

THE DENTAL ASSOCIATION.

INAUGURAL DINNER. The inaugural annual dinner of the Dental Association was held at the South Australian Hotel on Wednesday night.

In proposing the toast of the Dental Board, Mr. A. A. Miller-Randie commented on the assistance rendered by the medical members of the board.

Mr. Wallace Bruce (president of the Dental Board), in responding, said the board was a very hard working one. They met for at least a quarter of an hour once a month.

The toast of the Dental School and Dental Hospital was submitted by Mr. F. M. Swan. Both institutions would always be associated with the name of Sir Joseph Verco.

Sir Joseph Verco, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, in responding, said that neither the University Council, the Hospital Board, nor the Government had ever refused the faculty anything it had asked for.

The health of the visitors was proposed by Dr. H. T. J. Edwards. Dr. Ramsay Smith, in responding, pointed out that it was better to bear with the deficiencies of old legislation than to institute new.

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UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE HACKETT BEQUEST.

Perth, November 10. The University of Western Australia petitioned Mr. Justice Burnside, in the Supreme Court to-day, in regard to the manner in which the money left to it under the will of Sir Winthrop Hackett should be spent.

Sir Walter James, K.C., who appeared for the university, said the testator, who was the owner of the "West Australian" newspaper, died in 1916, and the value of his estate was sworn at approximately £94,500. The estate came under the control of Mr. Alfred Langier, as executor under the will, and governing director of the "West Australian," and it was largely owing to his capable management that the paper was recently sold for over £800,000.

His honor said the requests were such as the court could properly accede to. When the parties approved of the form of order desired it could receive the court's sanction.

ADU. 11.11.26 AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE.

Professor Darnley Naylor, at a farewell social on Wednesday night, said he was afraid that in Australia at present there was a danger of sliding back to a cultivated paganism. They must guard against that. The trouble was not local. It was common throughout the world.

ADU. 11.11.26 AN EDUCATIONAL PROBLEM.

Speaking at a meeting of the Presbyterian Men's League on Wednesday night, Professor Darnley Naylor referred to education. He said he was disappointed with the result of free and compulsory education. It was not the fault of the teachers; everyone knew that many of them had fine ideals.

NEWS 10.11.26 RHODES SCHOLAR

Several Entries Received

Several entries had been received for the Rhodes scholarship, stated Mr. F. W. Earley, B.A. (Registrar of the University) today. They included applications from University students. The committee of selection would probably be called together after the results of the University examinations had been published.

Members of the committee are:—His Excellency Sir Tom Bridges, Sir George Murray (Chief Justice), Profs. R. W. Chapman and W. K. Hancock, Messrs. J. R. Fowler, M.A., Harry Thomson, LL.B., R. J. Rudall, LL.B., and C. T. Maddigan, M.A., B.Sc. Mr. Earley is honorary secretary.

EDUCATIONAL LECTURE

Clock for Mr. Madigan

Gawler branch of the Workers' Educational Association held its final meeting for the year last night.

Mr. C. T. Madigan, M.A., B.Sc., gave an interesting and informative lecture on "Evolution," and had a large number of specimens that served to drive home his points of the branches of science he touched on during his two years' course as tutor at Gawler.

After the lecture Mr. Madigan was presented with a four-hundred-day clock.

The remarks of the president were supplemented by Mr. Tucker (vice-president), Mr. G. McRitchie (general secretary) was present, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the excellent reports of the work of Mr. Madigan at Gawler. The secretary at Gawler was among the best the association had.

After the presentation the meeting resolved itself into a social, and an excellent supper was provided.

REG. 12.11.26 'PRODUCING MEDIOCRITY.'

UNIVERSITIES CRITICISED.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

"The universities of the Commonwealth are not drawing the best members of the community for training, with the result that the universities are limited, and are turning out to a very large extent men of mediocrity, a mediocrity which very largely stamps present-day democracy. The leaders of thought of the present time belong, unfortunately, to that mediocrity." These remarks were made by Professor Goddard, Professor of Biology at Queensland University, addressing the Constitutional Club to-day. He condemned the system of examination, and expressed the view that the university should treat more seriously its responsibilities to the youth that went to it for training.

REG. 12.11.26 INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH.

The South Australian Committee.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In The Commonwealth Gazette the names are announced of the members of the State committees appointed to carry out the work of the Commonwealth Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. The Chairman of the six State committees, with three nominated members, Messrs. G. A. Julius (Chairman), and J. Newbigin, and Professor A. C. D. Rivett, and two co-opted members, Professor E. J. Goddard and H. A. Wood Ruff, constitute the council, which is the central administrative body. The following are the members of the South Australian committee:—Professor Richardson (Chairman), Professor Robertson (Acting Chairman), Mr. William Arthur Hargreaves, Professor Perkins, Mr. Leonard Keith Ward, Professor Chapman, Professor Grant.

The council is inviting applications for the positions of veterinary parasitologist, of scientific assistant biological and of two veterinary officers, all at salaries of from £500 to £600 a year; and of entomologist at a salary of from £300 to £350. Applications for the positions must be received in Melbourne not later than November 27.

