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NEW TENNIS SHIELD.

DONATED BY DR. F. S. HONE.

With the avowed object of lessening the risk of objection being raised here, as in England, to schoolboy tennis on the ground that it is purely individualistic, and does not promote the team spirit, Dr. F. S. Hone has offered to donate a shield for the Schoolboys' Open Singles Championship.

The South Australian Lawn Tennis Association has accepted an offer by Dr. F. S. Hone, of Adelaide, to donate a shield for the Schoolboys' Open Championship (singles). The event is at present open to boys who are bona fide scholars of any school. It is decided on the best of three sets, and if one set all the third is to be a vantage set. The first prize is presented by Mr. F. G. Hicks, and the contest is to be determined at the March tournaments. The donor of the proposed shield desires that the present arrangements shall remain so far as the individual is concerned, but that there should also be a shield to be held for one year by the school of which the winner is a scholar. The winners' names are to be inscribed on the shield.

In making the offer Dr. Hone points out that he has noticed that in some of the English schools objection was being taken to tennis as a schoolboy event, on the ground that it was purely individualistic and did not promote the team spirit. He thought that the presentation of a shield might lessen the risk of a similar objection being raised here, and in addition might encourage boys to go in more vigorously for the game.

The association, in accepting the generous offer, expressed the view that the donation of such a shield would give a tremendous impetus to the game, and suggested that the donor should permit it to be designated as the "Hone Shield" or some other name that would be acceptable.

Entries for the event close with Mr. A. L. Andrew on March 5.

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ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ADELAIDE BRANCH.

The annual business meeting of the Adelaide branch of the Royal Society of St. George was held at the Town Hall, Adelaide, on Friday. The Lord Mayor (Mr. C. R. J. Glover) presided, owing to the inability of the president (Mr. Justice Angus Parsons) to be present.

The hon. secretary (Mr. Fred Johns) presented the following report of the year's work:—"The fifteenth annual festival day dinner was held at the Grand Central Hotel on April 23, 1923, when there was a large and representative assemblage under the presidency of Mr. Justice Angus Parsons. His Excellency the Governor (Sir Tom Bridges); the Lieutenant Governor (Sir George Murray), and the Premier (Sir Henry Barwell) were among the guests. Our patron (the Governor) gave an interesting address in response to the toast of his health. The principal toast, 'Old England and the Royal Society of St. George,' was proposed in eloquent and appreciative terms by Mr. J. M. Napier, K.C. (now Mr. Justice Napier) to whom we offer congratulations upon his recent elevation to the Supreme Court bench. The president delivered a stirring response. The celebration dinner was regarded as a brilliant success. The passing in August last of the Hon. John Lewis, who was at last year's annual dinner, was a source of great sorrow. Mr. Lewis was a foundation member of our society, and its senior vice-president. He was a pioneer patriot, and public man, who rendered notable service to his native State. We can all agree with

