

satisfactory calf barn. Some of the existing buildings date back nearly 40 years, and at the time they were built it was not anticipated that they would have to serve the requirements of an area of 2,500 acres of land and between 60 and 70 students. A good start has been now made in reconstruction, and as the scheme in hand is based on a roll of 100 students and 3,500 acres, future extensions should not be needed. I say this advisedly for it appears to me unwise to increase indefinitely the accommodation of an agricultural college. With excessive numbers the training becomes less thorough, and the efficiency of the institution as a teaching academy appreciably reduced. It would be better by far when the demand is much in excess of 100 to establish a second college in some other part of the State. (Applause.)

On the whole the farm crops yielded well, and the students bent their backs to the harvest with an enthusiasm that in my experience has never been surpassed. Approximately 650 tons of hay and 9,400 bushels of grain were safely harvested by December 23, but this was only accomplished by the whole-hearted co-operation of all concerned. Threshing was prolonged under the glare of innumerable headlights until the nights were far spent, and it was a genuine pleasure to me to be able to announce the closing of the college for the holiday week.

At the September Show the college exhibit of half-bred and crossbred lambs excited much interest, and had the effect of creating increased demand for pure-bred stock. Apart from our own successes in the competitive classes, the college took pride in the achievement of Dawkins Brothers, who secured the reserve championship for Clydesdale stallions, and in the fine display of dried and preserved fruits exhibited by Mr. H. B. Robson, of Hectorville, and Mr. C. G. Savage, of the Berri Experimental Orchard.

In connection with the college I wish first of all to express our thanks to Mr. John Tassie for his kindness in presenting £75 worth of technical works for the shelves of the Tassie Memorial Library. Since last year the shelving accommodation has been nearly doubled by the purchase of a set of polished blackwood stands, and we now have provision for about 3,000 volumes. (Applause.)

During his last year of office as Minister for Agriculture, the Hon. T. Pascoe authorized the installation of a hotwater service, and I am pleased to say that this work has now been completed.

College's Greatest Advance.

By far the most important and far-reaching request I have ever had occasion to make to the controlling Minister in the interests of Roseworthy College and its diploma holders concerned the enactment of a measure to afford them an opportunity to take up land upon terms similar to the conditions governing the settlement of returned soldiers. I first drew attention to the necessity for action along these lines in 1921, but although the idea was sympathetically received it was held that the time was not opportune for the preparation of the necessary Bill. The following year I made a strong appeal for the reconsideration of the proposal, and the Cabinet of the day, realizing that under the circumstances then existing, only the sons of wealthy parents could afford to enter Roseworthy College, agreed to submit to Parliament, as a Government measure, the Agricultural Graduates Land Settlement Bill. Among those who rendered valuable assistance in this connection were the Commissioner of Crown Lands (Hon. G. Ritchie), the Director of Agriculture, and the Secretary for Lands (Mr. E. J. Field). In its passage through Parliament it encountered more opposition than was expected, probably because the circumstances necessitating such an Act were not properly understood. Owing largely to the good offices of an old student, Mr. A. W. Robinson, M.P., the Government agreed to withdraw the preferential clause, and the Bill duly became law. The college is much beholden to the Government for the substantial assistance thus given. To my mind this Act constitutes the greatest advance made by Roseworthy College for many years. It confers a real value on the college diploma, and by so doing it will attract to the college young men of high capacity. Moreover it will have the effect of inducing a larger percentage of students to remain for the full course, and of necessity it will encourage more studious habits among all who aspire to become diploma holders. This is the first institution in Australia to obtain this relief, and I am convinced that not one of those who have assisted to secure it will ever have cause to regret their action. (Applause.)

Within the last few weeks I have been in consultation with Mr. A. H. Codrington, the instructor in wool-classing, regarding the position of college students in this important subject, and I am glad to be able to say that the Council of the School of Mines has agreed to

allow him to give additional time to college students. Under this arrangement, students who are sufficiently enthusiastic to give up their July vacations in the second and third years of the course in order to gain experience in one or more of the northern sheds will be able to qualify on the same standard as second year students of the School of Mines.

Examination Results.

We have now to refer to the results gained at the recent examinations. The senior year consisted of 11 students, and no fewer than 10 have won diplomas. The dux of the college and winner of the gold medal presented by the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society is Colin Thomas Preece, who gained a diploma of the first class with 82.10 per cent. (Applause.) The second place is held by John Munro Guinand, who secured a first-class diploma with 81.27 per cent. (Applause.) Diplomas of the first class were also earned by Eric Bruce Thomas (80.97 per cent.), Henry Christian Carr (80.26 per cent.), Kenneth McBryde Horwood (80.12 per cent.). Those who obtained second-class diplomas are:—Ian Eversley Thomas (79.60 per cent.), Harry Leedman (79.41 per cent.), Arnold Arthur Gregory (78.60 per cent.), Henry Colin McKechnie (74.72 per cent.), and William Hardy (64.51 per cent.). (Applause.)