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Adelaide friends of Miss Charlotte Grivell (Elder scholar) have received excellent reports of her examinations last June at the Royal College of Music, London. Her teachers praise her hard and consistent work. She has been working steadily upon opera roles in French and Italian for concert programmes, and her voice has improved beyond expectations. The reports state that Miss Grivell is one of the best workers at the Royal College. Mr. Johnstone Douglas, her singing professor, said—"No one could have accomplished more work or better results than has this young Australian. With opportunities given, and time, she should hold a very high place in the musical world. Her voice is magnificent in quality and of exceptional power and range. It is remarkable what she has done in so short a time." Miss Grivell has been particularly successful in the study of French. It is stated that further assistance is needed to permit her to continue her studies, and a committee is arranging for a concert at the Adelaide Town Hall next month to raise the money required.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Royal Society was held at the Institute, North terrace, last evening. Mr. E. R. Waite presided over a good attendance.

Dr. R. S. Rogers read a paper entitled "Contributions to the orchidology of Australia," which contained descriptions of a number of new species of orchids from all the States in the Commonwealth, together with critical notes and observations on previously recorded species. Among the latter was an interesting saprophytic species of the genus gastrodia, found for the first time in this State on Flinders Chase, Kangaroo Island, by Professor F. Wood Jones. Another interesting species belonged to the genus described by Allan Cunningham in an obscure periodical, "The New South Wales Magazine," in 1833, and overlooked by early botanists. Therefore it had not been embodied in current botanical literature, and had been lost sight of for upwards of 90 years.

Dr. Robert Pulleine's paper dealt with aboriginal occupation of the Tallywarka Lake area, south-east of the River Darling. He found extensive evidences of aboriginal occupation, shown by a great number of native ovens or cooking places. Many skeletons were discovered, and large numbers of food-grinding stones of large size. Two cylindrical-conical stones and many other remains were also found.

Mr. A. R. Alderman gave a description of two igneous rocks—wollastite and bottle nuite—from the Palmer district, in a paper read by Mr. C. T. Madigan.

Mr. H. L. Sheard, of Gawler, described aboriginal rock carvings at Devon Downs, River Murray, and a joint paper by Messrs. Sheard and N. M. Tindale referred to aboriginal rock paintings on the South Para River, tracings of which were shown.

Mr. C. S. Hicks read a paper on ancient trade weights, and showed how weights and measures used by the ancient Phoenicians at Gaza were employed in their trading ventures with other countries. He said that the English pound weight was based on that of the Phoenicians.

REG. 12.11.26

Mr. J. T. Smyth, B.A., B.E., will tomorrow complete his eightieth year. Mr. Smyth had a long association with the Education Department. He was the first head master of the Norwood Public School in 1877, and soon afterwards the school became noted for its many successes at University examinations. In 1889 he was appointed an inspector of schools, and retained that office 25 years until his retirement from the service in 1913. Many well-known citizens were associated with the Norwood School in its early days. Mr. Deputy President Hewitson was an assistant teacher in 1878, and among others Brig-Gen. S. Price Weir, Mr. A. N. Day (General Traffic Manager), Mr. J. T. Turner (Engineer of Surveys), and Mr. D. H. Hollidge, M.A., were pupils in 1877 and 1878. Many of Mr. Smyth's successors in the head mastership at Norwood are long since deceased. These include Major I. A. Plummer (inspector), Mr. A. Williams (Director of Education), Mr. A. H. Neale (inspector), and Mr. W. A. West (Chief Inspector). Surviving members of the staff of bygone days include Inspector Fairweather, Capt. James Fowler, Mr. J. A. Kennedy (ex-head master), and Staff-Inspector Pavia (ex-head master). Mr. Smyth enjoys excellent health.

ADU. 13.11.26 FEDERAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.

The personnel of the South Australian Committee of the Commonwealth Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, published in "The Advertiser" on Friday, includes seven of the ten members of the South Australian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, which deals with purely State questions. The Commonwealth body, which has recently been reorganised, and has a large sum of money at its disposal for scientific research, will deal with problems affecting more than one State, and, where considered necessary, will conduct experiments. Pending the return of Professor A. E. V. Richardson from abroad, Professor T. Bradshord Robertson is acting as chairman of the State committee of the Federal Council.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY BO

As the result of several communications from the board of government Public Library, Museum, and Art of South Australia is as follows:—pointed by His Excellency the Governor. Mrs. Jeanne Young, Messrs. Edward M.P., Mr. S. Talbot Smith, M.A., LL.B., B. S. Roach, and R. S. Rogers, M.A., M.D., ChM.; elected by the University of Adelaide—Mr. W. Isbister, K.C. LL.B., Professor Sir Archibald Strong, M.A., Litt.D.; elected by the Royal Society of South Australia, Incorporated—Professor Frederic Wood Jones, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.Sc., F.R.S.; elected by the South Australian Society of Arts—Mr. Edward Davies, F.S.A.I.A.; elected by the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia (South Australian branch)—Mr. H. P. Moore, J.P.; elected by the Adelaide Circulating Library—Mr. C. M. Reid; elected by the Institutes Association of South Australia—Messrs. A. W. Brown, H. E. Fuller, F.S.A.I.A., and L. H. Spence, C.M.G., I.S.O.