

FOREST EDUCATION.

Teachers at Kuitpo.

The delegates to the conference of the Australian Teachers' Federation in Adelaide concluded the programme with a visit to Kuitpo Forest on Thursday, as the guests of the South Australian Public Teachers' Union. The party, which was conveyed in two charabancs, travelled through Clarendon, and reached Kuitpo at noon. Lunch and afternoon tea were provided. Mr. H. H. Corbin, lecturer in Forestry at the Adelaide University, conducted the visitors over a section of the forest, and gave them an account of the methods of forestry. The delegates expressed their appreciation, and said that the information they had received would assist them in their work. The teachers said that they realized that South Australia was not lacking in the cultivating of the forest spirit, and thereby showed a fine example. The party made the return journey by way of Aldgate, where opportunity was afforded of viewing the beauty of the autumn foliage. Adelaide was reached at 6 p.m. The visitors thanked Mr. W. Bennett (President) and Misses Watson and Miethke (representing the women's section of the union) for the outing.

Mr. Lawrence Birks, of Wellington (N.Z.), arrived by the Melbourne express on Thursday. He is staying with his mother, Mrs. Walter R. Birks, at Norwood. He intends leaving in two or three weeks for England, to attend a conference of technical experts, which will consider the question of the adaptation of industrial and scientific sources of power from the national and international standpoints. Mr. Birks was for some time a professor at one of the Scottish universities, and has since held positions as an electrical expert at Christchurch, Rotorua, and latterly at Wellington (N.Z.).

ADMISSIONS TO THE BAR.

Eight More Lawyers.

There was a large attendance of persons interested at the Full Court in Adelaide on Saturday morning, when Mr. Justice Poole, Mr. Justice Angas, Parsons, and Mr. Justice Napier sat for the purpose of admitting eight new legal practitioners to the Bar of the Supreme Court of South Australia.

The candidates were nearly all young, and not much over their majority. Included in their number was Miss Gwendolyn Helen Ure, a young woman, who has had a most successful career at the Adelaide University. Out of eleven subjects which she studied, she was awarded first-class in eight. She won Stow prizes on four different years, and has been the holder of the David Murray Scholarship for international and Roman law. During the last three years or so she has been articled to Mr. E. E. Cleland, K.C. Her admission to the Bar was moved by Mr. T. E. Cleland, in behalf of the firm, and he referred to her brilliant attainments. The other candidates, who were all admitted and sworn, were Messrs. Reginald Leo Henzenroeder (whose admission was applied for by Mr. E. W. Bennett), Cecil C. Crump (Mr. Herbert Solomon), Patrick A. Ohlstrom (Mr. C. A. Edmunds), Frederick P. Adams and James McCabe (Mr. Henry Thomson), Mervyn Charles Morris (Mr. T. G. Hicks), and Gordon Augustus Pavy (Mr. H. B. Piper).

Judge Confers Congratulations.
Mr. Justice Poole, in behalf of the Bench, congratulated the new practitioners on their entrance to the profession. Hitherto, he proceeded, their efforts had really been to reach the foot of the ladder, and they had now to climb it. The height they reached would depend to some extent upon their ability, but success in the profession, whether they judged success by their own personal gains or

by the extent to which the community benefits by their efforts, did not depend upon the possession of merely intellectual gifts. He had heard it said that if in any walk of life a man of average intelligence would for 10 years apply his unremitting energy, endeavouring to acquire knowledge of that which he had to do, he would at the end of the decade be one whose opinion on any subject relating to his work would be one that was entitled to respect. Certainly that was true of the law. Their profession was not, of course, an eleemosynary institution; but, on the other hand, it existed to confer its privileges for the benefit of the community as a whole, and if they remembered that and acted upon it, they would maintain its traditions and ideals. He wished them every success.

Scholastic Careers.
Mr. R. L. Henzenroeder is a descendant of a legal family. He is a son of Mr. W. E. Henzenroeder, solicitor, of Tanunda. He obtained his education at the Taunda Public School, St. Peter's College, and the Adelaide University. At the college he took an interest in rowing and sport.

