

AUSTRALIAN STUDY BY MAIL ATTRACTS

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Australia, a continent five-sixths the size of the United States and with a population of only 3,000,000, is attracting the interest of the University of Oregon extension division to such an extent that a correspondence has been started with educators in Australia by Miss Mozelle Hair in an effort to discover more about the unique educational methods of the Antipodes. Transportation and communication on the island continent are still in their infancy and the chances for inland dwellers to get an education have been very few.

The system of correspondence study explained in the first letter of a series to arrive here, outlined the methods now being used to overcome the natural handicaps of a sparsely settled country.

Old and young alike are given the opportunity to study by correspondence. A special correspondence staff is attached to the Melbourne high school for the purpose of giving tuition by mail to teachers in remote districts who wish to obtain higher qualifications necessary for their promotion in the service. The letter explains, and the writer goes on to say that about 500 teachers are being thus instructed.

Another staff of teachers is attached to one of the larger elementary schools in Melbourne for the purpose of instructing children who are confined to their homes by some physical infirmity and those who live in districts far remote from state schools. About 700 of these invalid and remote children are being instructed in this way.

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