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NEW MAGISTRATES.

MR. STUART RONALD APPOINTED.

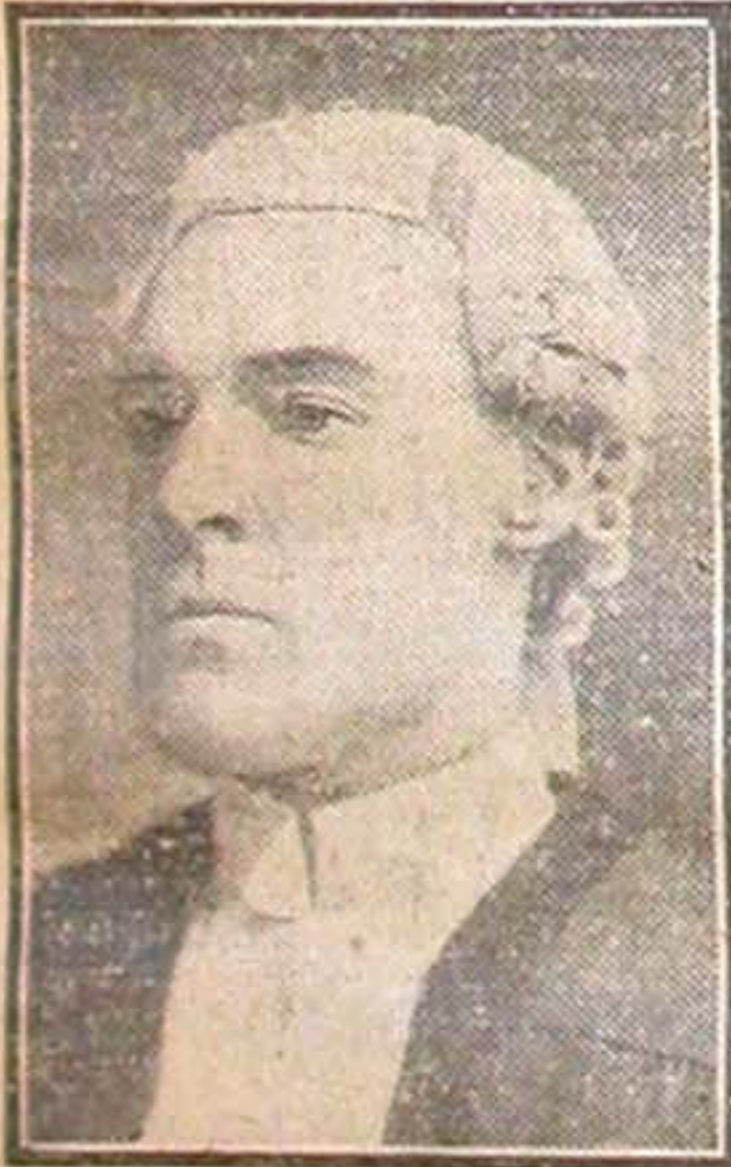
MR. T. BRIGHT'S TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT.

The Government on Wednesday appointed Mr. Stuart D. Ronald a special and stipendiary magistrate for the country Local Courts and the Insolvency Court, in succession to Dr. T. Hewitson, who recently took office as Deputy-President of the State Industrial Court. Mr. T. R. Bright, S.M., was appointed a temporary stipendiary magistrate in the Adelaide Local Court, during the absence of Mr. Commissioner Mitchell, S.M., who is about to make a trip to England.



Mr. T. R. Bright.

Mr. Bright has had a long and successful legal career. Born at Gawler on March 15, 1852, he was articled to Mr. F. F. Turner, late Registrar-General, and completed his articles in the office of Way and Brook. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1873, and in the following year went to Clare, where he practised until 1889. He had one of the leading practices in the north, and visited the courts as far north as Port Augusta. He was present at the first courts held at Georgetown, Port Pirie, Jamestown, and Laura, and at the first circuit court at Gladstone, which was presided over by Sir Samuel Way. Mr. Bright took a



Mr. S. D. Ronald.

prominent part in all matters pertaining to the welfare of Clare. He was mayor, member of the school board, and a member of the committee of the institute. The Clare Oval was purchased, planted, and fenced by him, and he subsequently handed it over to the local district council. In 1889 he came to Adelaide and joined the Hon. J.

H. Gordon (now his honor Sir John Gordon), the firm being known as Gordon and Bright. Later it was Gordon, Nesbit and Bright, and when Mr. Nesbit retired, the late Mr. J. R. Anderson was taken into partnership. The firm remained Gordon, Bright, & Anderson until Sir John Gordon was elevated to the Bench. Then Mr. Bright's son (Mr. W. S. Bright) joined him, and the name of the firm became Bright & Bright, under which the business is still being carried on. Mr. Bright was offered the position of stipendiary magistrate on two previous occasions, first by the late Mr. Kingston, and later by Mr. Robert Homburg, but he declined the honor. Several years ago, however, he accepted an honorary appointment as special magistrate, and in 1919 he was appointed President of the Government Workers' Tribunal, under the provisions of section 36 of the Public Service Act, 1910. He carried on that work until the tribunal was dispensed with.

