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RHODES SCHOLAR.

Mr. F. L. Thyer Selected.

The Rhodes Selection Committee for South Australia met at Government House on Monday morning to select the Rhodes scholar for 1924.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Tom Bridges) presided. The committee, after due consideration, chose Mr. Frederick Lewis Thyer, of 9 Wilsden street, Walkerville. The new Rhodes scholar will go into residence at Oxford, England, in October, 1924.

A Successful Career.

Mr. Thyer was born on November 19, 1902. After having attended Miss Stork's private school at Medindie, he entered the Walkerville Public School in 1910, and in 1914 obtained his qualifying certificate, and also first position in the school. In the following year he entered the Adelaide High School, and in 1916 passed the Junior Public Examination in eight subjects, with credits in four. In 1917 he was successful in the Senior Public Examination in eight sub-



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jects, with credits in four, and was fourth on the general honours list. He was awarded a prize and a senior exhibition. In the following year he passed the Higher Public Examination in five subjects, and obtained a credit in the chemistry test. In that examination he was sixth on the general honours list, and was awarded a Government bursary in medicine. Mr. Thyer began his medical course at the Adelaide University in 1919, and at the end of that year he secured first position in the class. He was awarded the Elder prize. In 1920 he secured a first class pass, his position being second for the year. He obtained a second class pass in 1921, and in that year occupied fourth place. Last year he was in third position, with a second class pass.

As an Athlete.

Mr. Thyer has been a keen exponent of various branches of sport. He rowed in the winning inter-faculty tub-fixed crew in 1920, and in the same year he was in the University eight, which won the maiden and dash eights at Henley-on-Torrens. He rowed "four" in the Adelaide crew at the inter-University boat race in 1921. He has also played tennis, and in 1922-23 was a member of the University team in the S.A.L.T.A. pennant matches. Rifle shooting and lacrosse have also engaged his attention. His hobby is photography. Mr. Thyer's intention at Oxford is to undertake research work in the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis, extend his studies in physiology and pathology, and also to enlarge his clinical experience.

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DEGREES FOR TEACHERS.

A New Record.

The Minister of Education (Hon. T. Pascoe) stated on Tuesday that the number of university degrees and diplomas to be conferred upon teachers of the Education Department at the Commemoration ceremony to-day will constitute a record.

Four teachers have earned the degree of Master of Arts, 10 will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts, 4 will get the Diploma in Economics and Political Science, and 3 will have the Diploma of Commerce. In addition, the list of scholars and prizewinners includes the name of Miss B. M. H. Reynolds, a student of the Teachers' College, who has won the John Howard Clark prize and the John Bagot botany scholarship and medal. The names of the successful candidates are:—

Master of Arts.—Leach, William V. B.A., Adelaide High School; Potter, Roy A., B.A., Jamestown High School; Priest, Amy G., B.A., Woodville High School; and Williams, James H., B.A., Teachers College.

Bachelor of Arts.—Drummond, Euphemia G., Adelaide High School; Garton, Mary M., Norwood High School; Johncock, Ernest H., Unley High School; Lang, Philip R., Adelaide High School; Lushey, Harold M., Currie Street Pract.; Robjohns, Annie J., Unley High School; Shaw, Kate H., Norwood High School; Tregenza, Sydney L., Port Lincoln High School; Wauchope, Diosma M., Adelaide High School; and Wauchope, Mavis L., Gillies Street Infant.

Diploma in Economics and Political Science.—Ham, William, Teachers' College; Locksley, Maurice, Camden; Macghey, Mary V., B.A., Norwood High School; and Rendell, Alan, Pinnaroo Higher Prim.

Diploma of Commerce.—Brown, Thomas R., Port Pirie High School; Burr, Fred S., Kadina High School; and Davis, Rosalie, Burra High School.

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SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS.

Munificent Offer to Dominions.

LONDON, December 10.

Correspondence has been published showing that Mr. C. A. Buckmaster, M.A. (Chairman of the governing body of the Imperial College of Science and Technology) recently informed the Duke of Devonshire (Colonial Secretary) that private friends desired to offer two post graduate scholarships at the college of £300 apiece, for students from the universities in each of the dominions of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and India, for the session of 1924-25. The selection of the students was left to the overseas Prime Ministers concerned.

The Duke of Devonshire has now replied that he is authorized by the dominions Prime Ministers and Viscount Peel, on behalf of India, to gladly accept the munificent offer. He states that the Prime Ministers will take up the matter immediately upon their return to their own countries, and asks for further information to guide them in making arrangements for the selection of the beneficiaries.—Reuter.

