Mr. Gopp Stated Sir John Downer's death, although expected, was a shock. At the age of 18 he entered Sir John's office as a clerk and had stayed for 45 years. He was a gentleman in the highest sense. At any event, however, he was always the same—gentleman. His courtesy, kindly, and affable nature, also his affectionate friendship, and those who had the pleasure of his friendship would very much miss him. He was a true gentleman and a true friend. A profound lawyer, an eminently clever man, and a man of sound judgement, he lent a helping hand to all from them, and South Australia and the Commonwealth were the poorer and would mourn his loss. The second person of the (the family) went out to Lady Downer and the other relatives in their great sorrow.

References at Port Adelaide.

At the Port Adelaide Police Court Mr. J. H. Scholz, manager of the port, expressed the deep regret at the news which had just been conveyed to him of the death of Sir John Downer. He had always known him as a gentleman and had enjoyed the companionship of Sir John Downer. Mr. R. Crickshank, as senior member of the Bar, said they had all felt deeply sorry for the loss. Mr. N. A. Webb said Sir John Downer was the leader of the Bar, as he was considered to be the best lawyer in the profession held him in high esteem. Everyone of the Bar was present to show sympathy with those who had been bereaved.

Unley Council.

"In the death of Sir John Downer," said Mr. R. E. Yellan (the Mayor of Unley), at the meeting of the council on Monday evening, South Australia had lost a veteran knight. One who had played a prominent part in the political world in this State, and who had made material contributions to the formation of the Federal Constitution, was a man of great political and a very clever lawyer.

Commonwealth Club.

The committee of the Commonwealth Club met on Monday and passed a vote of thanks to the late Sir John Downer for all he had done for the members of the club, and it was decided that the members of the committee should attend the funeral of Sir John Downer was president of the club.

The Funeral.

The remains of Sir John Downer will be interred in the Port Adelaide Cemetery this afternoon. The cortege will leave his residence at 2.45.

Mr. R. Wilson Tassie, B.Sc., M.E., of Mr. Tassie, of Kent Town, who won the Tangalooma Engineering Scholarship in 1888, proceeded to the United States and to Cornell University to do postgraduate work. He spent a year at Cornell and was employed by the Electric Railway Light, and Construction Company, and worked on the construction of the tramway and the river of the city. He was the engineer of the company, and is still with the company. He is the capital of the company, and has a population of 1000. He was granted for months to visit the State, and he is to spend a month in South Australia.
The funeral of Sir John Downer was conducted on Tuesday afternoon at the North Road Cemetery, where the coffin was lowered into a beautifully-decorated grave with an inscription. The ceremony was attended by many friends and family. The service ended with a prayer, after which the family and friends remained to chat. The service was a fitting tribute to a man who was beloved by all.

UNIVERSITY RECRUITS

LEAVE FOR EXAMINATIONS

MELBOURNE, August 2

Although Senate Pearce (Minister of Defence) was not willing to agree to a suggestion from the Melbourne University Senate, that students study medicine, chemistry, engineering, and veterinary science in the University, the Senate secured a declaration from the Minister of Defence, Mr. H. F. McEwen, that the university would be allowed to continue with these courses. The Senate was pleased with this decision and is looking forward to a successful academic year.

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THE DEAD LANGUAGES.

THEIR EDUCATIONAL VALUE DISCUSSED.

At a meeting of the Classical Association, held at the University of New South Wales on 25th August, the President (Mr. R. W. D. Bovill) occupied the chair. Mr. W. H. vector gave an account of the history of the classics and the teaching of classics in school, and stated that in the last four years he had formed the opinion as to the value of Latin as a subject of the school curriculum. He had some sympathy with those who questioned the practical worth of Latin, but his conviction that Latin was a valuable language led him to the conclusion that boys who neglected Latin were unlikely to enter avenues of knowledge which were opened up by the ancient languages, and that the opportunity of preserving the historical development of much of our civil and military organization and the wisdom of ages embodied in Latin literature was not to be missed by those who had not taken an interest in it.

The secret of success in the teaching of Latin was the teacher himself; and those who took the subject should be prepared to teach it in the best manner possible. It was not sufficient to give the students a living translation and become the means of representing the living thoughts of the ancients, but the idea that they could learn to speak and write Latin in a correct manner was the main point. Boys, by expressing thoughts in Latin, realized the importance of the subject. Grammar should not be considered an evil thing but a means of acquiring knowledge. The language was a resource of grace, and had a powerful influence on the English language.

Mr. J. M. Ennis, professor of music at the Adelaide University, celebrated his 50th birthday today. Dr. Ennis was born in 1865 and was educated at the University College, London. He received his musical education in London, and was a pianist andcornet player for several years under Adolph Dammerer. He took the degree of Bachelor of Music at the University of Adelaide a few years ago. He is also a member of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and the Adelaide Philharmonic Society. Dr. Ennis is a member of the University of Adelaide and was appointed to the chair of music at the University in 1920.