Sir Douglas Mawson stated last month to representatives of London newspapers that his plans for lectures in England and on the Continent have been knocked on the head by the war. He was to leave early in January for a two months' tour in the United States—two lectures a day, Sunday included.
CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

Appointment of Mr. C. Charlton.

Executive Council on Thursday approved of the appointment as Chief Inspector of Schools of Mr. Charles Charlton (Assistant Chief Inspector), consequent on the recent death of Mr. A. H. Neale. Mr. Charlton is a painstaking and conscientious officer, and in every position he has occupied—he has nearly every rung in the ladder of educational preferment—he has won the respect and goodwill of children, parents, and officers.

Mr. C. CHARLTON.

Biography.

Mr. Charlton was educated at the Alber- ton Public School under Mr. W. W. Leslie, and at the Port Adelaide Grammar School, then conducted by Mr. (now Inspector) A. Martin. At the latter institution he was principal for six months, and he joined the Education Department in 1876. Mr. Charlton was a pupil teacher for five years, and went to the Training College in 1881. It was then in charge of Col. Medley and the late Mr. A. Scott, B.A. His first appointment was as an assistant at the Grote Street Model School, under the late Mr. A. Clark. Mr. Charlton was eventually promoted to first assistant, and subsequently went to Oakbank as head teacher. He was five years in that district, two years at Clare, and was then promoted to Unley, where he was for 13 years. When he took charge of the school there was a roll of 430 scholars, and when he left there were 1,016 pupils. Mr. Charlton's association with the Teachers' Union has been a notable one. He was two years Corresponding Secretary, was Treasurer for a year, occupied the post of Vice-President for two years, and served a year as a committee man. He was also President of the Head Masters' Association for a year. On January 1, 1907, Mr. Charlton was appointed Inspector of Schools in charge of the northern district, and in 1909 he took charge of the midland district. On March 3, 1918, he was called into the office to assist in the administrative work of the department, and on August 21 of the same year he was appointed Acting Chief Inspector of Schools. Mr. Charlton is a member of the Methodist Church. He has been connected with Sunday school work for many years, and is specially interested in the work. His philanthropic work claims his attention.