

ADELAIDE'S PROBLEMS.

(By the Editor of the Advertiser.)
THE FLOODWATER QUESTION.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY.

THE UNIVERSITY.

The article by Dr. Davy, published recently, dealing with the difficulties of the University to find room for its students, has been made for its purpose primarily the reasons for which steps being taken as will give the utmost accommodation for that institution. As a rule, it is not to be expected that without intention Colonel Light's provision of park lands between north and south Adelaide, would be of great value to the citizens of Adelaide. For without them there would be the Botanic Garden, the Herbarium, the School of Mines, the University, the Museum, the Art Gallery, the Public Reading-room, and the Institute of Education, which were made for these by Colonel Light except in the case of the hospital, where the site marked on his original plan is at the lowest point in the park land where they are drained into the Torrens. There is a point raised by Dr. Davy which can well bear looking into. He alludes to a suggestion in regard to the temporary character of the Exhibition Building, as it was built forty years ago. The intention was to build a permanent building which would last twenty years would meet sufficiently all the necessities of the case. The recent evaluation of that building and its acquisition by the Royal Agricultural Society puts it now within the power of those in authority to give such additional space as the University grounds as would permit the erection of the great hall so generously provided for by Sir Launceston Elliot, and which would be worthy of such a structure. The University buildings so far are no credit to the State, and, eventually, constructed, no doubt, without any plan which in any way responds to the aesthetic demands of such an institution. It is to be noted, at this point of an uncompromising nature, which would be perfectly true, and yet it may be true under the circumstances to say that the University buildings, owing to the resolution of both Houses of Parliament, the first carried in 1857, and the second in the Legislative Council last year, there is now an opportunity for adding to the amenities of the University these residential colleges, which no university is complete. I do not propose to say more than that insofar as it is possible, but greatly to the Government of the day will take the opportunity, which it certainly there is, to carry out the original purpose of the land which will be situated in Parkside when the Mental Hospital is finally removed from there. Meanwhile good steps have been taken to deal with all these important problems.

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UNIVERSITY EXTENSION.

Another important step in connection with the extension of the activities of the Adelaide University has been taken. This is the demolition of the sheds near Victoria Drive on the Jubilee Oval, formerly occupied by the men of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society. The land has been dedicated by the Government for the use of the University and tenders are to be called for the erection of the Lady Symon Building, under the terms of the gift of £10,000 by Sir Joseph Symon. This is for establishing the women's union, and the proposed union for men and women, and towards equipping the women's library with books, to secure a common meeting ground and a social, as well as academic centre for women members of the University, to encourage the intellectual development of its members, to discuss and debate, or otherwise to promote unity and the exchange of thought, and foster the growth of the corporate spirit among University women. The gift by Sir Joseph was to mark his personal association with the early work of the University as a member of the Council, and its active concern in the past. It was made for its purpose primarily the reasons for which steps being taken as will give the utmost accommodation for that institution.

Election of Council Members.

Prior to the election of two members to the University Council, the names announced that Dr. H. Simpson Newland and the late Dr. A. A. Lawson. It was announced that Dr. A. A. Lawson and Professor T. Brailsford had been elected to the two vacancies.

Postal Voting.

A motion by Sir Douglas Dawson, seconded by Mr. A. A. Lawson, that in the withdrawal of his candidature from the University of Adelaide postal voting be adopted, was withdrawn, and Sir Douglas Dawson's motion was adopted. William Mitchell, and seconded by Professor Osborn, referring the matter to a select committee for report. The committee was composed of the Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Mitchell, the Warden, Mr. Justice Angas Parson, Professor J. McKellar Stewart, Sir Douglas Dawson, and the Registrar (Mr. F. W. Hardley).

Death of the late warden, the Hon. T. Stanley Poole. Thirty-three years ago he himself had entered the University as a student, and during part of his second year Mr. Justice Poole was the acting lecturer in classics. He had been struck then by Mr. Poole's precision of knowledge and concentration throughout. They were at the Bar together, and throughout the intervening years he had known him in the way in which lawyers got to know each other. Lawyers were trained to criticize, and they did not spare their competitors, but though their criticisms might be frank, their appreciation of good work well done was impartial and restrained. At the Bar, when there was a difficult case involving hard work, Mr. Justice Poole could always Angus Parson, Professor J. McKellar Stewart, Sir Douglas Dawson, and the Registrar (Mr. F. W. Hardley).



