

genial and well-known insurance manager; he is evidently on the look-out for "biz" in his line, and his knowledge of the work of the world will probably enable him to get it. In a contemplative mood stands a quiet man with a reserved manner, who looks like a well-to-do farmer from one of the English shires. Another is a prominent mining man occupying a foremost place among Western Australia's legislators.

The little man who has just entered is a well-known journalist on the look-out for "copy". He nods cheerfully to the legislator and the insurance manager, and makes straight for the stout personage in the corner, to whom he is evidently a perfect stranger, as he commences with the conventional "Mr. . . . I presume?", like Stanley did when he met Livingstone. Like Stanley, also, he wants to interview this man, who (being a globe-trotter, and desirous of expressing his opinion on things in general, and Perth in particular) has no objection.

In the dining-room — one of the handsomest in Australia — you will find at lunch-time a number of people who are not boarders or "bona-fide" travellers of any kind; they have merely dropped in to have a quiet meal by themselves, or possibly to accept the hospitality of some "bird of passage". But, after all, the chief feature of the place is, perhaps, the big billiard and bar room upstairs, from the spacious balconies of which is to be obtained quite one of the finest town views of Perth . . .

It may be worth mentioning that the Palace Hotel was erected in 1896 by Mr. De Baun at a cost of 64,000 pounds. The building is situated at the corner of St. George's Terrace and William Street, one of the best sites in the city, commanding a beautiful view of the River Swan and South Perth.

— *Twentieth Century Impressions of Western Australia.*
(Perth, 1901)

Prior to the erection of Leeder's Hotel on the same site in 1830, it is said that the land on which the Palace stands changed hands for a bottle of spirits!

Mr. James Bruce, Churchill Fellow

Readers of the *Australian Library Journal* will have noticed an item in the issue for February, 1973 (22, 1, pg. 29) dealing with the awarding of a Churchill Fellowship to Mr. James Bruce, document repairer-bookbinder in the Queensland State Archives. Mr. Bruce left Brisbane on 14th April this year, bound for London. He was to work within the Public Record Offices in Chancery Lane for four weeks, studying the methods of documentary repair in use in that institution. From there, he is to visit the Wolvercote Paper Mill at Oxford, and following that will spend four weeks at the India Office Library. At about the middle of June, he is to travel north to his native Scotland, for two days at the Guard Bridge Paper Mill in Fife, and at the Scottish Record Office. After three weeks leave, he is to travel to Canada, where he will spend two weeks in the Public Archives, Ottawa. Towards the end of July, he will be at the National Archives in Washington, and will return to Australia early in August.

Mr. Bruce has written a personal letter to the Editor, since he arrived in Britain, and reports that up to the time of writing, at least, his study tour had been most successful.