**THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES**

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<td>HISTORICAL NOTE</td>
<td>Medley was born at Oxford, 19 April 1891 and educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford. Elected to a fellowship at Corpus Christi, Cambridge, he chose not to take this up but enlisted in the Welsh Regiment in 1914. He joined the family business of Anthony Gibbs &amp; Sons, London and in 1920 came to Australia to join the Melbourne office of Gibbs, Bright and Co. for whom he became manager of the Adelaide Office, 1922-1924, then manager in Sydney. In 1930 he became headmaster of Tudor House preparatory school at Moss Vale, N.S.W., and in 1938, on the resignation of R.E. Priestley, he became the second salaried Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne. In retirement he filled his time with broadcasting and journalism. He was a writer of satirical light verse. He was a member of the Australian Broadcasting Commission 1942-1960 and Trustee of the National Gallery of Victoria 1941-1958 (Chairman 1951-1958). He was knighted in 1948 and received honorary degrees from Oxford and Melbourne.</td>
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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY

NAME: MIDDLE, Sir John Dudley Gibbs.
ADDRESS: Deceased.
MAIN OCCUPATION: Vice Chancellor, University of Melbourne.
DATE OF TRANSFER: The records were collected from the National Library of Australia, 20th January 1964 on the instructions of Lady Medley, widow of Sir John.

BULK: 1 foot.
CONDITION: Good.

The records are a very thin representation of Sir John Medley's activities, and the bulk consists of press cuttings and publications which can be obtained elsewhere. However, there are typewritten copies of several speeches and broadcast talks which contribute to an understanding of the man, and a dictated copy of reminiscences by Lady Medley which are a valuable introduction to his biography.
LIST OF RECORDS

The records are arranged as follows:
1. Speeches, addresses, and memoranda, with sub-sections for:
   1. Manuscript.
   2. Printed.
2. Broadcast talks, with sub-sections for:
   1. Manuscript.
   2. Printed.
3. Articles and pamphlets.
4. Poems, with sub-sections for:
   1. Manuscript.
   2. Printed.
5. Correspondence.
7. Lady Medley's reminiscences.
9. Miscellanea.

1. Speeches, Addresses, and Memoranda.

   1. Manuscript.

      1. Summary of talk to A.W.I. Board on Country Universities.
      2pp. 2s.
      No date.

   2. The Mystery of Graduation. Address at Canberra Commencement.
      11pp. 2s.
      23 April 1941.

   3. Anzac Day.
      7pp. 2s.
      25 April 1941.

   4. Memorandum for Council of Adult Education.
      Concerns functions of Council.
      16pp. 2s.
      3 August 1942.
5. Pioneering reconstruction. The Pioneers’ Oration, Kangaratta, Vic.
14pp. Cs.
17 October 1942.
Note: Attached correspondence (Nov. 1942) with Chronicle-Dispatch newspaper, Kangaratta, re. printing of oration for limited circulation.

6. University of Melbourne Commencement address.
1pp. Cs.
1949.

7. Speech given at Nursing Conference.
Extract concerning development and status of profession.
1pp. Cs.
20 February 1940.

2pp. remised.
5 May 1953.

9. Address on receipt of his Master of Arts degree, University of Melbourne.
10pp. Cs.
1 April 1939.

1. 2. Published.
Addresses 1939-1940, Melb., N.H.P., 1940.
Contains: Annual Commencement Address, 1 April 1939
Annual Day Address, 29 April 1939
Address to New Education Fellowship, 2 May 1939
Address to Victorian Council for Social Training, 10 May 1939
Education in a Democracy at War, Address to Education Reform Association, 28 Nov. 1939
Progress in Goodwill. Christmas Day Broadcast, 1939
The World at the Crossroads, Good Friday Broadcast, 1940
Annual Commencement Address, 13 April 1940
Speech delivered to meeting of Staff and Students, 30 May 1940
Are We Fighting for Phantoms? Broadcast 30 June 1940
Mechanized Morale. Broadcast 21 June 1940
Ruthless Optimism. Broadcast 30 June 1940