The dux of the second year and winner of the silver medal, presented by the Gawler Agricultural and Pastoral Society, is George Henry Pursler, of Western Australia, with 89.9 per cent. The next in order of merit is Colin Powell Haselgrove with 88.29 per cent. (Applause.)

In the first year the premier position has been won by Wallis Vereen Ludbrook (92.6 per cent.), who thus becomes the recipient of the medal presented by our esteemed friend, Mr. George Jeffery. The second place in this year has been gained by John Charles McLeod Fornachon, with 90.8 per cent.

With the conclusion of this ceremony many of the young men will emerge from the protection of a collegiate institution into the university of life. They have now acquired a fund of useful knowledge which will place them at an advantage in comparison with those who have had to gain their store of information in the hard school of experience. They will soon learn, however, if they have not already realized, that the college course gives only as an introduction to the study of a most comprehensive and manifold subject. It is hoped, however, that the broad principles that have been laid down will be of inestimable value to them when faced with the practical problems of a farm. They have worked well throughout their college careers, and in my estimate they possess the characteristics that make for success in a life on the land. We wish them God-speed in the life-long journey upon which they are about to embark.

In conclusion, I wish to take the opportunity of thanking those who have conducted the weekly religious services at the college throughout the year, and to acknowledge gratefully on behalf of the college the numerous prizes and medals which have been given.

1923 DIPLOMA LIST.

In Order of Merit.

Diplomas of the First Class.

- Colin Thomas Preece, with honours in fruit culture and aviculture.
- John Munro Guinand, with honours in oenology, bookkeeping, surveying, and aviculture.
- Eric Bruce Thomas with honours in chemistry and aviculture.
- Henry Christian Carr, with honours in aviculture.
- Kenneth McBryde Horwood, with honours in chemistry.

Diplomas of the Second Class.

- Ian Eversley Thomas, with honours in surveying.
- Harry Leedman, with honours in aviculture.
- Arnold Arthur Gregory, with honours in aviculture and woolclassing.
- Henry Colin McKechnie.
- William Hardy.

1923 PRIZE LIST.

Third Year Students.

- Gold Medal (presented by the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society for the highest aggregate in all Diploma Subjects).—C. T. Preece. College Second Prize.—J. M. Guinand.
- Old Students' Cup (presented by the Agricultural Old Collegians' Association, for the highest aggregate in agriculture and veterinary science).—K. M. Horwood.
- Agriculture and Farm Dairies (presented by the Principal).—C. T. Preece.
- Practical Examinations (presented by members of the Advisory Board of Agriculture).—I. E. Thomas.
- Morphett Medal and Special Prize for Dairying (bequeathed by the late Mr. A. H. Morphett).—C. T. Preece.
- Outside Work (presented by the Albert Molleneux Memorial Trust).—E. B. Thomas.
- Ploughing (presented by the Director of Agriculture).—W. A. Mudge.
- Viticulture (presented by the College).—I. E. Thomas.
- Fruit Culture (presented by Mr. D. G. Quinn).—C. T. Preece.
- Knowledge of Farm Implements (special prize presented by the College).—H. C. Carr.
- Oenology (presented by the South Australian Vinegrowers' Association).—J. M. Guinand.
- Veterinary Science (presented by Mr. F. E. Place, B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S.).—H. Leedman.
- Chemistry (presented by Mr. A. T. Jefferies, B.Sc.).—E. B. Thomas.

- Practical Dairying (presented by Mr. A. E. Hamilton).—E. B. Thomas.
- Essay on Nitrogenous Manures (presented by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Commission).—I. E. Thomas and H. Leedman (equal).
- Surveying (presented by the college).—I. E. Thomas and J. M. Guinand (equal).
- Valuation of Live Stock (presented by Mr. E. L. Orchard).—A. A. Gregory.
- Woolclassing (presented by Mr. A. E. Hamilton).—A. A. Gregory.
- Special Prize (presented by Mr. D. Menzies).—H. C. McKechnie.

Second Year Students.

- Dux of Year (medal, presented by the Gawler Agricultural Society).—G. H. Pursler.
- College Second Prize.—C. P. Haselgrove.
- Agriculture and Farm Dairies (presented by the principal).—G. H. Pursler.
- Outside Work (presented by the Albert Molleneux Memorial Trust).—G. H. Pursler.
- The T.G.H. Baring Prize in Viticulture.—C. P. Haselgrove.
- Morphett Prize in Dairying (bequeathed by the late Mr. A. H. Morphett).—G. H. Pursler and J. R. H. Warren (equal).
- Veterinary Science (presented by the college).—H. J. Wood.
- Fruit culture (presented by Mr. D. G. Quinn).—F. Money.
- Physiology (presented by Mr. F. E. Place, B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S.).—S. A. Rudduck.
- Chemistry (presented by Mr. A. T. Jefferies, B.Sc.).—J. R. H. Warren.
- Bookkeeping (presented by Mr. H. C. Pritchard).—E. T. Fela.
- Entomology (presented by the college).—G. Pursler.
- Special Prize (presented by Mr. D. Menzies).—A. N. Woodroffe.
- Woolclassing (presented by Mr. A. E. Hamilton).—A. L. Humphries.