Mr. Cecil C. Crump, LL.B., is the son of Mr. C. H. Crump, of Strathalbyn. He commenced his education in New South Wales, and later came to South Australia. He was level with two others for Dux in the Quorn Primary School, and from the Quorn District High School, where he was placed first in his year, he gained a public exhibition, which took him to Prince Alfred College. There he was awarded the senior Smith history prize, and passed his junior, senior, and higher public examinations, the last named with general honours. He also gained the Sir Thomas Elder Scholarship, which enabled him to proceed to the Adelaide University, where in December, 1923, he gained his degree of Bachelor of Laws, and was awarded a David Murray Scholarship for theory of law and legislation, but owing to the fact that he had not attained the age of 21 years he could not be admitted as a practitioner in that month.

Mr. P. A. Ohlstrom is a son of Mr. Paul Ohlstrom, of Edithburgh. He was educated at the public school in that place, and the Adelaide University. He served four years at the war, and he attended Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he was captain of the cricket team. He has attained eminence as an interstate cricketer, and he is also an able baseball player.

Mr. F. P. Adams is a son of the late Mr. Henry Adams, formerly of St. Just, Cornwall. He was educated at the Pulteney Street School, the Adelaide High School, and the Adelaide University. He was articled to Mr. Percy Johnson. He has achieved considerable success in literary society work, and was a member of St. Andrew's (North Unley) champion team in 1919, and of the University debating team in 1922, and the following year was its leader. He also took part with the Adelaide University team, which won the championship of all the Australian Universities.

Mr. James McCabe is the eldest son of Mr. F. McCabe (secretary of the Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia). He was a member of the Adelaide University debating team, which last year won the championship of the Australian Universities. In 1921 he won the prize for the South Australian Literary Societies' prepared speech, and last year he was awarded a prize for oratory by the Law Students' Society. Mr. McCabe is a member of St. Andrew's Literary Society, and has represented that body on several occasions. He was in the Ministry of the Union Parliament, North Adelaide, in 1921 and 1922. He was born in Glasgow (Scotland), and he attended the Unley High School. He took the degree of Bachelor of Law at the Adelaide University last year.

Mr. M. C. Morris is a son of Mr. W. J. Morris, of Haywood avenue, Torrens-ville. He attended Thebarton Public School and Woodville and Adelaide High Schools. He started at the Adelaide University in 1920, and gained his LL.B. degree in December, 1923. He has been articled to Mr. F. G. Hicks.

Mr. G. A. Pavey's legal career was interrupted by five years' war service. He was a captain at the front. The son of Mr. J. A. Pavey, of Stanley street, North Adelaide, he obtained his education at the North Adelaide Public School and the Adelaide University.

Miss Margaret Darnley Naylor, daughter of Professor Darnley Naylor, is leaving to-day, by the steamer Aeneas, for London, where she will engage in work for the Save the Children Fund. On arrival she will report to Miss Cecilia John, the overseas secretary, and will have her work allotted to her. She is not quite sure where her work will take her, but she expects to remain in England for some time.

LATE DR. MELVILLE BIRKS.

A Useful Career.

The place of the healer has taken on a new aspect in recent years. Not merely to cure disease, but to prevent it, to build up the national health instead of patching up individuals, is the new ideal. One of the men who had not only endorsed, but actively worked for such an end, was the late Dr. Melville Birks, who passed away at the residence of his mother at Rose Park on Sunday. The work accomplished by him and his coadjutor in Broken Hill was of such practical importance that delegates from overseas visited that place to study methods adopted for the benefit of the health of the workers. A United States health expert recently spoke highly of the achievements of Dr. Birks. The deceased, who was the second son of the late Mr. Walter Richard Birks, was born in Adelaide. He was educated first at Way College and later at the Adelaide University, where he studied for his medical degree. After passing his examina-



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tions he proceeded to London, where he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. On returning to South Australia he practised for some years at Peterborough. Then he went to Broken Hill, where he resided for about 10 years as superintendent of the hospital. After a severe illness about two years ago Dr. Birks proceeded to the eastern States for a holiday. He was taken ill again at Wentworth, and returned to South Australia last Christmas.

A Tireless Worker.

