

DR. A. E. V. RICHARDSON APPOINTED DIRECTOR.

A BRILLIANT SOUTH AUSTRALIAN.

The Waite Research Institute, of which Dr. A. E. V. Richardson has been appointed Director, will be the biggest institution for the promotion of Agricultural Science in the Southern Hemisphere.

When in 1914 Mr. Peter Waite, who was imbued with a desire to advance the cause of agricultural education and scientific development in South Australia, transferred his magnificent estate of Urrbrae, at Glen Osmond, to the Adelaide University he displayed commendable foresight.

value of veterinary research to the farmer cannot be overlooked, however, and in this direction valuable help would be afforded by scientific breeding and selection of horses and cattle with regard to climatic and other conditions.

The gift of Urrbrae was at first subject to the life interest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Waite. Since the death of Mr. Waite the property has passed absolutely into the control of the University, and the authorities feel that the time has come to carry out his wishes in connection with the scheme as fully as possible.

The appointment of Dr. Richardson is particularly appropriate, for this brilliant South Australian, who is Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at Melbourne University, has already contributed materially to the scientific knowledge of agriculture, and his work is recognized not only throughout the Commonwealth, but all over the world.

It is understood that the post was offered a short time ago to Dr. Richardson, who is Superintendent of Agriculture in Victoria, and a lecturer on agriculture at the Melbourne University.

In 1908 he was appointed assistant lecturer at the Teachers' Training College, and in the same year became Assistant Director of Agriculture of South Australia, assuming full control of the department after the departure of Professor Angus, until the appointment of Professor Lowrie.

It is not quite certain yet when the Waite Institute will be opened as Dr. Richardson has to complete his engagements in Victoria before taking over his new duties.

At the conclusion of his Victorian engagement the new Director of the Waite Research Institute will be given a warm welcome in his native State, where at Urrbrae he will be free to pursue those scientific experiments which have already achieved so much for the farmers, whose problems he has made peculiarly his own.

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THE GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION.

A SOCIAL AND CONCERT.

The president (Professor T. Brailsford Robertson) and the committee of the Graduates' Association of the Adelaide University tendered a social to members of the association at the Elder Conservatorium on Thursday evening.

Professor E. Harold Davies, Mus. Doc., who was in charge of the musical programme, mentioned the claims of the union. They already had about £6,000 in hand and promised. It was desirable that the corporate life of the undergraduates and graduates should be strengthened.

Amongst those present were the Chancellor (Sir George Murray) and Miss Murray, Mr. Justice Poole, and Mr. President Brown, of the Industrial Court.

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EDUCATION OF WAR ORPHANS.

PENSIONS TO BE SUBSIDISED.

The secretary of the Returned Soldiers' League (Mr. A. H. Dalziel) stated on Thursday, that arrangements had been made by the Repatriation Commission to subsidise war pensions in respect of children aged 13 years of deceased or totally and permanently incapacitated soldiers in order that they might enjoy a good education in addition to a sound industrial training.

Mr. Dalziel said the scheme originally provided that when a child of a deceased or totally incapacitated soldier attained the age of 13 he was entitled to an education-maintenance grant of £36 a year if living at home and £52 if living away from home.

ing compelled to remain at school until the leaving age of 14, they were under a moral obligation to continue their education until the approximate age of 16, when they were drafted into the industrial world as apprentices.

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IN THE ANTARCTIC.

LECTURE BY MR. C. T. MADIGAN.

Members of the Adelaide High School Old Scholars' Association listened with interest in the Price Hall at the school on Friday evening to tales of his adventures in Antarctica as related for more than two hours by Mr. C. T. Madigan, who was a member of the Mawson Expedition to that cold continent.

The descriptions of the huge icebergs found in those southern regions, bergs that often were miles long, and which towered above the water 200 ft. and more; of the huge crevasses that form in the ice, so deep that they cannot be plumbed; the difficulty experienced by the Mawson Expedition in finding a way through the Great Ice Barrier that stretches unbroken and hundreds of feet high for miles along the edge of the great southern continent, were all extremely interesting.

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The monthly meeting of the Johnian Club was held at the Clubroom, Price Street, on Friday evening, the president (Mr. Arthur C. Threlfall) presiding. A welcome was extended to Mr. P. D. Wilkinson, the club's first treasurer, who is in Adelaide on a business visit from Sydney.