

Our Sydney correspondent telegraphed on Thursday:—The senate of the Sydney University has accepted with regret the resignation of Professor Sir Edgeworth David from the chair of geology and physical geography. Dr. L. A. Cotton, who had been acting professor of geology for two years, has been appointed to succeed Professor David. At his retirement on December 31, Professor David will have completed 33 years of service, including eight years as dean of the faculty of science, and 12 years as Chairman of the

ADELAIDE SCIENTIST'S DEATH.

Government Geologist of Papua.

The death occurred in Adelaide on Friday of Mr. Evan Richard Stanley, Government Geologist of Papua, after a short illness, from bloodpoisoning, supervening on a facial pimple. Mr. Stanley, who was 39 years of age, was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanley, of Unley, and was educated at the Parkside School, and afterwards at the School of Mines and Industries, where he specialized in mineralogical geology, and was Tate medallist for 1908. Fourteen years ago, while a student of the Adelaide University, he was appointed Government Geologist in Papua. His duties comprised inspecting and reporting on the mineral resources of the country, mines, and alluvial shows. For two years he was in charge of the whole mining field, and wherever he went had to make his own surveys, as much of the interior is unknown from a geographical point of view. Last year Mr. Stanley published a work on "The Geology of Papua." While in Papua he was associated with Dr. Wade, the well-known oil expert.

The widow was Miss Turner (of New Parkside), and she and a son and daughter survive. Mrs. Stanley is at present being treated in a local hospital, her husband having obtained special leave of absence to bring her from Papua for that purpose. Mr. Stanley, before he went to Papua, was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Faith, and at the time of his death was connected with the Port Moresby branch, under the Queensland Constitution. Deceased was formerly a prominent member of the Parkside West Methodist Church. Messrs. E. W. (Unley), A. F. (Port Lincoln), and R. E. Stanley (Prospect East) are brothers.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR'S TRIBUTE.

Professor Sir Douglas Mawson on Sunday paid the following tribute to the memory of the deceased:—To his friends, scarcely anything more unexpected can be imagined than the news of the death of Evan Richard Stanley, the Federal Government Geologist of Papua. He arrived in Adelaide a couple of weeks ago on a short visit to his native city, intending to return to New Guinea just before Christmas. He was widely known and well liked among scientists throughout the Commonwealth, and his passing will be deeply regretted over the length and breadth of Australasia. But, above all, those who knew him intimately will regret the loss of so honest and loveable a character. In Adelaide, of course, he had most ties, for this is his home town; and he graduated at the Adelaide University, spending altogether eight years at that institution. His reputation at the University was that of a steady, conscientious, and determined worker. Even during his student days he published pieces of highly commendable original work in the memoirs of the South Australian Royal Society. In 1910 the Federal Government made provision to appoint a geologist to the territory of Papua. To this post Mr. Stanley was appointed, being the first geologist, and so far the only Government geologist, to hold office in Papua. For geological reconnaissances in such a primitive land, Stanley was especially well fitted by reason of his grand physique and natural ability for roughing it—qualities that would be expected to be called upon frequently in an untamed mountainous, and tropical land such as is New Guinea; a country where, in addition, the burden of malaria and other tropical diseases is also imposed. How ably he carried out his duties there during the last 14 years is well attested by the numerous geological and geographical publications which emanated from his pen and were published in the reports of the Home and Territories Department, and in various scientific journals. On a number of occasions he traversed the south-eastern extension of the island from coast to coast, crossing the Owen Stanley Range, which, through impenetrable tropical jungle, rises to pine-clad heights of about 13,000 ft. By firm but strictly just treatment of the natives, he was able to pass through new country and in contact with wild tribes, without encountering any serious molestation. Since the conclusion of the war, he had been deputed to conduct geological exploration into the mandated New Guinea territory. A summary of his knowledge of the geology of Papua and the mandated territory has, providentially, just appeared in print, and will stand as a monument to his ability and perseverance under conditions that are least favourable for such work.