the president who, in conveying the society's condolences to the widow, remarked, 'We respected him for his splendid achievement throughout a long and strenuous life, spent in the development of South Australia, and the shaping of its legislation. We shall miss his wise counsel in the conduct of the work of the society. He was always willing to give us the benefit of his advice, which, being based upon an unusually long and varied experience, was always of the utmost value to the society.' In the same month we also mourned the passing of Mr. William Pope, an old and valued member of the society, which was always glad of the help he gave in promoting that love and admiration of England and English institutions, which he himself so proudly cherished. Another great loss to the society was occasioned by the death of Mr. Thomas Gill, who passed away in his 75th year, in August. Mr. Gill was for many years Under Treasurer of the State, and took a keen interest in the affairs of our society. The names of two other members, Mr. A. T. Darke, of the Education Department, and Mr. J. E. G. Goodfellow, of the Union Bank, were added to our death-roll. We may say of them all that they rendered useful service to the community, and commanded public respect and admiration. Mr. Frank Downer (vice-president) gave an 'at home' at his residence, 'Hundalee,' Burnside, in October, to the members of the society and their ladies. It was a delightful and successful gathering. Our vice-president's generous hospitality was much appreciated, and the council in the name of the members, tender grateful thanks to Mr. Downer for affording them this opportunity of assembling together, and thus promoting the interests of the society. On leaving for England in October, Mr. Harold Fisher resigned as a member of the council. It will be necessary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. John Lewis, and also to elect a successor to Mr. Fisher on the council. The council notes with pleasure the return of Mr. C. E. Owen Smyth, founder of the Adelaide branch, and its hon. secretary for the first eleven years, to settle in the State after some years of residence in England. We note with gratification the continued growth and advance of the Murray Bridge branch, which was formed in 1922. The total membership of the Adelaide branch is 262. This cannot be claimed to be anything like a representative membership, considering the large English-born percentage of our population and of their descendants. We invite citizens to join our society. We invite the members of the Adelaide branch to do their share in securing members, and thus extending the influence of the society, the main objects of which are to encourage and strengthen the spirit of patriotism amongst all of English birth or origin throughout the world, irrespective of religious creed or political party, to further English and Imperial interests and to promote love of English literature and pride in the glory of our heritage in England and Australia. Membership is restricted to Englishmen and English women (with parents of English birth on either side) their issue, and descendants wheresoever born, so long as they are British subjects. We are proud to have among our members a number of pioneers, including men who helped to develop our great pastoral industry. One of these, Mr. Simpson Newland, father of our esteemed vice-president, Dr. Newland, it was our pleasure to congratulate on the society's behalf on the occasion of the celebration of his eighty-eighth birthday, in November. It is gratifying that Mr. C. R. J. Glover, who has been a member of the council since its establishment four years ago, has again been elected Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide. Mr. Glover had the honor of holding this office in 1919, when Adelaide was raised to the dignity it now enjoys."

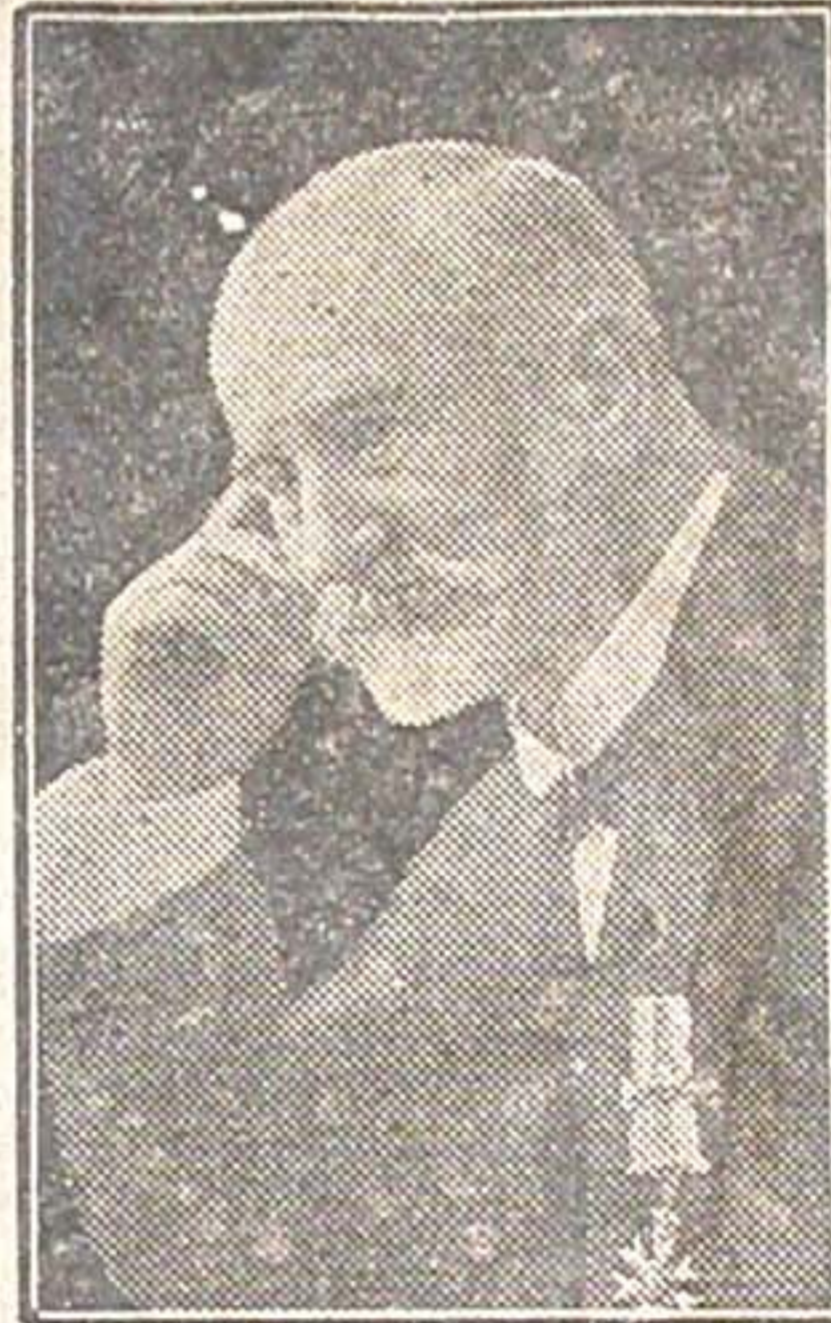
The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Justice Angus Parsons; vice-presidents, Dr. H. Simpson Newland, Mr. Frank H. Downer, Mr. C. R. J. Glover (Lord Mayor); hon. secretary, Mr. Johns; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. J. Polkinghorne; members of council, Mr. W. R. Bayly, Rev. K. Julian F. Bickelsteth, Mr. W. B. Carr, Mr. H. L. Rickwick, Mr. F. B. H. Vincent, Mr. W. E. Rogers, Mr. C. E. Owen Smyth; chaplain, the Bishop of Adelaide (Dr. Thomas); co-chaplains, Dean Young, Rev. S. Carroll Myers; musical director, Mr. Frederick Egan; auditor, Mr. W. E. Rogers.

