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SIR JOSEPH VERCO

SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY Distinguished Medical Career

(By "Ivanhoe")

Sir Joseph Cooke Verco, M.D., of London, and Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, one of the best-known South Australian medical men as well as one of Adelaide's most distinguished sons, will celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday on Sunday.

A son of Mr. James Crabb Verco, the eminent doctor, he was born at Fullarton. He attended the Adelaide Educational Institution conducted by the late Mr. John L. Young, and afterward St. Peter's College, winning the Young Exhibition.

His next seat of learning was the University of London, where he had the great distinction of being awarded four gold medals. In 1875 he graduated there as Bachelor of Medicine with a scholarship and gold medal in forensic medicine, and another gold medal in medicine.

The following year he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, with gold medal, and in 1877 he took the Bachelor of Surgery degree, with scholarship and gold medal, in surgery. He also became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, to which he was admitted a member three years before. In 1875 he was admitted Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, London.

While in London the doctor studied at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he was house physician for some time and subsequently midwifery assistant. Having returned to his native State, Dr. Verco was engaged in an extensive and lucrative practice for many years. The highest appointments in his profession, both in the Hospitals and the University and in the gift of his medical brethren, became his.

He was lecturer in medicine at the University, honorary consulting physician at Adelaide Hospital, and honorary physician to Adelaide Hospital and Adelaide Children's Hospital.

In 1886-7 Dr. Verco was president of the South Australian branch of the British Medical Association, and in 1887 (the year in which the jubilee of the Province was celebrated) he presided over the first intercolonial medical congress which was held at Adelaide.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Read, not to contradict and refute, not to believe and take for granted, but to weigh and consider.—Bacon.

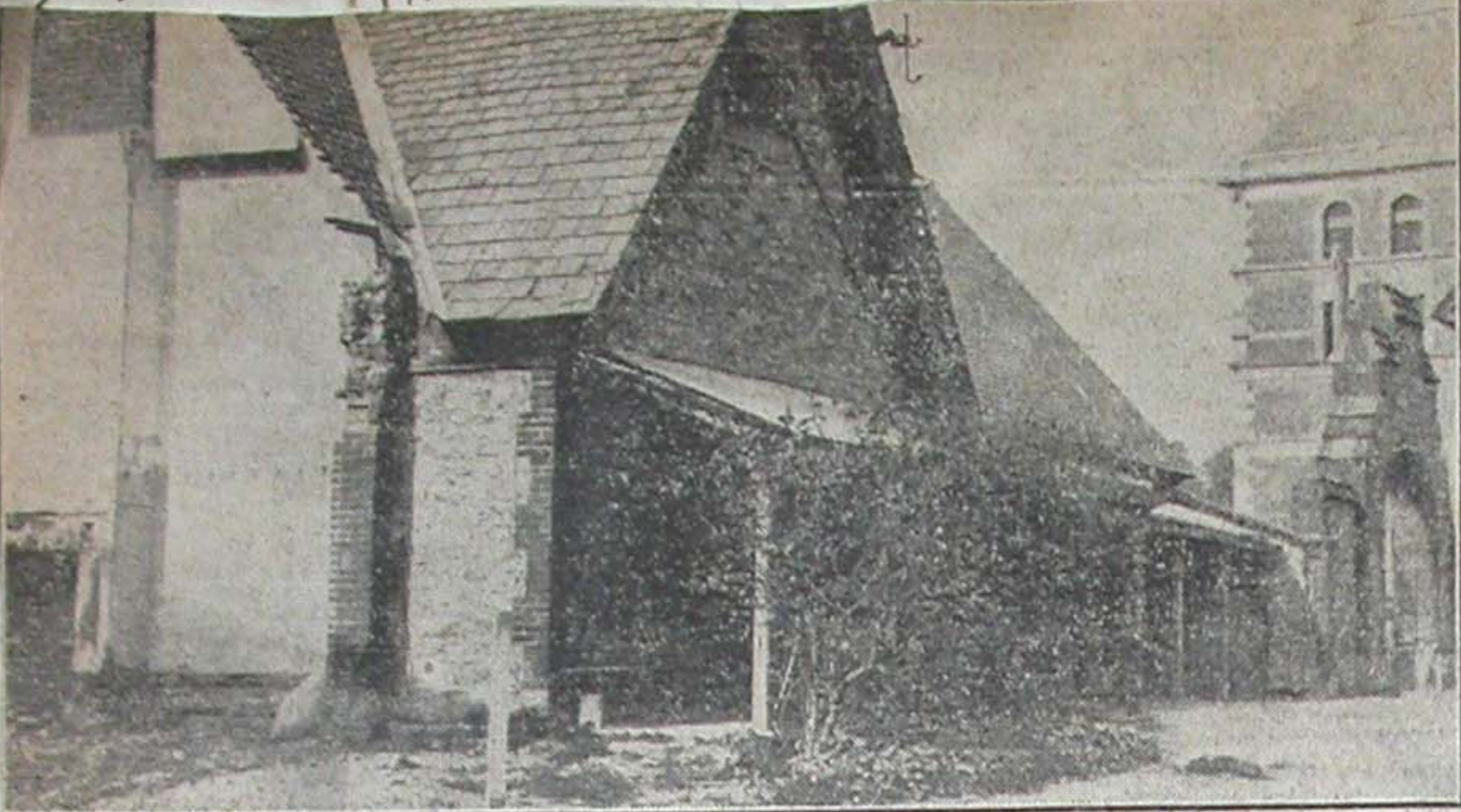
Among the scientific institutions in which the doctor has shown abiding interest is the Royal Society of South Australia, of which he was president until recently for nearly 20 years. This society had many evidences of his liberal assistance and support, and is probably under greater obligation to him than any other living South Australian. Since its formation he has been chairman of the Malacological section of the Royal Society.

