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## ALTERATION DENIED

### Arrangements for Tomorrow

"There is no truth in the suggestion that the University ceremony on Wednesday will be excluded from the programme," declared Mr. H. Blinman, M.V.O. (State director) today.

It was reported in "The Register" this morning that it was understood that there would be no special congregation at the University to confer the degree of Doctor of Laws on the Duke of York.

Mr. Blinman denied this. He said that the only alteration officially confirmed was that the reception to the Duchess of York by the National Council of Women which had been fixed for Tuesday afternoon at Adelaide Town Hall had been altered to Wednesday morning at the same place, at 11 o'clock. This would necessitate the Duchess being absent from the University ceremony, but no other alteration had been made.

Mr. Blinman said that it was probable that there would be two important alterations to the programme, but neither had been confirmed yet, therefore he could make no announcement regarding them.

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### *Prof. McKellar Stewart*

Next Wednesday will be the forty-ninth natural anniversary of Dr. J. McKellar Stewart, M.A., D.Sc., who occupies the Chair of Philosophy in the University of Adelaide. The professor is greatly liked by students and his charm of manner has endeared him to all his acquaintances. Born in Victoria, son of Alexander Stewart of Warrnambool, he studied at the Universities of Melbourne, Edinburgh, and Marburg, and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Edinburgh University for his work on Bergson's philosophy. That fact alone shows his high place in the intellectual realm. His publication of the "Critical Exposition of Bergson's Philosophy" he is author of "The Philosophy of Nietzsche and the German Spirit." For many years before his appointment to the chair in Adelaide Professor Stewart was Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Melbourne.

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### *The Youngest Professor*

Prof. W. Keith Hancock, B.A., who proposed the principal toast at the festival dinner in Adelaide on St. George's Day, created a great impression by his speech, and when he sat down, after having held the rapt attention of the gathering for about half an hour, the whole company rose and paid the professor the unusual compliment of waving their serviettes, and cheering. It was a brilliant speech—scholarly and humorous, and was greatly enjoyed.

The professor, born in Melbourne, son of Canon Hancock, was a distinguished scholar of Trinity College, Melbourne, and of Balliol College, Oxford. As a Rhodes scholar, he was the first Australian student to achieve the blue riband of Oxford scholarship, the Chancellor's All Souls' College in 1923. The following year he was appointed to the chair of Modern History in the University of Adelaide, and he is understood to be the youngest professor in the British Empire. He is in his 26th year. His book, "Richard and the Reformation in Tuscany," published last year, aroused universal interest in English literary circles.

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### FIFTY YEARS AGO.

On Monday evening Professor Tate gave his fourth lecture in connection with the Adelaide University, on "The ancient physical geography of South Australia." His Honor, Chief Justice Way, Vice-Chancellor of the University, and Drs. Gosse and Whitelaw, occupied seats on the platform. The lecturer began by speaking of the formation of the plain in which the City of Adelaide stands. He then stated to be the bed of a lake, and gave several proofs of this.

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In Saturday's Register in the account of Paderewski's visit to the Conservatorium, the name of the violin player in the Faure Quartet should have been given as Miss Gwen Moss, not Miss Doris Stoneham, as was stated.



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## MR. JUSTICE POOLE DEAD

### PASSING DEEPLY REGRETTED

### State Funeral on Thursday

**After a brilliant career His Honor Mr. Justice Thomas Slaney Poole passed away at his residence, Alpha road, Prospect, at 10.30 o'clock last night.**

**Expressions of profound regret have come from every section of the community at the demise of such an eminent citizen. He had been in ill-health for many months.**

**It has been decided to accord the remains of the late judge a State funeral. The cortege will leave his former home at noon on Thursday for the North Road Cemetery.**

Appointed fourth judge on September 25, 1919, the late Judge Poole was Administrator of the State from April 9 until the end of November, 1925, when His Excellency Sir Tom Bridges and Sir George Murray (Chief Justice) were absent from the State.

The late judge was in his fifty-fourth year, and has left a widow and three daughters.

When the news of his death was communicated to the Hon. R. L. Butler (Premier) a special meeting of Executive Council was immediately convened at Government House, and Major W. L. Stuart was appointed temporarily to be a judge of the Supreme Court until a successor is appointed.