Dr. E. Angus Johnson has been appointed Officer of Health by the Metropolitan County Board for the Metropolitan County District under the Food and Drugs Act.

DEATH OF MR. FREDERIC CHAPPLE.

Forty Years a Headmaster.

The death occurred on Friday evening, in his seventy-ninth year, of Mr. Frederick Chapple, C.M.G., B.A., B.Sc., who was born in London on October 12, 1845. The deceased gentleman, who from 1883 until 1921 was Warden of the Senate of the Adelaide University, will be best remembered for his association with Prince Alfred College. He retired from the latter position in 1915, when he had ruled over the destinies of the college for 40 years—nearly one-half



THE LATE MR. FREDERIC CHAPPLE, C.M.G. For 40 years Head Master of Prince Alfred College.

the period covered by the history of the State. There existed a wonderful association between the institution and its late preceptor, both in the minds of the public and of thousands of past and present pupils. Not alone did the distinguished master have control of the home of the "Reds;" he also joined in numerous movements for the good of the community. He introduced vast improvements in school methods and apparatus, and ever recognised the potency of a perfect physique as an auxiliary to a well-equipped mind, kept the gymnastic and athletic departments of the college up to date, and encouraged his boys to take pride in the achievements of their Alma Mater in the sporting field. Mr. Chapple was always a strong disciplinarian, but withal possessed a cheery manner that was an inspiration to the students, who were always devoted to their principal. Mr. Chapple's four sons and two daughters all took University degrees and won high scholastic distinctions.

An Attractive Speaker.

For many years Mr. Chapple was known as a forceful and an attractive platform speaker. His addresses, whatever the theme, were characterized by a careful diction that emphasized his ability as a teacher of English—on which subject he always laid great stress. He never addressed an audience on a topic to which he had not given due thought, and he had the gift of putting his points piquantly and in a form that could readily be grasped by his hearers. While in England in 1901 he attended the Methodist Oecumenical Conference as a delegate from the South Australian Conference, and in the discussion on educational matters pointed out what Australia had learned during the previous quarter of a century.

His London Career.