Conchology has been almost a life-long hobby of his. For many years he has been honorary conchologist of the South Australian Museum, where he may be seen almost daily except Sundays in the prosecution of the science of shells.

Dr. Verco was created a Knight Bachelor in 1910, and there has been probably no more popularly received honor than the bestowal of a title upon Adelaide's eminent doctor, who is known far and wide for his public spiritedness and his unostentatious philanthropy.

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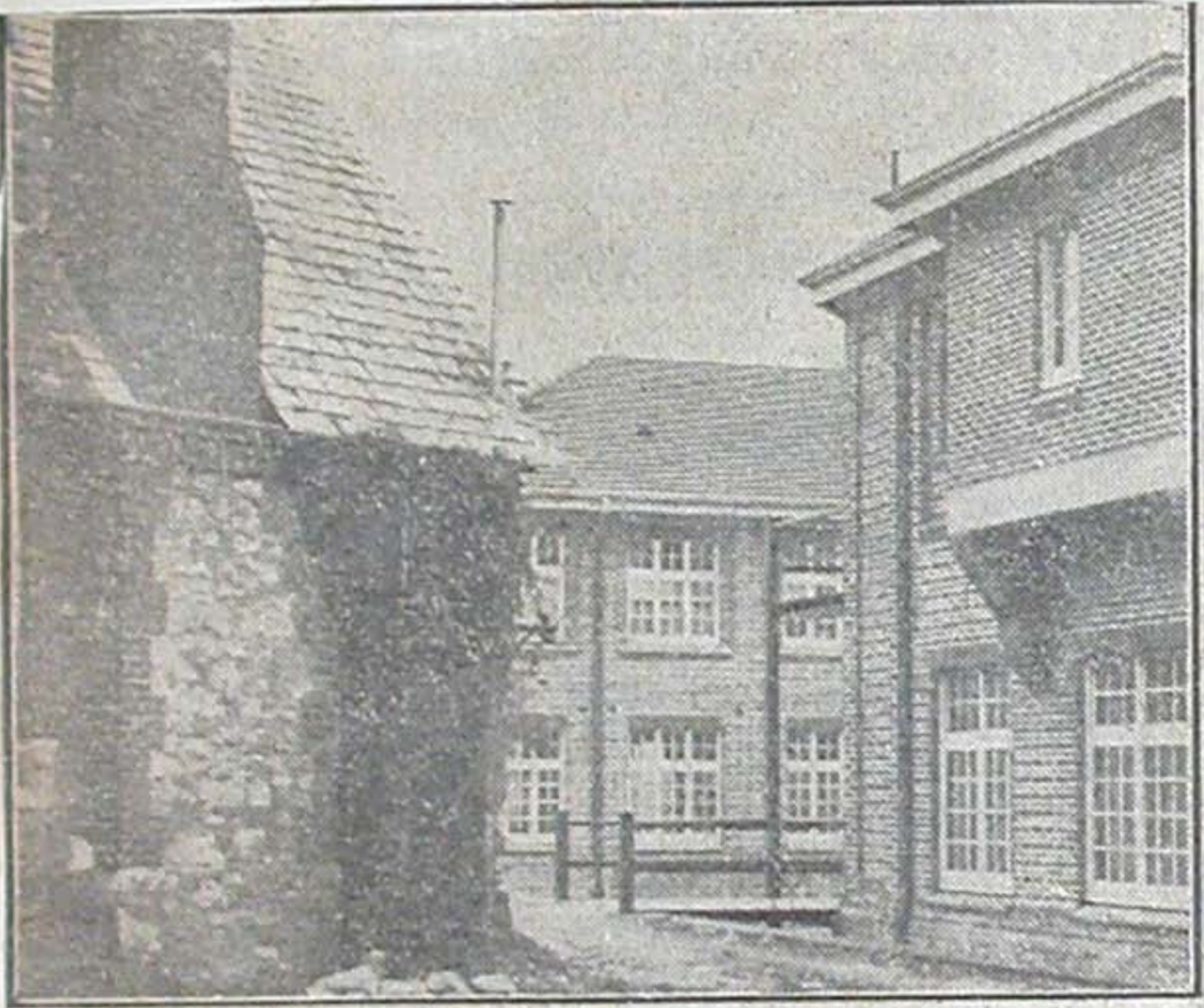
Mr. G. D. Mudie, a son of Mr. H. M. Mudie, formerly manager of the Savings Bank, was on Monday unanimously appointed town clerk and surveyor of Hindmarsh. He is 30 years of age, and is a returned soldier. He took the degree of Bachelor of Engineering at the Adelaide University, and won the Fellowship diploma of the South Australian School of Mines. He is an Associate member of the Institution of Engineers of Australia. He entered the department of the Engineering after completing his University course. He was later transferred to the Blanchetown Lock, and then to Lock 3. For more than two years he was senior assistant at those works, and at periods in charge of the 150 men employed at the works. For the past two years he has been in the service of the Adelaide City Council as engineering assistant. His experience in municipal work has included road construction and large drainage schemes. His experience in survey work has been varied, and he has also a practical knowledge of office work.



INSIDE THE OLD POLICE BARRACKS QUADRANGLE.—The photo shows what had to be done to a portion of the old barracks to make way for the new physics and engineering block of the University. The building behind the archway is the museum.