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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

With the solemnities of Commemoration to-day, and the humorous absurdities of the undergraduates' procession and concert to-morrow, the University of Adelaide will make its annual public appearance. It might be more profitable to the social body, as tending to cultivate an increased respect for learning in this too-frivolous age, if the University were more often obvious in the scheme of things. The polite arts once flourished nowhere but in monastic seclusion; and, although they are now so widely diffused, they are not yet cultivated in public. In large measure, of course, the retirement of the student is consonant with his desire for the quiet befitting concentration; but the academic restraints and inhibitions which distinguish more important seats of learning are traditional. And, if the University of Adelaide, established in 1874, cannot be said to have any ancient traditions of its own, it is sufficiently animated by the spirit of those historic universities of the United Kingdom with which, since 1881, it has held equal academic rank. Its work, therefore, is carried on with a deliberate and studied avoidance of display, and there are some busy citizens to whom the students' annual frolic comes as a surprising and arresting reminder of how many young South Australians are being equipped for life's work in this noble institution, presided over by a professorial staff of whom little is heard and less seen.

In so far as this avoidance of public attention is helpful to the maintenance of the singleness of purpose which must accompany the will to learn, it is desirable, in the interests of the undergraduates for whose betterment the organization stands; but it is well that, at least once a year, the community should be encouraged to consider the University, the progress which it has made, and the standard to which it has attained. It is an establishment in which the people of South Australia have proprietary rights, and in which they should take a corresponding interest and pride. How many of them really know much of its triumphant history? The resignation of Mr. C. R. Hodge, the Registrar, who has been associated with the University of Adelaide for nearly 40 years, and the fact that his retirement will have taken effect before the real work of next year begins, give to to-day's Commemoration an unusual significance. It is fitting that those who are interested in the development of the University should cast their minds back over the years embraced in Mr. Hodge's fine record of service to observe what remarkable forward strides have been made in the period. Few other similar institutions can point to such attainments in so short a space of time. The University has not yet celebrated its jubilee, and yet the number of professorships has been increased from four to 16; and, in addition to the 16 professors, there are now about 50 lecturers and 19 teachers in the Elder Conservatorium of Music.

The rapid and yet sure and solid growth of a great centre of advanced education in a State of South Australia's comparative numerical poverty and immaturity must be regarded as singularly noteworthy; and it should never be forgotten that its origin, and its earlier achievements along the path of progress, are wholly due to the wise and public-spirited munificence of individual citizens. The foundation laid by

Sir W. W. Hughes and Sir Thomas Elder was of such practical and inspirational excellence that the present superstructure is merely the logical development of the work of initiation. The University of Adelaide has no mean beginnings from which to trace its rise, and its own traditions, although scarcely 50 years old, are a safe guide for the future. The men who have been associated with it have always held high the torch of knowledge, and they and their students have given to the institution a reputation second to none through the Empire. The benefits which have accrued to the State from the maintenance of an earnest and a successful endeavour to appoint to the teaching staff the most eminent scholars available, have been incalculable; and the great regret felt at the announcement of the resignation of so brilliant an historian as Professor Henderson, who is also held in pro-

found esteem for his personal qualities, will be tempered only by the knowledge that no trouble will be spared to ensure the appointment of a suitable successor to the chair of History.

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At a meeting of the council of the University of Adelaide on Monday afternoon, an award of the Lowrie Post-graduate Research Scholarship was made to Mr. Harry Kingsley Lewcock, younger son of Mr. W. G. Lewcock, jun., of Clare. Mr. Lewcock will have the degree of B.Sc. in agriculture conferred upon him at the University Commemoration to-day. He received his early education at the Clare State School, and from there won a Government scholarship, tenable for three years at the Roseworthy Agricultural College. While there, besides gaining numerous prizes, he was dux of the first and second year divisions during his



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course. In March, 1921, he gained a first-class diploma with honours in eight of 10 subjects, and was awarded the John Ridley memorial scholarship, tenable at the University. During 1921 he served as a cadet in the State Agricultural Chemists' Laboratory, and completed the matriculation requirements of the University at the public examinations of that year. At the University he was awarded the John Bagot Scholarship, and medal in Botany, and completed his degree course at the recent examinations, gaining first-class passes in six of his seven final subjects, and being first in order of merit in the three subjects where he had competition. Under the Lowrie Research Scholarship now awarded him, Mr. Lewcock proposes to conduct an investigation into the micro-biologic population, with special reference to the bacterial flora, of some typical South Australia wheat land soils.