Dr. A. M. Omdore.

appointed a judge it was felt that his appointment would strengthen the Bench, and experience had proved this to be so. The Chancellor had said that the late warden was one of the ablest judges in Australia. After the intimacy that came through six years of the closest association with him, he was satisfied that the tribute was justified. Mr. Justice Poole was a learned judge, with a searching and profound knowledge of human motives. Whatever he took in hand he did with a scrupulous thoroughness. He was anxious before deciding, but did his duty with such care and ability that it was justifiably confident in decision. Five years ago he had been elected Warden of the Senate, and four years ago he became a member of the Council of the University. The Chancellor had spoken of his services as a member of the council. Hand the members of the Senate knew that his work as warden was carried out with dignity and distinction. Every member of the Senate deplored the death of this

Mr. Justice Angus Parson has long been regarded as one of the most brilliant members of the South Australian bar, prior to his elevation to the Supreme Court bench in 1921, on the retirement of Mr. Justice Buchanan. He was educated at Prince Alfred College and the University of Adelaide, where he graduated as a Bachelor of Laws in 1897. In 1912 he was elected to the House of Assembly as a member for Torrens, and after a comparatively brief career as a private member, was appointed Attorney-General in the Peake Ministry on the retirement of Sir Francis Young in 1916. He also became Minister of Education, and devoted himself enthusiastically to the work of facilitating the educational advancement of the rising generation. He later represented the district of Murray.

Dr. Cumner received the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery from the Adelaide University, where he was later appointed lecturer in clinical surgery. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. He had a distinguished war record, leaving Australia with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel with No. 3 Australian General Hospital in 1915. After being invalided home with typhoid in 1916, he returned to service in France in 1918.

Professor Brailsford Robertson, is a native of Edinburgh, who came to Australia at the age of 10, and entered the Adelaide University in 1902. He took the Bachelor of Science degree with first-class honours, and on graduation, received an appointment as assistant professor of physiology in the University of California, where he obtained the Ph.D. degree. He was made a Doctor of Science (Adelaide) in 1908, and two years later was appointed associate professor of physiological chemistry in California. In 1918 he accepted an appointment as Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Toronto, and the following year came to Adelaide to succeed Sir Edward Sirlin (his father-in-law) as Professor of Physiology.

A message from London states that Dr. H. W. Florey, of Adelaide, now a Fellow of Caius College, Cambridge, has been appointed Huddellville lecturer in special pathology at Cambridge University. Dr. Florey was born 29 years ago, and received his education at Kyre College and St. Peter's College. He graduated in medicine at the Adelaide University in 1920, and



Professor T. Brailsford Robertson.

warden in the very zenith of his great intellectual power. It had been hoped that he might be interested in the University and to give it his unstinted and unusual services. Unhappily death had claimed him, far too soon, a great and brilliant man, and all that could be done was, with very rare sorrow in their hearts, to offer deep sympathy to his widow and their children and his venerable father, the Rev. F. Stanley Poole, who had been admitted to the degree of Master of Arts at Adelaide nearly fifty years ago, upon his Cambridge degree. It is difficult to know, sometimes, what the considerations of life really were, but one could not ask more of life than that it should leave a memory of having served his fellow-men with zeal and industry, and with a concern that undimmed and with ability that was distinguished.



Dr. Florey.

then went to Magdalen College, Oxford, as a Rhodes Scholar. In 1924 he was elected to the John Lucas Walker Studentship in Pathology, and became a member of Caius College, and the following year was elected a Rockefeller research Fellow. He was afterwards appointed to conduct anthropological research at the London Hospital.

and 61 years ago. He came to South Australia in his early youth, and gaining an exhibition at the public schools, attended Prince Alfred College. He was later articled to Messrs. Fleming, Boness and Ashton, and was admitted to the bar in July 1886, when he was 21 years of age. He became a partner of Mr. F. A. Jorner, and later Mr. McDermid joined the firm. In 1892 Mr. Justice Piper transferred to the firm of Symon, Bakewell & Stow. Latterly he had been associated with the firm of Piper, Bakewell & Stow, which includes two of his sons, Messrs. H. B. and F. J. Piper. On the occasion of his silver jubilee as a barrister, he was appointed a King's Counsel. Mr. Justice Piper has been president of the Federal Federation, the South Australian branch of the Royal Geographical Society, and the South Australian Literary Society Union. He was president of the Law Society of South Australia for five years, and is a past grandmaster of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of South Australia.

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Professor R. S. Wallace, of the chair of English Language and Literature at the Melbourne University, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney. The appointment establishes the first permanent post for a full-time administrative head of an Australian university.

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THE UNIVERSITY.

WARDEN OF THE SENATE.

MR. JUSTICE ANGAS PARSON APPOINTED.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS.

At a meeting of the University Senate on Wednesday afternoon Mr. Justice Angas Parson was elected Warden, and Dr. Arthur Murray Omdore and Professor Brailsford Robertson were chosen as new members of the University Council, in place of Mr. Justice Poole and Professor E. Rennie.

The Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Mitchell) presided. A tribute was paid by the Chancellor (Sir George Murray) to the late warden, Mr. Justice Poole, when



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for the office of warden were called, that of Mr. Justice Angus Parson was the only one submitted. The Vice-Chancellor desired him elected, and handed over the conduct of the meeting to him.

The Late Warden.

The newly-elected warden, expressed his thanks for the highest honor it was in the power of the Senate to bestow. He would endeavor to maintain the traditions of the office established by his predecessors. In taking the seat he wished to refer as adequately as would be to the