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OLD AND NEW.—To make way for the new physics and engineering block at the University a portion of the old police barracks had to be pulled down. The old building is now used by the University Women's Union as a clubhouse.

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CHAMBER MUSIC. CONCERT AT THE CONSERVATORIUM.

Beethoven has been dead for a century, but his works will not die while beauty is appreciated. Nor will they be forgotten in Adelaide while the Elder Conservatorium string quartet remain in existence and continue to present chamber music in the delightful manner that they did last night. The recital was given in the Hall, and there was a fair attendance. The members of the quartet were Charles Schilsky (first violin), Miss Kathleen Meegan (second violin), Miss Sylvia Whittington (viola), and Mr. Harold Parsons (cello). The programme opened with the Beethoven Quartet in E minor, opus 59, No. 2, one of three dedicated to Count Rasoumofsky. The four movements were allegro, adagio, allegretto, and presto. The members of the quartet have recently returned from Melbourne, where they gave a series of recitals, as an introduction to the movement for an exchange of musical ideas between the two capitals, and their performance last night gave evidence of a closer understanding between the musicians than in previous recitals. It is said that Mr. Schilsky has acquired a new violin, and he certainly seemed to draw from his instrument richer and fuller tones than hitherto. The harmonies in the opening movement of the Beethoven quartet were finely woven, with delicate imitation passages for all the instruments, splendidly handled by the players. The slow movement followed, closely written in places, and giving a sense of "oneness" in its beautiful emotional song. Then in lighter vein came the trio, with its Russian theme of charm and grace, a lovely movement which led on to the vivacious presto with short melodic phrases and

