MR. C. R. HODGE.

UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR.

WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN A MECHANIC.

THE WORK OF MR. C. R. HODGE.

The Mail man sat at the feet of Gamaliel yesterday; not the Gamaliel of sacred history, nor one prepared to abandon modesty and ally himself with the sage of Old Jewry, but still a Gamaliel in the sense that after all said and done the greatness of an educational institution rests not wholly on tradition but on the human force which carries it through. No theory, however profound, however abstract, however philosophic, is of use in this world of ours unless it can be taught and learned and applied. And the Mail man yesterday gained some knowledge of the working of a University, and of the character of the man who does it all. There is just in there, a wonderful appreciation of the meaning of the word university, and more than a passing knowledge of men and things. Nor is the least attribute a capacity for hard work. Where the influence of a University can be traced all over the world it argues a certain ability on the part of its executive head. The Registrar as an executive head with control of all administrative business under the direction of a council, must necessarily have the interests of the university most keenly at heart, and it is his best tribute that apart from the fame the Adelaide University has achieved Mr. Hodge can point to nearly 20 years' service without once having his methods called into question. He is ever alert to the best interests of his charge, and also to the interests of the students who approach him in search of information.

“The Mail” has no special predilection for interviewing the sons of the manses but it happens that Mr. Hodge is also a descendant of the broadsheet brigade, but had no thoughts of being a person, however. His first attempt at batting it out into the world was as a mechanic, but early interest in mechanics did not carry itself into actual practice. He first described himself as a-bookish boy, but from the time he entered the University on September 30, 1877, and at 20 is therefore in the prime of his career. As a Congregational minister he is well known in Adelaide, and is at the present writing a busy man. Mr. Hodge is one of the largest, most amiable, and least suspicious of the Town Hall School boys, and has a delightful way of carrying himself about the world.

The Mail man yesterday was surprised to hear that Mr. Hodge had been at 15 years of age turned out to a number of institutions and look at the effect of higher education. Mr. Hodge had just the psychological turn of mind, because he was not only interested in more than one thing at a time he was also sympathetic and useful. But above all things he was interested in the life of the community, and his interest was not only in the life of the community, but also in the life of the community itself.

“Wish you to help me?”

“I took up commercial studies, and was at one time in charge of a small department in one of Adelaide’s public schools.”

“Never at any time did you have any trouble with me,” said Mr. Hodge, “and I have always been willing to help you.”

“My father, however, did not.”

“Did you ever have a desire to follow in your father’s footsteps?”

“Never at any time did you have any trouble with me,” said Mr. Hodge, “and I have always been willing to help you.”

“The School” was always kind to me, and I have always been willing to help the students. I was not only interested in the life of the community, but also in the life of the community itself.

As a matter of fact, the registrar and his clerks were the only people who could be considered to have the influence of the students, and the President of the University, who was then in charge of the University, was there to investigate the matter. Since then, the University has been established by Acts of Parliaments in 1874 and 1876, and in 1876 I was appointed as Registrar of the University. The University was established by Act of Parliament in 1874, and in 1876 I was appointed as Registrar of the University. Since then, the University has been established by Acts of Parliament in 1874 and 1876, and in 1876 I was appointed as Registrar of the University. Since then, the University has been established by Acts of Parliament in 1874 and 1876, and in 1876 I was appointed as Registrar of the University.