Mr. Ronald was born at Thebarton in 1884, and was educated at St. Peter's College and the University of Adelaide, where he studied law. He was then articled to his father, the late E. J. Ronald, who practised for many years as a solicitor in Adelaide. He subsequently went into partnership with Mr. E. C. Padman at Port Pirie, where they practised together for several years. Mr. Ronald enlisted with the Australian Imperial Forces, and served in France. On his return he joined as a partner the firm of Johnstone, Ronald, and Kitson, with whom he has since been associated. He has had considerable court experience. In his younger days he was a fine athlete, and represented his college and the University in the football field.

THE WORK TO BE DONE.

Owing to the volume of work which has been accumulating in the courts for some time past, the new magistrates will have their time fully occupied. Practically the first thing Dr. Hewitson did when he began his duties as Deputy-President of the Industrial Court was to examine the list of cases and endeavor to find out how long each one was expected to take. There are 28 cases listed for hearing in that court. Fourteen have been allotted to the President (Dr. Jethro Brown) and 14 to Dr. Hewitson. Some of the cases have been on the file for more than twelve months. A good deal of work has been done in connection with the trading banks' case by the President, and he hopes to conclude the hearing before he leaves for England at the end of next month. It is doubtful whether Dr. Brown will be able to take any of the other cases allotted to him before his departure, and it is anticipated that an acting-president will be appointed to take over his work during his absence. Dr. Hewitson has set himself an ambitious programme. Every case on his list has been set down for a particular day within a period of about two months. Parties to industrial disputes will be pleased if the new Deputy-President is able to keep to that schedule.

In the Local Court this will be Mr. Commissioner Mitchell's last week. During the last fortnight he has been able to take only minor cases which could be easily disposed of. The bigger cases—and there are many—have been adjourned. The fact that he has recently been deprived of the assistance of Dr. Hewitson has helped to build up the list of cases waiting to be heard, and in addition new claims are being filed almost every day.

An indication how the work of the Local Court has grown may be found in the fact that a list of 400 unsatisfied judgment summonses will face the magistrate this morning—a record for one day. The Commissioner has also Insolvency Court work to deal with before he leaves Adelaide, probably on Saturday. The magistrate who undertakes the work of Commissioner of Insolvency during Mr. Mitchell's absence will be faced with an arduous task. The investigation of insolvency cases is extremely exacting. Chamber examinations alone take up a large amount of time. One particular case, which has been hung up for many months owing to the absence of the insolvent from the State, is expected to be called on shortly, and before it can be taken the Acting Commissioner will have to make himself conversant with an enormous quantity of intricate facts in connection with it.

The Supreme Court lists are filled, and in the Police Court the work is getting heavier. It alone could practically keep two magistrates fully occupied. In order to prevent the work from getting further in arrears the magistrate (Mr. Sabine) has on several occasions lately sat at night.

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FORESTRY STUDENTS.

A party of students of forestry from Adelaide University and elsewhere, to the number of about 24, went into camp at the Forest of Kuitpo, near Meadows, on Monday. They were met at the Blackwood railway-station by Mr. J. Nicolle, of Clarendon, and were motored to Kuitpo. They will remain there until Tuesday next.

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The Deputy Crown Solicitor.

When the Crown Solicitor (Dr. Richards) sets sail for England shortly he will hand over the works, rights, and privileges for six or seven months to his capable young coadjutor, Mr. A. J. Hannan, M.A. Dr. Richards will have no misgivings about doing that, for, with the Attorney-General, he has a high opinion of Mr. Hannan's abilities. The Assistant Crown Solicitor is engaged on his thesis, "Constitutional Law of South Australia," for the degree of Doctor of Laws. Mr. Hannan won notable academic victories in his University days, and captured some valuable scholarships. Only so comparatively recently as 1910 he was an assistant at the Unley High School, but three months of that taught him that there was more under the wig than could be commanded by the cane.

Mr. Hannan took his B.A., M.A., and LL.B. degrees at the Adelaide University, and found time between the intellectual games of winning prizes to play lacrosse, row on the river, and shoot at the ranges. He has a remarkably fine record of advancement for a State schoolboy, as he started at the bottom of the rung at Port Pirie, his home town. In addition to being Parliamentary Draftsman and Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. Hannan is lecturer in Roman Law at the University. Now for some months he will be first legal adviser to the Government, and still some years on the right side of 40.

