Pen Portraits of People

After Forty Years

Mr. C. R. Hodge attended his last official commemoration at the Adelaide University this week. His resignation as Registrar takes effect on February 1. His departure from the chivalrous business of Varsity life will make a difference to many who have worked with him to work faithfully done and his kindness and willing help at all times.

Mr. Hodge has been retiring owing to his health. He has spent 40 years among undergraduates of all descriptions. In this time he has not missed a commemoration and he has seen every degree awarded by the University with the exception of eleven in arts given prior to 1884.

Mr. Hodge admits that it will be a great wrench leaving the institution after so many years. It was in a small way when he entered its portals in 1874 and it has been his privilege and delight to take part in its development. He has seen a mere 10 students at work when there were degrees conferred only in Arts and Law. Today there are 5,000 today undergraduates who are enabled through the development of the University to take degree in all manner of studies.

Mr. Hodge loves his bicycle and could tell many a good fish story. He was a great horseman in his earlier days, and he was good at cycling and walking and recreational sports. His gun has done good business in its day, but his gun has given as a novel and some pommels. When first he went to his duties he was an ardent cricket player, but he soon found that demands upon his time precluded practice, and the time came when either cricket or the University had to be thrown in one side. The Varsity won.

Mr. Hodge deserves his rest, but he says he will go on with his work and his memory will never die.

School of Mines Principal

From a huge room, rowed on from the walk by the men who have guided the school through the years, with books, a desk, a long table, innumerable papers, and other documents for company, Mr. F. W. Reid, B.Sc., examined the varied workings of the School of Mines.

It needs no close observation to see that Mr. Reid is the man for the job. He is keen and sharp, with piercing eyes; with hair black and still abundant, though with silver threads of silver, spare build, energetic and enthusiastic. During his association with the school he has always proved himself capable and worthy of the responsible position he holds.

He was born in New Zealand, where he received his early education. When 17 years old he went to Tasmania for practical experience in mining and metallurgy. Then he came to Adelaide and studied at the School of Mines. Gaining a diploma in 1900, he subsequently returned to Tasmania as director of the Zeebra School of Mines. In 1901, he became lecturer in metallurgy at the Adelaide School of Mines. Two years later, on the retirement of Mr. L. Laybourn Smith, was appointed registrar, a title afterwards altered to that of principal.

He holds the B.Sc. degree of the Adelaide University, and is the only graduate of the School of Mines who holds three diplomas. These are for mining, metallurgy, and engineering. In addition to his administrative work he lectures at the school in the higher branches of metallurgy, and in the University in metal technology.

Mr. Reid is secretary of the South Australian branch, of the British Science Guild, and secretary of the local committee of the Commonwealth Institute of Science and Industry. During 1921 and 1922 he was president of the South Australian branch of the Australian Chemical Institute.