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FIFTY YEARS AGO.

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The inauguration of the University of Adelaide may now be regarded as complete, the gap in its constitution due to the absence of a senate having been supplied in a manner recognised by the Act of Parliament. The ceremonial attending upon the creation of this higher chamber of the institution was successfully carried through at the Town Hall on Wednesday, there was a large attendance, the Governor being present, and a large number of members of the Legislature, the Chancellor, the Bishop of Adelaide, delivered an address in which he referred to the rise, progress, and powers of the universities of Europe, and their influence on education. The Vice-Chancellor, His Honor Chief Justice Way, conferred the degree of honorary M.A. of the University of Adelaide upon the presiding Governor, and then read the names of the following gentlemen as regular degrees of M.D., M.A., LL.B., M.B., and B.A. At the close of the proceedings a meeting of the senate took place at which a report to His Excellency was adopted informing him that the necessary number of gentlemen to constitute a senate had been attained.—At a special meeting of the Council of Education appointed Mr. Boothby, M.P., to membership of the North Adelaide Model Schools.

We hear that there is a probability of Mr. J. C. Mann resigning his position as headmaster of the Rumble street school, which was so largely increased under his management.

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UNIVERSITY MEN IN BUSINESS.

The modern university graduate is being scorned (says the correspondent of the London Daily Mail") by several prominent employers in New York.

They contend that the luxuries of university life—dances, football, games, clubs, and other social activities—train the graduates to demand salaries sufficiently high to permit a continuance of a life of luxury.

Mr. Owen Gill, manager, president of a large employment agency, said:—

"Within the last two years there has been a gradual awakening among business executives to the fact that a university man who says he cannot get along on less than £8 a week is perhaps not worth that salary.

"Also there is too much of the attitude of sophistication about young college graduates which does not help them to fall work seriously."

The Alumni of the trustees of [illegible] University in forbidding students to own motor cars while attending the university has given tremendous impetus to the discussion of the problem of how to make graduates more adaptable to the needs of modern business.

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Solicitor and Athlete

Following a brilliant scholastic career at Adelaide University, Mr. Albert James Hannan, M.A., LL.B., entered the Education Department. But for a sudden reversal of fortune he might still have been in the department. That reverse failed him to join the legal staff of the Government with happy results. He has now won his way to the position of Crown Solicitor.

At the age of 39 years Mr. Hannan has had a brilliant career, achieved only by diligent study and intellectual alertness. Born at Port Pirie, his public school education was followed by a term at Sacred Heart College, Semaphore, thence to Adelaide University. There he distinguished himself, and at the age of 23 years joined the Education Department.

He was appointed an assistant at Unley District High School, but after three months' service decided to take up law. Following a period in articles to Mr. George McEwin, of Glynn, Parsons, and McEwin, he was admitted to the bar in 1904, and shortly afterwards joined the legal staff of the Government as Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman.

Four years later saw his appointment as Assistant Crown Solicitor and Assistant Soolitor for Railways, and in 1923 he was selected as Acting Crown Solicitor. During the past three years he has performed the duties of Crown Solicitor for the major part.

When 22 years of age Mr. Hannan won the David Murray scholarship in classics. He has secured the LL.B. degree, followed by the degree of Master of Arts. He has been lecturer at the university in theory of law and legislature, Roman law, and jurisprudence. He wrote "Summary Procedure of Justices," which was published in 1922.

Mr. Hannan has figured prominently in sport. At the university he did well in rowing, lacrosse, and shooting, and later played lacrosse for State for five years. He is also a keen tennis player.

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STATE JUDICIARY.

The death of Mr. Justice Poole late on Monday night caused a vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench. A special meeting of the Executive Council was subsequently held at Government House, when Mr. W. L. Stuart was appointed a temporary Judge of the Court, until such time as a successor to the late Mr. Justice Poole is permanently appointed. Mr. Stuart was Acting-Judge during the illness of the deceased. He presented his first commission to the Full Court at the Tuesday afternoon session. The Bench was occupied by the Chief Justice (Sir George Murray) and Mr. Justice Richards.

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THE LATE MR. JUSTICE POOLE.

The death of Mr. Justice Poole will be sincerely mourned throughout the State and beyond. In passing the Supreme Court Bench has sustained a loss which it will be difficult to repair. When Mr. Poole was appointed to the Judiciary in 1919 the hope was generally cherished that the State might for many years have the benefit of his sound legal knowledge, wide learning, and conspicuous ability in the dispensation of justice; but, after a few years' occupancy of the Bench, and while less than 54 years of age, his fine career as a public servant has been abruptly terminated by death. The late Judge was a citizen of whom South Australians had reason to be proud. A native of the State, he received his education at St. Peter's College and in the Universities of Adelaide and Melbourne; and he early manifested the possession of a penetrating and studious mind, and admirable qualities of heart and character. As a youth at school he set a notable example, in application and conscientiousness, to fellow students, and won their admiration by the zest and goodwill which he displayed on the playground, and by the fidelity of his friendships. Hard work, no less than brilliancy, accounted for his remarkable successes as a scholar—the gaining of the M.A. degree at the age of 23, and the degree in law, with honours, in the following year.