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WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The plans for the seventh year's work of the Workers' Educational Association are now complete, and preparations have been made for what is expected to be a record session. Last year the number of students attending the University Tutorial Classes was about 650, and it is expected that the number this year will not fall far short of 1000. Old classes will continue their study of English Literature under Mr. J. C. McDonnell, M.A., and Mr. G. H. Wright, M.A., of World History under Principal Kiek, M.A., B.D., of Psychology under Mr. A. C. Garnett, M.A., of Music under Mr. E. H. Wallace Packer, and of Economics under Dr. H. Heaton. New classes are being formed in English literature under Mr. R. C. Bald, in public speaking under Mr. G. E. Hale, B.A., and in Political Science under Dr. Postle, M.A., Dip. Ed. Dr. Heaton's Economics class will spend the year studying Australian economic problems alone, and it is probably the first time that any Australian class has specialised on this subject. At Port Adelaide and Freeling Mr. A. L. G. Mackay, B.A., B.Sc., will conduct classes in Modern Social History, and Mr. G. L. Wood, M.A., will lead a class in Social Science. Another new development will probably be the establishment of a class to study international, racial, and ethnological problems, with special reference to their bearing on the aims and work of the League of Nations. Professor Darnley Naylor will give two terms' lectures on ethnology and racial characteristics, and the third term will be devoted to a study of the structure and work of the League. The W.E.A. was established just ten years ago in Australia, and is now firmly rooted in all States except Western Australia. In co-operation with the Australian universities, it conducts over 100 three-year university tutorial classes, in which over 4000 students of all ages and shades of political belief, and drawn from all walks of life, are enrolled.

WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

FOUR FREE LECTURES will be delivered in the Prince of Wales Lecture Room, University, on MARCH 15th, 20th, 23rd, and 27th, at 8 p.m.

On March 15th, Mr. G. E. Hale, B.A., will lecture on "DEMOSTHENES, AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF ORATORY."

On March 20th, at 8 p.m., Dr. Postle, M.A., Dip. Ed., will lecture on "POLITICAL SCIENCE AND AUSTRALIAN DESTINY."

Names now being enrolled for the 10 University Tutorial Classes in English Literature, Psychology, Modern World History, Music, Public Speaking, Economics, and Political Science. Syllabus now available from W.E.A. Office, University, West Wing.

Fee for each class only 5/ per year. A. G. McRITCHIE, General Secretary.

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At a meeting of the Broken Hill Hospital Board on Wednesday night Dr. Melville Birks resigned the position of surgeon superintendent on account of continued ill health. Dr. Birks is at present in a private hospital in Melbourne. His resignation was accepted, and it was decided to call for applications for the position. A proposal that Dr. Birks should be given leave of absence for 12 months was defeated.

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Mr. Loan graduated B.A. at the Adelaide University in 1903, and three years later was appointed assistant curate of St. George's, Goodwood, for a year. From 1908 to 1909 he was priest in charge of the Penola mission, during which time the rectory was rebuilt. In 1910 he went to Christ Church, Kadina, as rector, and had the satisfaction of seeing the parish



REV. E. C. LOAN, B.A., Rector of St. Margaret's, Woodville, who has been appointed rural dean of the western suburbs.

hall and rectory built in the following year. In 1914 he left that parish to undertake his present charge, with the oversight of St. Edward's Church, Kilkenny. Extensive improvements, which owe much to the rector's enthusiasm and faith, have been carried out at St. Margaret's since his appointment, including additions to the chancel, organ chamber, and vestries. In 1919 a war memorial in the form of a Lynch gate was erected, and the church organ rebuilt. All these enterprises have been cleared of debt. The rector's energy and ability have afforded him scope outside his parish. In 1919 he acted as inspector of church day schools, and from 1919 to 1920 was co-editor of the Church of England year book. Mr. Loan is not only held in esteem by his parishioners, but last week he received a fine tribute from his fellow-clergymen in the deanery, who chose him as rural dean of the western suburbs at the triennial election. The deanery comprises 15 districts, and extends to Brighton, Goodwood, Enfield, and Largs.

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International Committee for Mental Hygiene

Dr. E. Morris Miller, of the University of Tasmania, Director of the Psychological Clinic, and Dr. Ralph A. Noble, of Sydney University, have been elected Australian representatives on the organizing committee of the International Committee for Mental Hygiene, with headquarters in New York. Sir Courtauld Thomson is representing Great Britain, and there are representatives of Canada, Belgium, Brazil, France, the United States, South Africa, and China on the committee. Dr. Stephen P. Duggan, of New York is Chairman. It is proposed to hold the first international Congress on Mental Hygiene in June, 1924.

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