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A CREDITABLE CAREER.

The appointment of Dr. A. J. Schulz as superintendent of the students' training college at the University, in succession to the late Mr. Andrew Scott, indirectly reflects credit on the State school system of South Australia. Dr. Schulz has climbed the ladder of fame from the junior classes in the Rose Park school to his present position. He is only 25 years of age, and is a son of Mr. H. Schulz, of Adelaide. Dr. Schulz was a scholar of the Rose Park school under Mr. Wittber, and made such progress there that he secured an appointment as a pupil teacher. Having gone through a portion of his training as a teacher at the school, he proceeded to the University training college for pupil teachers. The ordinary course there is two years, but Dr. Schulz made such remarkable progress that the Government granted him a third year, a concession which is made in exceptional cases only. He took his B.A. degree, and then acted as assistant to the late Mr. Scott. Being anxious to study in a foreign University he applied for and was granted two years' leave of absence without pay, to enable him to proceed to Europe. At the Zurich University, after two years' hard work, he passed the examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy with honors. Dr. Schulz was then sufficiently well educated to take charge of the training college if called upon to do so, and knowing his capacity for the duties the Minister of Education had no hesitation in adopting the recommendation of the Director that the position should be offered to him. Dr. Schulz accepted the offer, and having been back in Adelaide exactly a week he began his new duties on Monday last at the University. The two years' leave was extended three months to enable him to visit the training institutions in various countries before he returned to South Australia, and Dr. Schulz has come back thoroughly well qualified to act as head of the college, although he has to succeed such an accomplished teacher as the late Mr. Scott. Mr. W. J. McCarthy, B.A., B.Sc., who had been acting as superintendent of the college since the death of Mr. Scott, has returned to his old position in the High School.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

—Supplementary Examinations.—March, 1909.—
—Pass List.—
Applied Mathematics. — Barbour, Graemine Madawal.
Physics.—Dumas, Russell John.

A NEW LANDING STAGE.

The works and highways committee of the Adelaide City Council recommended on Monday that the corporation should provide a landing stage on the Torrens in connection with the boatshed erected by the University Boat Club. Ald. Isaacs said the amount would provide only a small stage, and moved that as it would be a great public convenience as well as an accommodation to the club another £10 should be granted for a larger platform. The club had spent more than £700 in the erection of its shed, and in the next 15 months would lay out another £1,000 in improvements, which would become a valuable asset to the corporation. The motion for the increased amount was seconded by Cr. Angus Johnson, supported by Ald. Downs, and carried, with the proviso that the public should have access to the stage.

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THE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.

Arrangements have already been made for the coming winter course of extension lectures at the University which will be opened in June by Professor Henderson, who has chosen as the subject of his discourse "British Imperialism in the Nineteenth Century." Professor Jethro Brown will take up the running with a series of addresses on "The State and the Individual," which will be inaugurated towards the end of June and be concluded in July. "The Greek drama" will be the title of lectures to be delivered in July and August by Professor Naylor, and the August-September series will be given by Professor Chapman, who will deal with "The Evolution of Worlds." The various country centres have been placed in the following groups:—1. Petersburg, Jamestown, and Laura. 2. Gladstone, Crystal Brook, and Port Pirie. 3. Kadina, Wallaroo, Moonta, and Balaklava. 4. Clare, Burra, and Kapunda (Tanunda and Angaston may be included). 5. Narracoorte, Mount Gambier, Millicent, and Bordertown. 6. Quorn and Port Augusta. 7. Broken Hill, Mount Barker, Strathalbyn, Gawler, and Riverton

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SOLAR PHYSICS.

ESTABLISHMENT OF OBSERVATORY.

SCIENCE ASSOCIATION'S RESOLUTIONS.

MELBOURNE, March 29.

The committee of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science held a meeting in Melbourne to-day to forward the movement for the establishment of a solar physics observatory in Australia. Mr. G. H. Knibbs (Commonwealth Statistician) presided. The secretary (Dr. Duffield) read an interesting report regarding the movement. He said that on national grounds the establishment of an observatory was desirable (1) for the advancement of science; (2) for the educational advantages accruing from the study; and (3) for the practical advantages that meteorology and agriculture might fairly expect to gain from the proper understanding of solar phenomena. He pointed out that £1,000 had been received in support of the movement to date. In addition to Mr. F. McLean's offer of £500 sums of £100 had been promised by Mrs. J. Davies Thomas, Mr. D. Walter Duffield, and Messrs. D. & J. Fowler, while the heads of commercial firms and other private individuals had promised their support in the event of the Commonwealth undertaking the establishment of the observatory. The meeting decided that, as the Federal capital site would probably prove to be the most suitable site for the observatory, the Federal Ministry should be at once asked to give the committee the first refusal of a suitable block in the area, and that in the meantime the funds in hand should be applied to the task of looking around for other suitable sites. It was also resolved that a deputation should wait upon the Ministry in the near future.

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UNIVERSITY SPORTS GROUND.

The University sports ground promises to become a singularly bright spot in the park lands, near the Corporation Nursery, on the north bank of the Torrens. Vast improvement can, of course, be effected by an expenditure of a couple of thousand pounds, and the outlay on this ground will doubtless reach that amount. Already the oval has been levelled, topdressed, and planted with couchgrass. An efficient water service has been installed, and the lawn is rapidly responding to the care of the gardener, for it stands out in refreshing relief to the summer-browned commons adjoining it. One advantage of the ground is its water frontage to the Torrens, overlooking which a sightly boatshed has been erected. It is a two-storied weatherboard structure, measuring 70 x 28 ft., and comprises, in addition to the accommodation for boats, dressing and bath rooms and the usual conveniences. This structure cost £750, and a pavilion will shortly be erected at an outlay of £1,000. In the course of a few years, when the council has given effect to its scheme to beautify the City Bridge and its environs, and the plans in connection with the University sports ground—a stone's throw away—have blossomed into maturity, this part of the city will possess many charms for those who have an eye for the beautiful.

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THE MUS. BAC. DEGREE.

An important alteration has been made by the University authorities in connection with the Mus. Bac. degree, but the task of winning the honor has not been simplified by it. The course of study extends over three years, and the candidates for the degree have to pass a stiff examination at the end of each year. Upon the successful completion of the full period the student hitherto has had to prove his or her capacity as a composer by submitting a long original composition, which has had to be approved by some high musical authority before the degree has been conferred. There are some students of music who are brilliant executants, but poor composers, and the board of musical studies has resolved to provide an optional test. New regulations on the subject have been agreed to, and in future candidates who have passed the three annual examinations will have the privilege of qualifying for the Mus. Bac. honor as either composers or executants. If they select the latter they will be required to go through a severe ordeal in the performance of works in various styles, and they will further be called upon to prove their knowledge with regard to a wide range of vocal and instrumental music. The passing of the yearly examinations will be compulsory before the candidate can present himself for the final test.