Mr. Evan R. Stanley (Government Geologist of Papua), died in Adelaide on Friday. He had obtained special leave from the territory for the purpose of bringing his wife to South Australia for medical treatment. They arrived, with their two children, just before Christmas. Mr. Stanley was appointed Government Geologist of Papua 14 years ago. He was then studying at the Adelaide University. He specialised in mineralogical geology, and was Tate medallist for 1908. His expeditions in the territory took him over a large portion of the British sections, as well as the late German New Guinea. He has written extensively on his work, the various reports and bulletins being published from time to time by the Department of Mines. The latest, "The Geology of Papua," was published last year. Mr. Stanley was interested in Freemasonry, being a member of the Lodge of Faith, Adelaide, and held office in the Port Moresby Lodge, Queensland constitution. He was associated with the Parkside West Methodist Church prior



SIR EDGEWORTH DAVID.

professorial board. He will now complete his book on "The Geology of Australia," on which he has been working for a long time. The senate has conferred on him the title of Emeritus Professor of Geology. Professor W. M. MacCallum, who is on a voyage to England, has been unanimously appointed as the first Vice-Chancellor of the Sydney University under the new Act. In his position as Vice-Chancellor, Professor MacCallum will act as the chief administrative officer of the University.



Mr. Evan R. Stanley.

to his appointment in Papua. His parents still reside at Unley. Messrs. E. W. (Unley), A. F. (Port Lincoln), and R. E. Stanley (Prospect East) are brothers. He leaves a widow and two young children. Sir Douglas Mawson writes:—To his friends scarcely anything more unexpected can be imagined than the news of the death of Mr. Evan Richard Stanley, the Federal Government Geologist of Papua. As he was widely known and well liked among scientists throughout the Commonwealth, his passing will be deeply regretted over the length and breadth of Australasia. But, above all, those who have known him intimately will regret the loss of so honest and loveable a character. In Adelaide, of course, he had most ties, for it was his home town, and he graduated at the Adelaide University, spending altogether eight years at that institution. His reputation at the University was that of a steady, conscientious, and determined worker. Even during his student days he published several pieces of highly commendable original work in the memoirs of the South Australian Royal Society. In 1910 the Federal Government made provision to appoint a geologist to the territory of Papua. To this post Mr. Stanley was appointed, being the first geologist, and so far the only Government Geologist, to hold office in Papua. For geological reconnaissances in such a primitive land Mr. Stanley was specially well fitted by reason of his grand physique and natural ability for roughing it, qualities that would be expected to be called upon frequently in an untamed, mountainous, and tropical land such as New Guinea, a country where, in addition, the burden of malaria and other tropical diseases is also imposed. How ably he has carried out his duties there during these past 14 years is well attested by the numerous geological and geographical publications emanating from his pen, and published in the reports of the Home and Territories Department and in various scientific journals. On a number of occasions he has traversed the south-eastern extension of the island from coast to coast, crossing the Owen Stanley Range, which, through impenetrable tropical jungle, rises to pine-clad heights of about 13,000 ft. By firm but strictly just treatment of the natives he was able to pass through new country and in contact with wild tribes without receiving any serious molestation. Since the conclusion of the war he was deputed to conduct geological exploration into the mandated New Guinea territory. A summary of his knowledge of the geology of Papua and the mandated territory has, providentially, just appeared in print, and will stand as a monument to his ability and perseverance under conditions that are least favorable for such work.

SIR DAVID GORDON.
There will be general satisfaction at the receipt by the Hon. David John Gordon of the honor of a knighthood on the nomination of the Commonwealth Government. He is widely known in Australia, and his genial nature and unfailing courtesy have made him many friends not in his native State alone. Sir David Gordon will carry his honors with dignity and without affectation. A man of distinguished ability and abounding energy, he was sure to achieve success in any walk of life he might have selected; but as a journalist and politician he had abundant scope for the use of his versatility. Sir John Foster Fraser came into close personal contact with him during his visit to Australia, and in his book, "Australia, the Making of a Nation," he refers to him as "one of the best journalists Australia has produced." The compliment was well deserved.
Sir David Gordon was born on May 4, 1865, at Riverton. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gordon, early settlers, who came from Scotland. He was educated at public schools and the Stanley Grammar School, Watervale, of which Mr. J. S. C. Cole was headmaster. After spending several



Sir David Gordon.

