

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

12—Mr. J. R. Kearnan, LL.B.

Mr. Joseph Reinald Kearnan has graduated Bachelor of Laws at the Adelaide University at the age of 22 years. His school career was successful in both port and study. Largely under the tuition of the Rev. Bro. D. G. Purton, M.A., Mr. Kearnan was educated at the "Christian Brothers" school, Wakefield street. After passing the primary, secondary, and senior public examinations he was attached to the Education Department for a year in 1919. He returned to the college the following year and passed the higher public examination in four subjects, obtaining first place in economics. His University work was begun in 1922.

Mr. Kearnan served his articles with Mr. H. G. Alderman and is now with the legal firm of Villeneuve Smith, Alderman, and Reid.

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Professor W. K. Hancock, who has been appointed to the Chair of History at the Adelaide University, vacated by Professor Henderson two years ago, as a brilliant young student, had won an Exhibition Scholarship in Victoria several years ago. He came to Adelaide in time to take up his duties in Adelaide on March 30, when the lectures for the year begin. The professor received his early education at the Melbourne Church of England Grammar School, and entered the Melbourne University in 1917, remaining there until 1919. He obtained first-class honors in classics in his first year, and first-class honors in history in the second year's course. He secured a final exhibition in history and political economy. In 1920-21 Professor Hancock held an assistant-lectureship in the University at Perth, and in 1922 took up residence at Balliol College, Oxford, under the terms of the Rhodes Scholarship awarded to him at the end of 1920. In 1923 he obtained first-class honors in the Oxford School of Modern History, and was elected to an All Souls College Fellowship, where he has been carrying out research work.

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DENTAL CONFERENCE.

A conference will be held at the Chief Secretary's Office this afternoon to discuss the question of providing training in dentistry for persons who may subsequently be employed in connection with the Education Department's school dentistry scheme. The conference will be attended by Sir Joseph Vercoe, the Inspector General of Hospitals (Dr. B. H. Morris), the Director of Education (Mr. W. T. McCoy), and the Minister of Education (Hon. L. A. Hill).

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RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS FOR WOMEN.

The International Federation of University Women is awarding 176 research fellowships of £200 each to be held in Australia in 1927. The fellowships will be used for one year's research in biology, anthropology, economics, or colonial history.—Reuter.

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AMERICA AND THE LEAGUE.

Professor Darley Naylor states that the following paragraph appeared in the "Martin" (Paris) "L'Espresso": "The United States' Spokesman (Mr. Bruce) spoke yesterday in the American Senate with great eloquence in favor of America's entry into the League of Nations. He said, 'There was a time,' he said, 'when the world was ready to do anything in order to bring the United States into the League, but of late a remarkable change has taken place. It is now obvious that we could be left out of court, and that without our co-operation war might be started. It is now obvious that we are disposed to tolerate our patronizing airs of condescension.'"

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Mr. T. Ashhurst, who was selected as the South Australian Rhodes scholar in December, 1921, returned from England on Saturday by the "Oranby" with his wife. After spending a few days at North Beach, he is subsequently (Mr. H. H. McKechin), he left by the express last night for Sydney. In that city he will act as Australian representative for a London firm of timber merchants, coal tar distillers, and road dressing manufacturers, Messrs. Birt, Bonson, and Heywood. Mr. Ashhurst spent three years in residence at Oxford University, and in addition to taking the honors degree in chemistry, engaged in successful research work in industrial chemistry, particularly in the discovery of a new means of synthesizing aniline dyes. Mr. Ashhurst is the second of a brilliant company of seven Rhodes scholars who received part of their training at the Adelaide High School, to return to their native land. The one was Miss C. T. Madigan, who is lecturer in geology at the Adelaide University.

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Professor Watson, of Adelaide, is in present command of a private hospital in Melbourne. Following the outbreak of the Great Barrier Reef he contracted a severe cold, and it is reported that his condition is not serious. He is expected to return to Adelaide in a few weeks.

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DEATH OF DR. LEITCH.

Collapse at Farewell Meeting.

