EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

JUNIOR EXHIBITIONS.

The Minister of Education has awarded the following prizes at the Annual Junior Exhibitions at the State High Schools in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart, and Newcastle:

- To the best work in Chemistry, 
- To the best work in Physics, 
- To the best work in Geography, 
- To the best work in Mathematics.

LITERATURE.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.


Mr. Jacob, who was a soldier of the 5th Battalion, was killed in action on July 7th, 1916, in France. He was a student of the Adelaide University, and his letters are a valuable record of the war experience of one of the youth of his age. The letters are written in a style that is both affectionate and practical, expressing his thoughts and feelings in a way that is both entertaining and instructive.

AUSTRIAN TIMBER RESOURCES.

Mr. E. H. Bourke, formerly of the Adelaide University, now in the employ of the Heberich concession in this city, has recently returned from a tour of the Austrian timber resources and industries. He has been in Austria for several months in Europe and Asia, in which period he has been able to gather much valuable information about the timber resources and industries of that country. He has been particularly impressed with the efficiency and economic advantage of the Austrian methods of forest management, and he has found that the Austrian timber industry is far more developed and productive than that of other countries. He has been able to gather much valuable information about the timber resources and industries of that country, and he has found that the Austrian timber industry is far more developed and productive than that of other countries.

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY.-

A meeting of the University Council was held on Friday, January 21st, at the University of Melbourne, to consider the appointment of the new Vice-Chancellor, Mr. G. Brooke, and to consider the appointment of the new Registrar, Mr. G. Brooke, and to consider the appointment of the new Librarian, Mr. G. Brooke.

LITIGATION.

A recent action was brought in the Supreme Court of Victoria against the Government of Victoria for the breach of a contract for the supply of timber. The case was tried by Mr. Justice Bell, and the decision of the Court was that the Government was liable for the breach of the contract.

NIGGARDLY TREATMENT.

In a recent letter to the Public Service Commissioner, Mr. Harrington, who was invited to make a statement on the treatment of the Public Service Officers in Victoria, Mr. Harrington stated that he always courteously, but in many cases, the treatment of the Public Service Officers in Victoria was not satisfactory. He stated that he had received many complaints from the Public Service Officers about the treatment they received in the service, and that he was of the opinion that the treatment of the Public Service Officers in Victoria was not satisfactory.