OBLIGATIONS OF CITIZENSHIP.

In preparing the toast of the "University" at the Arts Association dinner at the Cafe Rubeo on Saturday evening, the Acting President (Hon. H. Humburg) made reference to the fact that in the preceding centuries it was patricians to the fore. They were the men with a bit of talent, but not by men of character, and it was the vigour of a country and a country of democracy, whereas a common phrase was "He was just as good as another" (An interjection, "sometimes better"), and where the highest petrol is, the highest salaries of the country were held by men who had the lost the respect of the people. It was so that the University continued to move forward, and if not in doors for the academic the country's need for the need for the Union of a democracy to be an American in the world of the world, they would get some idea of how far those inventions through research enabled them to develop the resources of the source. As South Australians, they were using the inventions of people in Great Britain, on the continent of Europe, in America, but there was research for them in the work of the country. There were under an obligation to do their best in that way in order to get back something to the world in the way of research in return for what the world had done for them. Therefore, they should do research work in botany, zoology, agriculture, medicine, history, and in science generally.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Appointment of Director.

On the death of the Director of Education (Mr. A. Williams) Mr. M. McEwen, who previously had been under his instructions, was appointed Acting Director. This appointment put in the position of running the department of acting capacity is generally a stepping stone to the higher post, and it is believed that when the Government decides upon the successor to Mr. Williams it will take into very serious consideration the claims of Mr. McEwen to the position. When the Director died the Premier, who is Minister of Education, was on the way to England, and the Education Commission, after two years of investigations, was just completing its report, which, it was freely stated, would recommend some vital changes in the department. In these circumstances the choice of a successor was delayed until Mr. Peake's return from England, if there was very serious consideration the claims of Mr. McEwen to the position. When the Director died the Premier, who is Minister of Education, was on the way to England, and the Education Commission, after two years of investigations, was just completing its report, which, it was freely stated, would recommend some vital changes in the department. In these circumstances the choice of a successor was delayed until Mr. Peake's return from England, and when he came back he asked the Education Commission to form its report as soon as possible. The Government then resolved to delay the selection of an officer until the recommendations were available. When the report was received it was realized that the Minister of Education would have to assist the Director in considering the recommendations. These reports deal with financial and administrative, and the Minister realized that he must have information as to the cost of the alterations suggested. As Acting Director could not well assist him in judging which of the 39 recommendations should be accepted, and the man who would have to be the head of the department in carrying out the proposals which the Minister will adopt, it was only fair that those circumstances the Minister will make an appointment almost immediately. It is known in the best-informed circles that the Government will not go outside the State for this appointment.

ANCIENT AND MODERN LANGUAGES.

The Minister (Hon. A. H. Peake) told Mr. Riddell to be on his guard while instruction is given at the University of Adelaide. The University of Adelaide has been in existence since 1870. With the exception of the University of Melbourne, it is the second oldest University in Australia. The University of Adelaide has been in existence since 1870. It is the second oldest University in Australia.

PERTH UNIVERSITY.

PETH, August 17.

The University Convocation has announced the following appointments:---John W. Patterson to fill the Chair of Agriculture endowcd by Sir Winehorn Hackett; Mr. W. A. Wimmers, veterinary surgeon; Mr. A. H. C., and Mr. H. H. Fletcher, clerks to the Convocation. A motion was carried rejecting the Government's request for University land. The university endowment lands at West Subiaco were asked for workers' homes, to be erected in Fremantle, in 1864, it was urged that the West Subiaco site was not suitable for a university site. It was 200 acres, meaning that any area was suitable. It was not purchased by the Government, and the Government had not consulted the University. The University did not want to be involved in a financial arrangement in the matter being rejected.