Mr. Justice Poole had a brilliant scholastic and legal career. He was a son of Canon Frederic Gurney Poole, who is in his nearly 82 years of age.

The judge was born at Strathalbyn in 1878, and subsequently attended St. Peter's College, where he distinguished himself.

His name may be seen on many honor boards in the schoolrooms. Continuing his triumphs, he became an exhibitioner at Trinity College, within the University of Melbourne.

He graduated as bachelor of arts in 1894, and took his master of arts degree two years later. In 1897 he passed for his degree in law with honors, and was called to the Victorian Bar the same year. He then became associate to the late



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whose death occurred at his home at Prospect last night.

Mr. Justice Bundey in Adelaide, later entering practice with Mr. P. L. Johnstone. He took silk in 1910, and was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court on September 29 of that year.

He was for some time Chancellor of the Diocese of Adelaide and gave valuable service to the Anglican Church in that and other capacities. He was a warden of Adelaide University from 1922 until his death, and always took the deepest interest in educational movements.

For a long period he was closely connected with Freemasonry and was for several years until his decease grand warder of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. It was he who on April 15, 1925, laid the foundation stone of the new Masonic Temple on North Terrace. He was initiated in Lodge St. Alban, of which his father, Canon Poole, had been chaplain, subsequently he became master of the lodge.

He was also a member of the Royal Society of St. George.

In 1903 the judge married Miss Dora Frances Williams, a daughter of Rev. Francis Williams, who was for many years head master of St. Peter's College. Mrs. Poole and three daughters—Misses Katherine, Gertrude, and Cynthia Poole—survive him.

Mr. Justice Poole last sat on the Supreme Court Bench in October last year. In his judicial capacity he always impressed with his wisdom and gravity, born of long and earnest study and serious thinking.

He was a sound dispenser of justice, was popular with all branches of the legal profession, and seemed to make his work his hobby.

### LAW COURTS ADJOURN.

### Tributes from Bench and Bar

Sir George Murray (Chief Justice) in the Criminal Court, said that owing to the lamented death of Mr. Justice Poole Mr. Acting Justice Stuart had come to him with his commission.

"It is impossible for any judge to go on working at such a time," His Honor continued. "These sittings may be continued tomorrow. Without saying anything more than the sincere sympathy which the court has suffered formally adjourn these proceedings until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning."

The commission of Mr. Acting Justice Stuart expired on the death of Mr. Justice Poole.

Mr. Justice Millhouse (Crown Prosecutor) described the dead judge as a man of most distinguished ability and lovable nature. He had known most of the judges, but he was one of the most learned judges that ever sat on the South Australian Bench," said Mr. Millhouse. "His position will be a hard one to fill."

Mr. (A. A.) Sanderey (Public Solicitor) further added: "Mr. Justice Poole was a man of distinction in his profession as a solicitor and of outstanding ability as a judge. He had the most kind and considerate way to the junior members of the Bar. He was one of Nature's gentlemen, but "after life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

The judges did not occupy their seats on the Bench in the Full Court at the hearing of the Land Tax appeals, and Mr. F. B. McBryde (acting master) announced that as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Justice Poole the court would adjourn until 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

#### Difficult to Replace

Mr. S. D. Ronald, S.M., who presided in the Police Court, said that he had known Mr. Justice Poole since he (Mr. Ronald) was a small boy. He knew what his personality had been right throughout his life. Deceased was an extremely honorable man in every way and a man of the highest integrity.

So far as the professional side of his life was concerned, Mr. Ronald said that it was difficult to speak in detail as the court how he was regarded. He was a most brilliant student and became an eminent practitioner. As a judge he had been difficult to replace. He was an ideal for which the British judiciary were so well known. His work on the Bench was characterised by dignity and brilliancy, and the late judge probably sacrificed his life in the interest of his duties.

Mr. H. G. Alderman, as the senior practitioner present in the court, expressed the deep sorrow at the loss which the legal profession felt the loss of one of the ablest judges in Australia. His unswerving regard to his duty placed him high in life, and members of the legal profession knew how on many occasions he struggled with his work when he was conscious that he should have been a little more selfish and taken care of himself.

Not only as a judge was he admired. He had a wonderful capacity for winning the friendship of everyone who was associated with him. He was a great help of his life which was not known to a great number, and that was the private charity he dispensed. He was a great help to which it would be difficult to replace.

