

There was no guarantee, however, of the employer, on the graduate, that the latter would get to the place where his type of training was most needed. Recently, the Graduates' Association of the University had been elaborating a plan whereby an employment agency should be created to bring together the qualifications, and the ability, and proper capacity of certain graduates, and, on the other hand, the most promising avenues for employment in our community. The association trusted that employers would lend their cordial assistance to make that plan a success.

On the proposal of Rotarian Professor E. Harold Davies, the lecturer was heartily thanked for his interesting discourse.

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THE NEW JUDGE.

Admitted to Bench.

Mr. Justice Napier
Congratulated.

The wide respect in which Mr. Justice Napier is held among members of the legal profession in South Australia was indicated on Thursday morning, when the new Judge, appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Justice Gordon, was admitted to the Bench of the Supreme Court.

The ceremony was conducted in the Civil Courtroom, before the Full Court. All available space was occupied by members of the legal profession, and also of the public, even the jury box holding a full complement of persons. Among those seated at the Bar table were the Crown Solicitor (Dr. F. W. Richards, K.C.), and Messrs. A. W. Piper, Paris Nesbit, P. McM. Glynn, W. J. Isbister, F. V. Smith, and T. S. O'Halloran, K.C.'s. So soon as the Chief Justice (Sir George Murray), Mr. Justice Parsons, and Mr. Justice Poole had taken their seats on the Bench, Mr. Justice Napier presented his commission, and was requested by Sir George to join them. The commission was read by the Master of the Supreme Court (Mr. W. L. Stuart). The new Judge was then congratulated by Mr. A. W. Piper, K.C., in behalf of the legal profession, upon his appointment to the Bench.



MR. JUSTICE NAPIER, who was admitted to the Bench of the Supreme Court at a sitting of the Full Court on Thursday morning.

Judicial Independence.
Mr. Piper said he, as the mouthpiece of his brethren in the legal profession in this State, had the honour and pleasure to address Mr. Justice Napier that morning.

As there was one senior to him—Mr. Nesbit, K.C.—he wished to explain that, believing he could speak with fuller knowledge of His Honor than Mr. Nesbit could, the latter, with the best feelings towards the new Judge, had asked him to occupy the position he held that morning. In behalf of the whole profession he tendered to Mr. Justice Napier their heartiest congratulations upon his promotion to the high office of a Judge of the Supreme Court. "We know, and those who have worked in closest and most frequent touch with your Honor know best," proceeded Mr. Piper, "that the great and invaluable tradition of judicial independence and impartiality will be worthily maintained and carried on by your performance of your duties. It is a pleasure and a duty to testify that your Honor brings to your seat the qualifications of great talents and high character, developed for their practical use by industry and learning. We have all come to know your Honor as a courteous and true friend, and I make no reservation in assuring you that all of us, in our practice before you, will give you the best assistance which shall be in our power—an assistance which, as it is your right and our duty, will also be our delight to extend to you. You have attained this place so early in life—a cause for additional congratulation—that I would add an expression of our trust that the many who shall hereafter come to this Bar in your time will serve you in the like spirit. Your Honor's idea of law in practice, as shown in both your professional work, and your part in legal education, is no mean or narrow one. You see in it, whatever its deficiencies, the sincere ambition to administer, and to ensure justice among all persons, in all circumstances, and the earnest effort constantly to order and to adjust itself to that end." Mr. Piper, in conclusion, said that, speaking for more than the members of the profession, he felt free to state that they, and all their fellow-citizens, must be grateful that Mr. Justice Napier had been found willing to serve the State in so important a position, the honour and dignity of which were great, but were only commensurate with its responsibilities and the limitations it imposed. The profession tendered to Mr. Justice Napier their heartfelt wish that he would enjoy long life with great and ever-increasing happiness.

Sense of Responsibility.

