

Spencer Digby photograph. DR. J. W. DAVIDSON "One or two long-range problems have yet to be solved"

diness in our political thinking, and realised the subject wasn't just a system

say Hobbes or Plato, than from the most modern book of psychology. It wasn't just a return to the past, or an antagonism to the moderns. Perhaps I can explain it better by saying there was more nonpartisan concern with politics, a greater desire to understand the contemporary situation, and less willingness to propound an overall solution to present-day problems.

Decay of Privilege

"You might ask who are the post-war undergraduates in England. What are they like? One of the most interesting developments has been what one could call a 'decay of privilege' amongst the student class. This has been brought about by two things. First, the Government is providing vastiv greater funds for scholarship purposes. For instance, men who had served in the war could get a grant sufficient to maintain them-

own problems, an astonishing response selves, and if they were prepared to to such an abstract subject. They be- work in the vacations, as many of them came eager to discover faults and shod- did, on farms or in government offices, they had enough over for such things as foreign travel. But apart from exof ideas in a vacuum, but that one could servicemen, anyone who wins a scholarget more help in interpreting one's ship can now have his award made up

environment by reading by a Government grant to a sum sufficient to live on. This means that there is now no need for a man to go about collecting awards to make his scholarship money up to a reasonable figure, so that there are more scholarships to go round, and consequently more scholarship students. Well over 75 per cent. in my own College alone are on scholarships. Allied to this is the fact that because of higher rates of taxation, fewer wealthy families are able to maintain their sons at the university in luxury. The overall result is that in England there is now a more equalitarian society amongst undergraduates.

> "Since the scholarship system enables the universities to draw a much higher proportion of the abler men and women. of all classes than previously, one or two long-range problems have arisen which have yet to be solved. Business firms, for example, which have in the past found many of their most brilliant leaders among men who had, through lack of finance rather than of ability, no opportunity of a university education, are now finding this source drying up. So businessmen must try to find a satisfactory means of obtaining recruits from the universities, while the universities themselves have got to make their members regard a business career as a proper outlet for academically trained men and women. At present there is not a very good liaison between the two, and there is a definite social maladjustment in the number of graduates who are looking for careers in the civil service in particular, In fact the administrative divisions of the foreign and home civil service have become so flooded with applications that it is difficult to see how any system of selection can be working at all."



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PROFESSOR JAMES SHELLEY, for thirteen years Director of Broadcasting, was officially farewelled by the Government and by the NZBS on May 5 and left Auckland by the Rangitiki on May 7. This photograph, taken at the Wellington railway station, shows him with the new Director, Mr. William Yates (who accompanied him to Auckland), and the conductor of the National Orchestra, Mr. Andersen Tyrer.



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