A gloom has been cast over the town by the tragic death of Dr. Oliver Leitch, president of Dr. Oliver Leitch, which occurred at Nurse Barry's Private Hospital this morning.

Last evening a social gathering was being held in the town hall, where, during an interval in the dancing, farewell presents in the form of a book were presented to Dr. Oliver Leitch on the eve of their departure from the town. Mr. M. L. Warren, in making the presentation, had referred to the history of the town which had occurred during the doctor's residence here, and which the doctor appeared heavily to appreciate. Dr. Leitch then rose to respond, but had uttered only a few sentences when some hesitancy was noticed in his voice, and he then collapsed and fell into his seat.

Dr. Tassie and Dr. Yeatman were quickly at his side, and subsequently he was removed to Nurse Barry's Private Hospital, where his condition continued extremely grave throughout the early hours, and he passed away shortly before 11 o'clock this morning.

The deceased, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Leitch, had been spending a few days here with friends preparatory to leaving Port Pirie for Millwood, where it was their intention to reside in the future. Accompanied by Miss Leitch the doctor has recently returned to South Australia from Great Britain, where he had undergone a course of study prior to entering into practice as a heart specialist in Adelaide.

Dr. Leitch was born in Adelaide in April, 1875, and received a general education at Prince Alfred College, whence he went to the University to study medicine. He remained there until the Adelaide Hospital trouble, which involved a strike of doctors, after which he went to Ormond College, Melbourne, where he took his degree. After graduation he went to Port Pirie, where he bought a practice about 25 years ago, and remained there practically ever since, part of the time being in the city as Dr. Tassie. He was the senior practitioner in that town, and took full advantage of his opportunities for study and research. He was a clever hygienist, and his service for several years as a council health officer resulted in his appointment to the Board of Health administration. He was the quarantine officer at the northern port, and also acted as the local officer of health. As superintendent of the Port Pirie Hospital he was brought into close contact with epidemics and obscure ailments, and it was largely due to his energy that appliances and equipment were procured for the hospital.

A high reputation was gained by Dr. Leitch in the treatment of tetanus, of which he had many cases in the Port Pirie district. His experience of the presence of bacteria in the soil led him to the use of the disinfectant, which, though his superintendency of that institution, was merely a leisure-time activity, and he made some other investigations in plumbing, and other matters associated with lead smelting, which were often confused with plumbers. As a result he was able to give valuable advice to the medical officer appointed by the Broken Hill Associated Smelters, Limited, to look after the health of its employees.

In March, 1925, Dr. Leitch sold his practice at Port Pirie and made a trip to Glasgow for the purpose of associating himself with medical developments in Europe. He was given an honorary commission by the Government, and was sent into and report on the incidence of plumbism and measures taken for its prevention by the Government. He has been arranging the data in preparation for a report since his return three weeks ago. During his stay in London Dr. Leitch studied at the heart hospital, and he tended to practise as a specialist in heart ailments in Adelaide. He had actually engaged a chamber and furniture bought by him were on the way from England at the time of his death.

Great popularity was enjoyed by Dr. Leitch throughout his life, his sporting instincts being much appreciated. He was a founder member of the Haverhill Cricket Club—perhaps the best known of those which played outside the Oval before the war. He was a keen cricketer, and was one of the founders of the club at Port Pirie. He also helped to form the Port Pirie Cricket Club, with which he was associated as supporter till his death. Of late years he received a number of honorary memberships. He took an interest in all forms of sport, a widow, two daughters, and a son survive him. The relatives of Dr. Leitch consist of two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Leitch, and two brothers (Messrs. W. A. Leitch, of the Union Bank, who is stationed in New York, and Dr. Leitch, who is employed by Verco Brothers, of Balaklava). His health had been indifferent for some years, and always treated the matter with indifference.

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DEATH OF DR. LEITCH.

A BRILLIANT AND POPULAR SURGEON.

Part Pirie, February 18.