2. Education and Reconstruction, Realities of
Reconstruction no.10, Melb., N.U.F., 1944

3. Present and Future of Australian Universities,
Macrossan Lecture, University of Queensland, Melb.,
N.U.F. for Univ. of Qld., 1945

4. University and the Medical Profession, George
Adlington Syne Oration, reprint from Aust & N.Z.
Journal of Surgery, July 1949

5. Farewell to Academ. Sir Richard Stawell Oration,
reprint from Med. Journal of Aust. 30 December 1950

6. Medicine and the Humanities, George Adlington Syne
Oration, reprint from A.M. N.Z. Journal of Surgery
August 1950

7. Australian Memorial Oration, 1942

2. Broadcast Talks:

1. Manuscript:
   1. World at the Crossroads
      5pp., As.
      22 March 1940

2. Merchandised Morale
   4pp., As.
   21 June 1940

3. Are We Fighting For Phantom?
   4pp., As.
   10 July 1940

4. Peace - In Our Time?
   4pp., Rescued
   25 Dec. 1940

5. Ought We To Think About The Future?
   4pp., As.
   1 March 1941

6. What Can We Say About The Future?
   4pp., As.
   16 March 1941
7. What Can Be Done About The Future?
   5pp. Ts.
   23 March 1942

8. The Next Step
   5pp. Ts.
   17 Aug. 1941

9. Education and Reconstruction. 1. What is the real problem?
   6pp. resced
   13 Oct. 1943

10. Education and Reconstruction. 2. What we must do.
    5pp. resced
    20 Oct. 1943

11. Education and Reconstruction. 3. What we could do.
    5pp. resced
    27 Oct. 1943

12. Education in the Services
    3pp. Ts.
    12 July 1944

13. The Community Centre as the Basis of Reconstruction
    3pp. Ts.
    To date but prior to end of 1939-40 war.

14. Fifty years of Federation. Education.
    3pp. Ts.
    1 April 1945.

2. Published.
   1. As in Address 1939-1940 (1/2/1 above)
   2. Next? Four Broadcasts. Contents as for 2/2/4-7 above.
Articles and Pamphlets.

1. Education for Democracy, the future of democracy
   No.1, Melb., Aust Council for Educational Research,
   1943

2. Some thoughts on the Conferences of the Universities
   of the Empire, Universities Quarterly, v. 3, no. 1,
   Nov. 1948, pp. 494-496.

3. A Tribute to Sir Richard Boyer, reprint from

4. Statement (? letter to editor) for 'The Age'
   answering claims that University of Melbourne an
   overcrowded 'technical college' and hostile of
   Communism.
   3pp. £2s.
   21 Feb. 1951

5. 'Age' Literary Supplement contributions.
   Press cuttings, arranged alphabetically in envelopes
   according to subject given to them prior to transfer.
   The number of cuttings is written after the title on
   each envelope. A note accompanying the cuttings
   explained that the titles were chosen by the Editor
   and not by J.B.G.M. The cuttings are not dated.
   20 envelopes being:
   1. Art, Theatre, Radio, T.V. (32)
   2. Australia and Public Life (13)
   3. Australian Alphabet 1930-31 (5)
   4. Books and Reading (25)
   5. Breakaway (10)
   6. Christmas (6)
   8. Cities - Perth, Mildura, Canberra, Melbourne,
      Shepparton, Singapore. (25)
   9. Education and University (40)
   10. General (26)
   11. History and Archaeology (19)
   12. Hospitals, Doctors etc. (11)
   13. Modern living, Food, and Clothes (20)
   14. Personal Reminiscences (9)
   15. Film News (12)
   16. The Serpent (10)
   17. Sport, Cricket, Golf, Olympics, 'Fives'. (9)
   18. States and Satellites (6)
   19. Travelling (12)
   20. Words (12)
4. Poems.