Apart from a brief stay in Melbourne, where he was called to the Bar, His Honor devoted the whole of his working life to South Australia. After serving as Associate to the late Mr. Justice Bundey, he entered upon legal practice in Adelaide, and, as a lawyer, earned the unqualified esteem of leaders of thought and administrators of public affairs. In 1919 he was appointed a King's Counsel, and thereafter became a Judge of the Supreme Court. The action of the Government of the day in selecting him for that highly responsible position was unanimously endorsed by his colleagues on the Bench and the legal fraternity, and the appointment was abundantly justified by the event. During his comparatively brief tenure of the judgeship, His Honor evinced a mastery of the law, a discriminating faculty in the elucidation of evidence, and a power of perception in regard to the salient features of cases tried before him, which marked him as one of the most capable Judges who have adorned the Supreme Court Benches of Australia. The deceased Judge was naturally of a reserved temperament and had little taste for social functions; but his many friends esteemed the privilege of occasional intercourse with him. The Church of England has lost in Mr. Justice Poole a most loyal member, who gave much help as chancellor of the Diocese; while his benefactions testified to his wide and generous sympathies. Citizens generally will deplore the loss which has befallen the State, and will sincerely condole with the honoured family which has suffered so signal a bereavement.

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Examinations Officer

One of the most important positions in the Public Service, that of examinations officer, is capably filled by Mr. Arthur Norton Roupell, M.A. (secretary of the Advisory Council of Science and Industry).

Mr. Roupell, who was born in Ireland, is a son of Capt. Roupell, of the Royal Navy, and was educated at private schools and at Stubbington, near Portsmouth. Entering Cambridge University in 1907, he remained there until 1910, when he took his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He received the same degree at the Adelaide University in 1920. Mr. Roupell represented his college in football, hockey, cricket, and tennis, and was secretary of the games club.

He was made a Master of Arts, Cambridge (in absentia).

Having a fancy for outdoor life, Mr. Roupell came to Australia in 1911, and engaged in fruitgrowing at Renmark for two years. He then settled at Upper

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Sturt. The 1914 drought compelled him to abandon fruitgrowing, and he joined the Public Service in 1915, when he entered the Taxation Office, remaining there three years.

Mr. Roupell volunteered for active service, but was rejected. He took an active part in the formation and organisation of the Repatriated Volunteers' Association, of which he was first vice-president.

On the formation of the Advisory Council of Science and Industry of South Australia he was appointed secretary, and still holds that post.

When the Classification and Efficiency Board decided to initiate a system of examination for promotion in the Public Service, Mr. Roupell was asked as officer of examinations, and entrusted with the work of determining the standards of examinations that will be required, and, alternatively, the qualifications that can be accepted in place thereof.

Apart from the entrance examinations, when junior officers seek promotion beyond the regular grade, they will have to undergo a further examination.

Mr. Roupell is now busily engaged in framing a syllabus.

Tuesday morning. When [illegible] assembled in the afternoon Mr. H. M. Muirhead, S.M., said:—"On behalf of Mr. E. M. Sabine, the Police Magistrate of this court, the justices of the peace who assist in this court, and myself, I wish to state that we deeply regret the passing of Mr. Justice Poole. His Honor was generously endowed with high judicial qualities, and possessed an enormous capacity for work. His lucid judgments delivered in the Supreme Court on the hearing of appeals from this and other police courts afforded valuable guidance to us, and, moreover, we felt that, even whilst he was engaged in correcting the errors into which we had fallen, he understood the difficulties which beset us, and sympathised with us in our efforts to administer justice according to law. If his Honor had not devoted himself so faithfully to the performance of his judicial duties, his health would have remained unimpaired for many years, and in this sense it may well be said that he gave his life for his country."

Mr. J. W. Nelligan, the senior member of the bar present, said on behalf of the bar (and, indeed, the court was concerned) he joined in the expression of deep regret at the passing of so eminent a judge, and so fine a citizen as Mr. Justice Poole. It was well known that the judges of the State in recent years had been very hard worked, and it was a matter of common knowledge that the pressure of litigation had made it very difficult for their Honors to carry out their duties without endangering their health. On behalf of the legal profession he extended deep sympathy to the relatives.

The Hon. Attorney-General (Mr. H. Allchurch) said on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, and the whole of the members of the police force and himself, he joined in the expressions of regret at the passing of so eminent a judge.

SYMPATHY OF LABOR LEADERS.

The leader of the Opposition in the Assembly (Mr. L. L. Hill) expressed sincere regret at the passing of such a notable citizen. He was, said Mr. Hill, a prominent citizen in many circles, and his death would be a great loss to the judiciary of the State. He extended his deepest sympathy to the relatives.

The Hon. Attorney-General (Hon. W. J. Denny) said:—"The late judge was a very distinguished ornament to the Solvency profession, and his loss will be very deeply felt by his colleagues, in my profession, and the general public I extend my sincerest sympathy to his widow and family, who will keenly feel the loss of one who was a devoted father and husband."

The secretary of the Trades and Labor Council (Mr. T. P. Howard), on behalf of the industrial movement, tendered his profoundest sympathy to the relatives of Mr. Justice Poole. His death, said Mr. Howard, was a severe blow to the community. Before his elevation to the judiciary he at times practised at the bar of the Industrial Court. His sense of fair play distinguished him in industrial matters. His honesty and integrity marked him as a man to be trusted, and his analytical mind well fitted him for the office which he so creditably held.

TRIBUTE BY INDUSTRIALIST.

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A MAN OF CULTURE.

Mr. Fred Johns, honorary secretary of the Adelaide branch of the Royal Society of St. George, stated that in the absence through illness of our president, Mr. Frank Downer, I should like to be permitted to say that the Honorable Mr. Justice Poole was a much-esteemed member of our society. While his health allowed him, he took a keen and thorough interest in its welfare, and indeed he did on every institution and public or semi-public movement with which he was connected. It must be six or seven years since he proposed at our festival day dinner the toast, "Old England and the Royal Society of St. George," and the echoes of his speech still linger in our happy recollection. There was a sincerity and charm of manner about the late judge that will live in the memory of those who were privileged to be associated with him. There were the impressive traits of the man to admire, and the English gentleman in his Honor that are unforgettable.

Rembrandt Portrait.

MR. A. J. HANNAN