Is Door Shut on Dawes?

Question for the University.

"The young man was tenth on the honor roll of ten," said the father of the Graduate, "and he was the head of the school." He was a favorite of the school and was awarded the award for the best in mathematics and science. He was also a member of the team that won the natural sciences competition.

"Who is the candidate affected?" asked the Daily's representative.

"He is E. H. Dawes, a son of Mr. E. J. Dawes, tailor of Rundle Street."

Who were the other bursaries distributed?

Eleven out of the first twelve pupils who were awarded bursaries were from Dawes. It looks as though the door is about to be shut on his chance for ever.

"Can you suggest a reason?"

"Is he over the age?"

"He is under 16. The age is all right."

"Are you doing anything in the matter?"

"I understand that some investigations are being made."

"What is the situation?"

"At the Christian Brothers' College, they are investigating the case."

"Does the school have a bad reputation?"

"I believe it has about 15 per cent. It has been made a fact, but the last year it was in the place in the same examination."

"There were any prejudice against anything."

"Nobody can understand the attitude of the authorities responsible for the bursary."

"What was the bursary for?" The bursary was established for the benefit of poor students, for a term of years, and for a young man of 15 or 16 years."

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DISPUTED BURSARY.
Mr. C. R. Baker, who is a candidate for the House of Representatives plebiscite, has been in the Labor movement since boyhood. He joined the Amalgamated Society of Engineers in Kalgoorlie (W. A.) and on coming to this State 10 years ago was elected president of the Adelaide branch, although only 21 years of age. He has represented his society on the Trades and Labor Council and the Labor Party Council of the State. He is at present the president of the Trades and Labor Council. He was a delegate from Adelaide Trades and Labor Council to the Hobart Interstate Trade Union Conference, held last May. He was also a delegate to the recent Federal Conference of the Labor Party in Melbourne to deal with the position that has arisen in the political sphere. For over six years he has been the South Australian correspondent of the Sydney “Worker,” the weekly article in that powerful Labor organ under the heading of “South Australia” coming from his pen. He is a member of the editorial board of the Workers’ Education Association, this board having the responsible work of providing the teachers and making the arrangements for carrying on classes. He is a member of the board of directors of the A.N.A. For nine years he was a member of the railway service, working at the Glengowrie Works as a fitter, and later on being a chief in the interlocking department. He was responsible for the evidence given before the Royal Commission on the charges of corruption against highly placed officials.

Technical Education.

New Superintendent at Work.

It is confidently expected by the Education Department that a marked impetus in technical teaching will follow the appointment of Mr. Charles Penner, M.E., the new superintendent of Technical Education. Many people will be surprised to know that Mr. Penner is already at work. He came to the State quietly during the latter part of last year, but it was not until Monday that the department definitely announced his arrival. Mean-while, the department has had a number of offers, and appears to be in a few weeks about to get “on the ground” and put the new sphere of work into operation. He is expected to be going about the business with system and tact.
An Enlarged Policy

The policy of the Superintendent will aim at the establishment of primary and secondary schools throughout the State, and the sharing of the advantages of the various educational institutions. In this way, the schools would be directed in the direction of the Minister of Education. For instance, the bias of the studies at Moonta would be in the direction of the sciences and engineering.

Furthermore, Mr. Fenner resigned from his position as Superintendent of Technical Education in 1914. After less than a year, he had had enough of the duties and returned to his position as Principal of Victorian primary schools. He had been head master of the Moscow School and was appointed Principal of the Ballarat School in 1915.
PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

THEIR VALUE QUESTIONED.

Mr. Angas Parsons, K.C., in the State Arbitration Court on Tuesday, when a witness was giving evidence in the chemists’ case on the question of examinations, remarked that it would be a wise thing to do away with the senior and higher public examinations. It was a great mistake that the students of the High Schools, Prince Alfred and St. Peter’s Colleges, and other institutions, should from 13 or 14 years of age, be made to concentrate their attention on “mugging up” to pass examinations. It missed the whole principle of education. Probably it had been revenue-producing for the University, but the educational system would be better if they could do without the senior and higher public examinations. It should be enough for the school to give a certificate to show that the boy or girl was able to go on with University studies. The Deputy-President (Mr. N. A. Webb) said a student might pass every examination, and his education be not begun. It was love of knowledge that helped education.

Mr. Parsons said it must be a perfect nightmare to a teacher who understood the real spirit of teaching, when he had to drive his little subjects, not for the purpose of acquiring knowledge, but for the purpose of passing examinations.

The Deputy-President—From the point of view that the child is not loving the work, but is hating the work.

Mr. Parsons—I would not go so far as that. I think it has a warping tendency on the child’s mind. I do not believe in examination as a test, or as a qualification for entering the University.