responded. Mr. C. A. Smith proposed the toast of 'The University Commerce Association.' He outlined the growth of the commerce course, and spoke of its highly practical value to business men. In reply, the secretary (Mr. C. H. Broomer) went over the activities of the past year. The association, he said, had in view the establishment of a chair in commerce. Mr. J. Golovsky proposed the toast of 'Kindred Societies,' to which Mr. H. H. Peony responded. Dr. H. Heaton proposed the toast of 'The Secretary.'

Songs were rendered by Messrs. F. P. and J. Hardy Mullins, and pianoforte solo by Mr. F. Horn, a recitation was given by Mr. N. A. Vowles, and selections by the Gaiety Jazz Orchestra. Miss M. Martin was at the piano.

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THE RHODES TRUST.

The Rhodes trustees have appointed Mr. J. C. V. Behan, M.A., B.C.L., warden of Trinity College, Melbourne, and a former Rhodes scholar, to be general secretary for the Rhodes Scholarships in Australia. The appointment is not intended to dispense in any degree with the services of the honorary secretaries of the committees of selection in the several States. The primary object of the new appointment is to establish a single channel, by which those secretaries may communicate with the Rhodes trustees in England. It is understood that the trustees have already conveyed to them a notice to this effect. Mr. Behan will take no part in the selection of Rhodes scholars.

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CHAIR IN JAPANESE.

Responding to the toast of 'The University' at the annual dinner of the University Commerce Association on Saturday night, Professor Brailsford Robertson suggested that a view of the important part Japan must play in Australian history, it was most essential that they should have a Chair in Japanese. Professor Robertson traced the growth of the white race from the time when they consisted of a number of small tribes on the coast of

the North Sea to the present time. Dealing with the present position, he pointed out that in the last 60 years the people in a group of small islands at the top of Australia had risen to be one of the world's greatest Powers, and that they must not overlook the fact that Japan was likely to play a great part in Australian history. In advocating the establishment of a Chair in Japanese, he said that if Australians wished to keep pace with the doings of their neighbors, then their language must sooner or later be studied.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED.

The Council of the University of Adelaide has awarded the John L. Young scholarships for 1922 to G. Samuel (research), and T. S. Opie (political economy). Elder scholarships, tenable at the Elder Conservatorium, have been awarded to the following:—For pianoforte—John A. Williams; proximo accessit, Muriel Marjory Prince. Violin—Louise Hakendorf. Organ—Herbert P. Edwards; and a special scholarship for tenor voice to Allan F. Walsh.

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Professor W. Mitchell, who had attended a conference in Melbourne of representatives of the universities of Australia, returned to Adelaide by the express on Sunday. He stated that there were 28 matters on the agenda paper affecting all the universities of the Commonwealth. Unanimous conclusions were arrived at in most cases, and the other matters were referred back to the several institutions whence they had emanated.

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News has been received that Mr. Hugh Cairns, South Australian Rhodes Scholar for 1917, has gained a fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons, London. Mr. Cairns, who re-enlisted in 1917, is an Oxford Blue. He is on the surgical staff of the London Hospital, and also holds a research studentship at the same institution. ADVERT ISEN 29/11/21