Briefly that is the outline of his life, but to fill in the details would be to write a record of a life of earnest, tireless work, carried on in an unobtrusive way. Dr. Birks had the power of winning friendship. Those who remember him in childhood describe him as a quiet, thoughtful, friendly small boy, speaking little but always ready to lend a hand. During his medical course he was popular with his fellow-students in spite of a staidness of manner which won him the name of "Dad." Thoroughness was a characteristic of all his work. When he went to England he won his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons under the unusual conditions of practising his profession while he studied. He worked his way and won in spite of the handicap. He married a Scottish lady, Miss Macintyre, of Findon House, near Cromarty, who had trained as a nurse at St. Thomas's Hospital in London. At Peterborough, besides ordinary practice, he studied the question of occupational disease, especially with regard to railwaymen. As superintendent of the Broken Hill Hospital, Dr. Birks continued his interest in industrial disease, with special regard to the well-being of the miners and the dangers and conditions of their calling. He did much important research work on the subject of miner's phthisis. In 1919 he received long leave from the hospital and proceeded to Europe with his wife and family, but the journey was far from a holiday for him. During the supposed vacation every opportunity for studying health questions was made the most of, and he visited many large industrial centres and hospitals in England and Scotland. He submitted a paper at the medical conference at Brussels before the section of industrial diseases. On the return journey some time was spent in Canada and the United States of America, where Dr. Birks obtained still more information. On his return in September, 1920, he resumed his post as Surgeon Superintendent of the Broken Hill Hospital and also the research work, which, carried on with an unsparring diligence, may have had its share in his illness. He won the devoted admiration of the miners and their wives.

"He was so good to us," say the women. "A white man through and through if there ever was one," was a miner's description of him. "He was always on the side of the under dog" was another comment from one who knew him well. Dr. Birks held successfully the difficult position of referee for the Workers' Compensation Act, doing his utmost to see that "the fair thing" was done to both employer and employe. At Peterborough he gave valuable health lectures.

An Appreciation.

One who was closely associated with much of the work of the deceased writes:—"Dr. Birks's two main interests during his life at Broken Hill were his surgical work at the hospital, and the study of social and economic problems as revealed by his close association with the workers. With regard to the first, there is no question that the high level of surgical work which Broken Hill now enjoys was due first and last to Dr. Birks. He was a thoroughly sound, although slightly conservative surgeon, and was a master of asepsis, with the result that aseptic measures were, and still are, carried out at Broken Hill in a manner at least equal to that of any hospital in Australia. A paper which he read before the South Australian branch of the British Medical Association, entitled "The treatment of mine injuries at Broken Hill," was evidence of the remarkable results which he was able to obtain in many serious and mutilating conditions. His interest in the working class was shown by the frequent lectures which he gave before the various unions and the local branch of the Workers' Educational Association. These were usually on some topic such as public health, with special reference to conditions at the Barrier as he knew them." Dr. Birks was particularly interested in the subject of lead poisoning, and during his last trip abroad he took the opportunity of conferring with Sir Thomas Oliver, who is probably the foremost authority on that subject. With the removal of Dr. Melville Birks, the Broken Hill Hospital lost an able administrator and sound surgeon, and the workers of that city a friend who ever had their welfare at heart.

Judge's Associate

Appointed last month as Judge's Associate and clerk of arraigns, which has to do with Criminal Court work, Mr. T. H. Cole, LL.B., is a son of Mr. T. H. Cole (Chief Inspector of Schools) and Mrs. A. S. Cole, who was a daughter of Mr. J. C. Haslam, of Port Pirie. Born in November, 1900, Mr. T. H. Cole was educated at Unley High School and later at Adelaide High School, where he was successful in winning a Government bursary, which gave him entrance to the Adelaide University for the law course. Graduating in December, 1922, he was admitted to the Bar later in that month. He was articled to Mr. Stewart Bright in December, 1919, and remained with the firm of Messrs. Bright & Bright until August, 1923, when he accepted a position as managing clerk to Messrs. Seammell & Skipper. In February of this year Mr. Cole started in private practice at Unley, but in March relinquished this on receiving the appointment he is now filling.



Mr. T. H. Cole, LL.B.

Having edited the High Schools and University magazines during the time he was at those institutions, Mr. Cole has since taken a keen interest in literary matters. He is a member of St. Andrew's Literary Association and of the executive of the Literary Societies' Union. He won the society's prize last year for an essay on Australian literature. While he now devotes most of his time to law matters, Mr. Cole still retains an interest in amateur dramatic performances, and is himself the author of some plays that have been presented at Malvern.