Widespread regret was expressed throughout the district today at the death of Dr. Oliver Leitch as the result of a seizure while responding at a farewell reception from the citizens to himself, and his family at the instance of the hospital. He was taken to St. Andrew's private hospital, where he never regained consciousness, and died at 10.45 a.m.

He was 51 years of age, and recognised throughout the north as one of the cleverest surgeons in the State. He was a man of quick decision and fine personality. Citizens well known him for many years pay a tribute to his exceptional brilliancy. In his youth he acquired a mastery of medical science enabling him to take his degree at 22 years. By his generosity and care he had gained the confidence of his many patients who have nothing but praise for his methods.

Born in Adelaide in 1875, Dr. Leitch received his first education at the Sturt-Street School, and later entered Prince Alfred College. Thence he went to the Adelaide University. Later he entered the Melbourne University, took his degrees in law and medicine, and returned to Port Pirie as assistant to Dr. Walker, who had established a large practice.

On the death of Dr. Walker, in 1903, Dr. Leitch acquired his practice, and about that time married Miss Millicent M. Gray, of Port Pirie. During the war he was sent to Karp, and saw medical service there. After this war he established a partnership with Mr. L. G. Thomas, who was his last year when Dr. Leitch disposed of his interest and went to the old country and the continent, combining study and pleasure. On his return before Christmas he sold his home at Port Pirie and purchased a residence in Adelaide.

During his residence in Port Pirie, Dr. Leitch became medical superintendent at the local hospital, which post he held for many years. He was a very loyal guardian of his office.

Dr. Leitch leaves a widow and three children, a son, Dr. Lewis, Mr. David Leitch, resides in Balaklava. In social and sporting life Dr. Leitch was a deep and earnest sportsman, and in his younger days played cricket. He was also an ardent follower of tennis, and a member of the Port Pirie Club. He was very generous, he had a very wide circle of friends. His body will be taken care to the city in the morning for interment.

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JOYS OF FOREIGN TRAVEL.

Miss Margaret Darley Naylor, daughter of Professor Darley Naylor, has for the past two years been in England working on behalf of the distressed children of Europe. Recently she decided to spend a holiday in the picturesque island of Corsica. She found the home of Napoleon fully as wild and picturesque as it was in the days of his youth. If anything the police system was a little more complete and more efficient. It seemed to share the traditional suspicion of the Corsican peasant against the stranger. She caught the trade of catering for tourists but she was not a member of brigandage as a national occupation. Miss Naylor and a lady friend were motoring on the coast when they were suddenly halted by a guard. They were told that they had been exceeding the speed limit, or had contravened one or other of the local regulations they prepared to explain matters, but the fact that the gendarme was joined by a party of others, and that all wore carbines led the girls to believe that it was a case of arrest. They were dismissed as police. It took a good deal of explaining, however, before they really understood that the gendarme had been talking of extradition papers, and then Miss Naylor learned that she was wanted by the criminal courts in France for a number of crimes committed at "Georgette," to whom apparently she bore an uncanny resemblance. It was then as clear as day that they were among the gendarmes to the nearest police department, where there undergo a searching cross-examination, and are then taken to the station to identify Miss Naylor under her correct names before they were allowed to go. They were finally got away the gendarme as police, but the gendarme of the arrest as they had been jubilant at the arrest.

MR. J. R. KEARNAN, LL.B. who graduated at the University examinations.

While at school Mr. Kearnan was sports secretary for some time. He was also keenly interested with the College Literary Society, having been a vice-president. Mr. Kearnan was a founder of the Adelaide Catholic Literary Society and one of the University Law Students' debating team. He won the impromptu speech competition of the South Australian Literary Societies' Union in 1924.

Military work has always engaged his attention. When 17 years of age he received a commission and later rose to the rank of captain. He acted as second-in-command of the Citizen Force detachment at Magill, and is now assistant adjutant for the 10th Battalion at Kensington.

Mr. Kearnan was a member of the University Dramatic Club and is at present associated with the Hesperian Dramatic Club. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kearnan, of Parkside.

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MR. E. W. HOLDEN

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