years in commercial houses, notably Messrs. W. R. Cave & Co. and John Darling & Sons, where he gained experience which has stood him in good stead in his subsequent career, he entered journalism. In this capacity his ability was soon recognised, and he was appointed to the important posts of chief of the Hansard staff of the "Register," and of the reporting staff, and leader writer. He specialised largely on financial, commercial, agricultural, and pastoral subjects, and took a deep interest in the question of the proper utilisation of the Murray waters. While actively engaged in journalism he travelled extensively over South Australia, including Central Australia and the Northern Territory, and made a special study of pastoral problems. He was one of the founders of the River Murray League, which worked for twenty years for the locking of the River Murray, and of the Northern Territory Railway League, which has worked for the linking up of Adelaide and Darwin by railway. In 1900 he retired from journalism in order to stand for the Federal Senate. Though unsuccessful for the Senate, he won the Boothby seat at a by-election and sat in the House of Representatives from 1911 till the general elections of 1913, when he lost the seat. In the latter year he entered the Legislative Council, and has represented the Midland Division ever since. In 1917 he was Minister of Education and Repatriation in the Peake Government, but resigned when a Coalition Cabinet was formed a few weeks afterwards. He has declined Cabinet rank since on three occasions, but has been leader of the Liberal Party in the Legislative Council since 1917. He took an active part in war work, and was chairman of the Army and Navy Department of the Y.M.C.A. and the first president of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Fathers' Association. He also co-operated with the Federal Government in many war-time undertakings. He has served the commercial interests of the community as president of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia and of the Adelaide Chamber of Commerce. He is the author of a number of publications bearing on Australia. Amongst these are:—"Our Undeveloped Territory: Through Central Australia and Northern Territory"; "The Gateway of the Interior: How to Utilise Australia's Great Waterways" (1902); "The Central State: Its Progress and Resources" (1903); "The Nile of Australia: Nature's Gateway to the Interior" (1906); "Conquering the Desert: Conservation, Reclamation, Irrigation" (1907); "Handbook of South Australia" (officially used by the Government, 1908); "Official Year Book of S.A." (prepared under the authority of the Government, 1912 and 1913); "Wealth and Waste," paper read before Chamber of Manufactures, 1912 (annual lecture); "Handbook of South Australia," prepared for the British Association for the Advancement of Science (1914).

Advertiser 26-12-24 THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

The 48th volume of the Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of South Australia has been issued under the editorship of Professor Walter Howchin, assisted by Mr. Albert H. Elston.
A fine portrait of Mr. Walter Rutt forms a frontispiece, and Dr. R. S. Rogers has written an appreciation of Mr. Rutt, who was the senior fellow of the society, and died in May of this year. Mr. Herbert M. Hale has contributed articles entitled "Notes on Australian Crustacea," and "Studies in Australian Aquatic Hemiptera." Mr. Arthur M. Lea writes on "Australian Anobiids," and Mr. T. D. Campbell gives an account of a hitherto unrecorded type of aboriginal stone object. Professor P. Wood Jones has a number of articles, including "Pouch embryos of marsupials," "The external characters of pouch embryos of marsupials," "The specialised incisor teeth of some of the didactylous marsupials," and a descriptive article on South Australian aboriginals. Dr. Pullett has written concerning the discovery of supposed aboriginal remains near Cornwall in Tasmania, and Professors R. S. Adamson and T. G. B. Osborne contribute an article on "The ecology of the eucalyptus forests of the Mount Lofty Ranges." Mr. Samuel Geoffrey writes of new records of fungi for South Australia. Other writers are Mr. Alan P. Dodd, Dr. R. J. Tillyard, Mr. Albert H. Elston, Mr. J. G. Wood, Professors J. B. Geland, Mr. J. M. Black, Mr. R. Grenville Thomas, Professor T. Harvey Johnson, Professor Walter Howchin, Mr. Edwin Ashby, and Professor F. Wood.
An abstract of the proceedings of the society for the year, November, 1923, to October, 1924, is included, as well as a financial statement and a list of donations to the library.
There are a number of plates illustrating the articles and several finely reproduced photographs. The book has been printed by Messrs. Gillingham & Co., and is a creditable production.

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Dr. I. B. Jones has been appointed honorary assistant pathologist at the Adelaide Hospital.

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Three children of the Methodist manse, Miss Winifred Berry, M.A., Miss Flora Piper, and Mr. T. J. Mitchell, received degrees at the University.