rhythmic vitality, the fragments being lightly flung from part to part. It was a splendid number, and the players were accorded a warm acknowledgment by the audience. The closing number was also instrumental, being the Piano Quartet in C minor, by Faure. In this the second violin was dispensed with, and Mr. George Pearce made up the quartet on the piano. The movements were allegro molto and scherzo allegro vivo, adagio, allegro, and presto. If there was ever a doubt as to the modern French composers could write tunefully it must have been dispelled last night. The slow movement was a joy. Between the quartets Mr. Clive Carey gave a group of modern French songs, which might have been more aptly termed duets for voice and piano. Miss Mandin-Puddy was the accompanist, and the performers gave a wonderfully artistic interpretation of a quaintly beautiful group of songs. The numbers were "Quand l' nuit n'est pas étoilee" (Reynaldo Hahn), "Invitation au voyage," and "Le Manoir de Rosemonde" (Henri Duparc), "Le Paon" (Maurice Ravel), and "Mandoline" (Claude Debussy). Mr. Carey was in excellent voice, his mezzo voce singing being quite artistic singing from Mr. Carey. Prior to the concert the director of the Conservatorium (Dr. E. Harold Davies) welcomed Mr. Percy Grainger, and referred to the splendid service the visitor was giving in the preparation of numbers for a series of concerts in October for orchestra and chorus. "We have felt that Mr. Grainger is one of us," said Dr. Davies.

THE STATES EARLY DAYS.

Ninety years ago to-day the first passenger by the Duke of York was landed at Kangaroo Island, and although it is understood that others had preceded him, the history of settlement in South Australia, in a sense, begins with that event. The Duke of York, which had left England, chartered by the South Australian Company, and carrying officials and others, reached Nepean Bay on July 27, 1836. It was not the first vessel to be dispatched to these shores, but it made a more speedy voyage than one which left a few days before it. When Nepean Bay was reached, the infant son of Mr. Beare was carried through the shallow water and put ashore before any of the other passengers landed, the object being to secure for the child the distinction of being the first permanent settler to set foot on the new country. Officially, the settlement of the State dates from the following December, when Captain Hindmarsh landed, and the Province was proclaimed at Glenelg. Professor Sir Hudson Beare, of the Edinburgh University, is a descendant of Mr. Beare, the father of the child in question. There had been a few whalers at the Bluff before the State was founded, but the work of settlement and development really began with the proclamation on December 28, 1836. Now South Australia has a population of over 551,000, and it is one of the most prosperous countries in the world. An article on the subject of the first settlers appears on page 15.

HINDMARSH TOWN CLERK.

Mr. G. D. Mudie Appointed.

Mr. G. D. Mudie, son of Mr. H. M. Mudie, was appointed Town Clerk and Surveyor to the Hindmarsh Corporation by the Hindmarsh Council on Monday. Mr. Mudie, who is a returned soldier, almost 30 years of age, has had considerable experience in civil engineering. He holds the degree of Bachelor of Engineering at the Adelaide University, the Fellowship Diploma of the South Australian School of Mines, and is an associate member of the Institution of Engineers, Australia. After having completed his university course, he entered the Engineering Department as an assistant engineer. For a time he was employed on office work. Later he was transferred to Lock 1, Blanchetown, and to Lock 3, and for more than two years was senior assistant, and at times had charge of the works, where 150 men were employed. At that place he had the general oversight of the whole work, which cost approximately £250,000. For nearly two years he has held the position of engineering assistant with the Adelaide City Council, and has had considerable experience in municipal engineering, comprising road construction, and comprehensive drainage schemes. His experience in survey work has been large and varied, and he has also a practical knowledge of office work.

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