1. Manuscript:

1. Verses 1914-1918 era.
Frontispiece water colour 'Deep Calling unto Deep', with title 'DT Ballads'.
1 vol.
20pp. $2.

2. Latin Poems

Include:

1. Death of a Linnet (by Catullus out of Marvell).

2. To my weekend Shack (with apologies to Catullus, Tennyson et al).

3. How I'd avenge the Bridge.
Several copies to., "Age" cutting of poem (22 Aug. 1962) and several photo-print copies of this.

4. Horace Od. 1.5. "That Deb's Delight...", several copies, removed.

5. Horace Odes 1.9. "Snow-clad the television masts", several copies, removed.


7. Horace Odes 1.37. "Waiter, take these flowers away".
duplicate, 1 ta., 1 pencil am.

Several copies, removed.

9. Horace Od. 1.37. "When all your shares go bad at once".

10. After Catullus. "Sweetheart, life was made for loving". 1 p. multilith. Several copies.
Sheet repeats 4/1/4 and 4/1/2 above.

2. Published


5. Correspondence. See also no.8 below.

1. Mossiter, Geoffrey G., Executive Officer, United States Education Foundation in Australia, Canberra. Seeks permission for 'Some Notes on Australian Universities' to be distributed to American Fulbright Scholars.

1p. to.
26 April 1951.

2. J.R.G.W. to Feneley-Brown

Writes as retiring chairman of Nuffield Foundation.
Committee putting views on functions and operations of committee and foundation
2 pp. ts.
2 Jan. 1957

3. Beatrice Thomas, Shire Secretary, Shire of Berwick, Fakenham
Thanks for helping make Shire centenary celebrations a success
1 p. ts.
20 Sept. 1962

Lady Medley is free to use Sir John's 'Age' contributions as she wishes
1 p. ts.
29 Jan. 1963


1. Farewell to Vice.
'Farrage'
4 Oct. 1951 (p.1)

2. Citation read at conferring of the degree Doctor of Laws honoris causa on J.D. O.M. by University of Melbourne
1 p. ts.
1951

3. A Medley on the 'Vice' -
Biographical article, Australasian Post
21 Dec. 1950 (p.36)

4. The Vice Chancellor, a Tribute
Melbourne University Magazine
1950 (p.14)

5. Copy of minute of appreciation, Council of Melbourne University
2 pp. ts.
March 1951

6. J.D.O.M. sum up, and comments on finance
Farrage
28 March 1951 (p.1)
7. Copy of minute of appreciation, Council of Public Education
   Ip. ts.
   17 May 1951

8. Letter of appreciation, Council of Trinity College, University of Melbourne
   Ip. ts.
   23 May 1951

9. Telegram, Thomas Fair, 'The Age' to J.D.G.M.
   Hopes for recovery
   31 March 1962

    27 Sept. 1962

    29 Sept. 1962

12. Tribute to a soft-hearted cynic by Dame Enid Lyons
    T.V. Times
    10 Oct. 1962 (p.13)

13. Tribute, unsigned and undated
    3pp. ts.

7. Lady Medley's Reminiscences.

These are well written and contain biographical information for both Sir John and Lady Medley.
Lady Medley remarks that she kept a daily diary.
1 vol. (loose leafed) 103pp. 1934


Press cuttings concerning family, Sir John, the 1939-45 war etc. Also photographs of selved, non, various occasions. Some poems and correspondence pasted in. These are a useful source. They carry a note from Lady Medley asking that they be returned.


See also No. 9 above
7 photographs and one water colour sketch of J.D.G.M.
10. Miscellanea.

1. Passport of J.D.O.M.
   1959

2. Tudor Hesce - The First Fifty Years, 1838-1948,
   Sydney, Bates & Bull (printers) 271948

3. Australian Universities, Current Affairs Bulletin,
   v.11, no.11,
   16 March 1963.

Frank Strahan.

February 1964.