The court adjourned for half an hour as a mark of respect.

#### Great Judicial Qualities

When Mr. H. M. Muirhead, S.M., heard in the Adelaide Police Court of the death he expressed great regret. As a mark of respect he adjourned the courts until the afternoon.

Speaking on behalf of magistrates and police courts, Mr. Muirhead said that the tidings would be de...gretted by all. Mr. Justice Poole was a great judge, of great judicial qualities and possessed an enormous capacity for work. His judgments on appeals were of much assistance to those adjudicating in lower courts.

"We always felt," concluded Mr. Muirhead, "that even when Mr. Justice Poole was engaged in correcting errors in judgments he sympathised with our humble efforts in searching for the truth. Our sympathies go out to his relatives."

### DEVOTED SERVICE

### Tribute by Attorney-General

The Hon. H. Homburg (Attorney-General) paid the following tribute to the late Mr. Justice Poole:—

"From the moment of his appointment the late judge applied himself closely to his work, from which he never relaxed until ill-health obliged him to take a rest —I cannot say until he took a holiday—because he never took one. He was always at work.

In this it might be truly said that his career was one of devoted service. He loved work, and it was this which probably more than anything else undermined a constitution which was never too strong and brought on his untimely end.

"The State has lost a highly-valued servant, who gave of his best, both as a judge and administrator. His place will be very hard to fill.

"I share the sorrow which will be the lot of every citizen, and tender to his relatives my deepest sympathy."

### Judgments Highly Regarded

"The late judge was a very distinguished ornament to the Supreme Court Bench," said the Hon. W. J. Denny (former Attorney-General). "His loss will be very deeply felt by his colleagues, the profession, and the general public.

"His faculty of perception, his power of discrimination, and his industry and thoroughness were of an exceptionally high order. His judgments were highly regarded by the High Court on appeal, a reasoning treated with the utmost respect.

"I was brought into fairly close contact with the late judge when I was a participant of the Bench and as administrator during the absence of the Lieut.-Governor, although I was afflicted with ill-health for most markedl. He was, in addition, a fine scholar, a great lover of learning, and greatly devoted to the interests of the University, of which he was a distinguished product.

"Had the late judge been spared he was destined to occupy a still more honored place on the Bench of Australia.

"Although afflicted with ill-health for some time he kept manfully to his work until it became no longer possible for him to fulfil his duties.

"I extend my sincerest sympathy to his widow and family, who will keenly feel the loss of one who was a devoted father and husband."

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## FUNERAL OF MR. JUSTICE POOLE.

### The Official Arrangements.

The State funeral to be accorded the late Mr. Justice Poole will leave his residence, Alpha terrace, Prospect, at noon to-day, for the North Road Cemetery. The route will be via the Main North road, and the order of the procession has been fixed as follows:—Officiating clergymen, the hearse, mourning coaches containing relatives, His Excellency the Governor (Sir Tom Bridges), His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir George Murray), State Ministers, Commonwealth Ministers, the President of the Legislative Council (Sir Lancelot Stirling), the Speaker of the House of Assembly (Hon. F. W. Birrell), former Ministers entitled to the prefix "Honourable," Judges of the Supreme Court, members of the Legislative Council, members of the House of Assembly, members of the Commonwealth Parliament, knights and honorables, the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, (Mr. Wallace Bruce), the Town Clerk of Adelaide (Mr. H. P. Beaver) officers commanding the naval and military forces and their staffs; heads of departments of the Civil Service, representatives of municipalities and district councils; representatives of societies and organisations, and carriages.

The service at the church, the cemetery and at the graveside will be conducted by Canon Hewgill (of St. Andrew's, Walkerville), and the Rev. W. H. Johnson (of St. Cuthbert's, Prospect).

Lectures at the University will be suspended between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to enable the professors and students to attend the funeral. The council and members of the Senate will assemble at noon, at the North Road Cemetery.

Members of the council of the Justices' Association will meet at the office, Pirie street, at 11.40 a.m.

The Attorney-General (Hon. H. Homburg) has been deputed to represent the Ministry at the reception of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York at Murray Bridge to-day, and it will be his duty to present the Mayor of the town to the Duke. Mr. Homburg will therefore be unable to attend the funeral of Mr. Justice Poole, and has asked the Crown Solicitor (Mr. A. J. Hannan) to represent him.