First Year Students.

- Dux of Year (medal presented by Mr. G. Jeffery).—W. V. Ludbrook.
- College Second Prize.—J. C. McFornachon.
- Outside Work (presented by the Albert Molleneux Memorial Trust).—M. A. T. Barraud.
- Agriculture and Farm Dairies (presented by the principal).—W. V. Ludbrook.
- The Morphett Prize in Dairying (bequeathed by the late Mr. A. H. Morphett).—W. V. Ludbrook.
- The Study of Farm Seeds (presented by Mr. W. F. Leske).—W. V. Ludbrook and A. M. Mair (equal).
- Botany (presented by Mr. A. J. Adams, M.A.).—W. V. Ludbrook.
- Anatomical Specimen (presented by Mr. F. E. Place, B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S.).—A. M. Mair.
- Mathematics (presented by Mr. A. J. Adams, M.A.).—J. C. McFornachon.
- Physics (presented by the college).—M. O. Bested.
- Chemistry (presented by the college).—J. C. McFornachon.
- Special Prize (presented by Mr. D. Menzies).—F. B. Pearson and R. J. Wilson (equal).

Praise for the College.

Sir Richard Butler said he had never heard a more satisfactory report read. He had been a farmer and stockowner in the district all his life, and what he had learnt from the institution had been beneficial to him in his work. He thought that Mr. Colebatch had ability equal to any of his predecessors in probably the most important department of the State.

Mr. Crosby said the good work of the college was acknowledged beyond the borders of South Australia. He was glad Parliament had created a precedent by giving diploma holders an opportunity to obtain land under easy conditions.

Mr. Robinson urged the students not to overlook the development of character in the midst of their studies.

The Minister congratulated the Principal upon the successful year through which the college had passed. All well-wishers of the institution and all true agriculturists in South Australia, he said, recognised the good work it was doing. That had become more and more apparent as the years went by, because old students took the lead in many districts, particularly in Agricultural Bureau meetings and discussions. They had every reason to be proud of the college. It compared more than favourably with any similar institution in the Commonwealth. As an evidence of that they only had to look abroad and see how many of the old students of the college were occupying prominent positions in the other States. The Minister mentioned Messrs. A. E. V. Richardson (Superintendent of Agriculture in Victoria), W. R. Birks (Principal of Dookie College), F. Wilson (manager of the Werribee Experimental Farm), H. L. Manuel (Viticultural Expert in New South Wales), H. E. Laffer (manager of Penfold's Wines, Limited, Sydney), W. J. Colebatch, and C. G. Savage (manager of the Berri Experimental Orchard). Mr. Jenkins said he was struck by the tremendous improvements that had been achieved at the college during recent years. Present day students had more advantages than they had when he himself was at the college.

The visitors were entertained at afternoon tea.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual business meeting of the Adelaide branch of the Royal Society of St. George was held in the boardroom of Bagot, Shakes, & Lewis, Limited, on Friday afternoon. Mr. Justice Angus Parsons (President) occupied the chair. The hon. secretary (Mr. Fred Johns) presented the annual report, which, after references to the 1922 Festival Day dinner, and to the presentation of an address of welcome to the Governor, who had become Patron of the branch, stated:—The council records with satisfaction that two esteemed members—Mr. Simpson New-



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land and the Hon. John Lewis, M.L.C.—have been honoured by the King with the distinction of Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George for their public services. A notable event of the year was the formation of a strong branch at Murray Bridge, with the Rev. W. A. Terry as President and Mr Albert Fallon as hon secretary. The President (Mr. Justice Angus Parsons) and Vice-President (Mr. Frank Downer) attended the inaugural gathering as representatives of the Adelaide branch, and our President has since accepted the office of Patron of the branch. We had hoped that branches would have been established in other important centres of South Australia. The total membership, after erasing unfinancial members, is 263, which cannot be said to be anything like a representative membership, considering the large English-born percentage of our population and their descendants. Our society certainly needs more enthusiasm on the part of its members generally in advancing its objects. Will members of the Adelaide branch do their part to keep the lamp of patriotism burning brilliantly in this city and State? Will they do their share to extend the influence of the society which seeks to encourage and strengthen the spirit of patriotism among all classes of Englishmen, irrespective of religious creed or political party. This society stands for love of England and of England's history and traditions—for pride in the glory of our heritage in England and Australia. The society is non-sectarian and non-political, and its membership is open to Englishmen and Englishwomen (of parents of English birth on either side), their issue and descendants, wheresoever born so long as they are British subjects. We regret to record the death during the past year of the following members—Messrs. Edward Allnutt (a vice-president), J. B. Burden, Robert W. Clark, G. Coombs, and George Thompson. In moving the adoption of the report, the President said it was not satisfactory to have only one gathering a year. It was hoped to receive from members suggestions to increase public interest in the work of the society.