Mr. Chapple's father was a Devonshire man, Mr. John Chapple, who went to London, where the son was born in 1845. The latter was early marked out for his after career, for when he was 11 years of age his parents, although strict Presbyterians, sent him to a Wesleyan Methodist day school, because of the good reputation it had attained. During his association with

the school he took a keen interest in religious matters, while he also made rapid progress in his scholastic work. In his fourteenth year he became a pupil teacher at the school, and also started work in Sunday and ragged schools. At 18 the future master was made a class leader among the Wesleyan Methodists, and at the termination of such apprenticeship set for a scholarship to enter Westminster Training College. He came out top of the list, and was head of his year right through the course. Despite the large amount of study involved he still kept up his church work, and, simultaneously, he held the offices of poor steward, church steward, circuit steward, and Sunday school teacher, and superintendent. Finishing his college course he was appointed locum tenens for the head of its practising schools, and at the same time headed the students in their work. In the evenings Mr. Chapple attended King's College and University College, reading for the B.A. degree of the London University. He was successful, being placed in the honours division at the first and last examinations, and in the first class in the intermediate stage; the final honours were in logic, moral philosophy, and in physiology, human and comparative. In 1870 he was permanently appointed a tutor at the Westminster Wesleyan Methodist College, where he taught chiefly mathematics and natural science. He found opportunity, however, to prosecute his studies at the South Kensington Science School, and ultimately obtained the further degree of B.Sc. at the London University.

Selected for South Australia.

On the retirement of the late Mr. J. A. Hartley, B.A., B.Sc., as principal of Prince Alfred College in order to join the Education Department, in which he became Inspector-General of State Schools, the college committee commissioned the Revs. Drs. Rigg and Moulton to choose a successor. They selected Mr. Chapple in London, and, after some natural hesitation, he accepted the head mastership, and arrived with his wife and children in Adelaide on April 8, 1876. The day after Mr. Chapple entered the State he joined the Kest Town Methodist Church, and remained in association with it to his death. Very little time was required to prove the scholastic work of the new head master. He was requested to join the Senate of the Adelaide University in May, 1877, immediately upon its formation, and he was a warden of it for 40 years. He was also for 23 years a member of the Council of the University.

Other Activities.

For years Mr. Chapple was President of the Collegiate Schools' Association, and Vice-President of the Teachers' Guild. He was a foundation member and one of the responsible trustees of the Adelaide Young Men's Christian Association from its inception, and was first President of Our Boys' Institute, which office he held for five years (and was Vice-President up to the time of his death). He was second President of the Council of Churches, and was also one of the Methodist representatives on that body for many years. He was President of the South Australian Literary Societies' Union, and was a life member of that union. Mr. Chapple worked with every organization seeking to introduce the Bible into the State schools of South Australia. He was also connected with the Royal Society.

Some of the Scholars.

Upon Prince Alfred College his mark must ever remain. During his term as head master 280 "Red" boys took degrees at the Adelaide University, and 86 secured honours at other universities. One pupil was Mr. H. Homburg, once Attorney-General, and another was Sir Frederick Young, once Commissioner of Crown Lands and later State Agent-General. Sir Newell Moore (Agent-General for Western Australia) is a Prince Alfred old boy. Several South Australian K.C.'s passed through Mr. Chapple's hands. Three old scholars teach at British universities. Ten have guided the intelligence of students at the Adelaide University, and four others have there secured the degree of Doctor of Science. In the sterner field of active service Prince Alfred Collegians have not been backward. Many of them fought in the South African War, and many more joined the contingents for service in the Great War. It is only necessary to mention the names of Col. Rowell, C.B., Major Cook, Capt. Oldham and R. Robertson, and Lieut. Throssell, V.C. On the military medical staffs are Majors Gray and Zwar, Capt. K. Fry, Lewis Jeffries, J. S. Verco, H. Flecker, D'Arcy Cowan, and T. Fleming, all of whom travelled from classroom to classroom at the college.

Farewell to the College.

On the occasion of Mr. Chapple's retirement from the head mastership of the college in January, 1914, the boys presented to their revered head master an illuminated address and a beautiful album

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