Mr. Justice Napier, replying, said he was by no means insensible of the honour involved on his appointment as a Judge of that Court, but at the present moment the dominant impression in his mind was rather one of a sense of the responsibility attached to the office. The anxieties of a Judge on his appointment were sufficiently grave, without being added to by any sense of disapproval or distrust, more especially on the part of those with whom he had been associated in the practice of his profession, and who might, therefore, be expected to know and understand his capabilities and limitations. Mr. Justice Napier added, "You, Mr. Piper, and through you, the profession have seen fit to come here this morning and to express yourself in terms which might be unduly generous, but are at least calculated to relieve me from that anxiety. I feel that I might launch out upon my judicial career free from the embarrassment which might otherwise attach to me by any feeling of lack of confidence, either in the profession or the public. I realize, of course, that the attendance of my brethren in the profession is due to some extent, at least, to respect for this Court, but I believe that it is prompted, in some degree, by feelings of personal respect and friendship, and I can only say that this respect and friendship are by no means one-sided. I trust that I shall be able to retain it, not merely undiminished, but to a growing extent. It may be well if I keep before me, what I understand to be, the whole duty of man, as epitomised in the admonition "to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly." The obligations of my office require me to administer justice according to law, but, as you have said, and it is my belief, one might more easily accept that limitation, knowing, as I do, from experience of the profession, that the general body of the law is at least as wise as can be any one man who is entrusted with its administration." In conclusion, Mr. Justice Napier said he would endeavour to observe the admonition in all its three branches, and in so doing he hoped to satisfy his own conscience; also to retain their confidence and goodwill.

A NOTED EDUCATIONIST.

Death of Mr. W. H. Hand.

The officials of the Education Department, and the whole of the teaching staff of the State, learnt with sincere regret on Thursday morning that Mr. William Henry Hand, Inspector of the south-eastern district of the department, had passed away that morning at Mount Gambier, after a comparatively brief illness. Mr. Hand was only 54 years of age at the time of his death, and he had been for more than 35 years associated with the Education Department of the State. He attended a State school at Kadina when a boy, then became a pupil teacher, and entered a training college in 1889. His first appointment was that of second assistant at the North Adelaide Public School, in 1890, and since then Mr. Hand has been in charge of many of the principal schools in the State. Everywhere he went he was highly appreciated and liked. Promotion with him was rapid, and from early days he was picked out as one of the best men in the service. He took the keenest interest in all matters affecting education, and kept himself well abreast of the times in his life's work. He was a fine speaker and debater, and it was not long after his having joined the South Australian Teachers' Union before he took a prominent part in the doings of the body. He served with conspicuous ability in many posts, and eventually was elected to the position of President, an office which he filled with great tact and ability. His speeches were always most enlightening and effective, and created a fine inspiration in the minds of his fellow-workers. His personality was a most lovable one, and the chief officials of the department expressed on Thursday their great personal grief at the death of a dear friend, and their deep regret that the State and the department had lost one who had fulfilled his duties in connection with the education of the youth of South Australia in the most conscientious and able manner. Mr. Hand filled the office of inspector for only one year, and his comparatively sudden demise has caused much distress in the south-east district, in which were his headquarters. He resided at Mount Gambier, and it was at his home there that he died from Bright's disease on Thursday.

Biographical.

Mr. Hand was born at Kadina on October 21, 1870. He entered the Education Department in 1885, and served as pupil teacher at the Kadina School, eventually entering the Training College in 1889. He



THE LATE MR. W. H. HAND, Inspector of the Education Department, who died at Mount Gambier on Thursday.

was appointed an assistant on January 1, 1890, to the North Adelaide School, and chief assistant to the Hindmarsh School in 1899. Here distinguished service was rendered in exhibition scholarship work, and many of the pupils of this school gained academic distinction. Subsequently Mr. Hand passed through the high schools at Victor Harbour, Kapunda, Moonta, and Mount Gambier, and was then given charge at East Adelaide. Mr. Hand held the IA certificate of the department, and passed in University subjects. In 1922 he was appointed President of the Public

Chairman of the board of directors of the Public Service Stores. On January 1, 1923, he was promoted to the position of inspector, in consequence of the retirement of Inspector W. J. McBride, and was appointed resident inspector of the south-eastern district, with headquarters at Mount Gambier. He became unwell towards the end of last year, but recovered sufficiently to be able to attend, early in January, the conference of inspectors. Later in the month, however, he was granted leave of absence on account of ill health, and he was never able to resume duty. The deceased gentleman was married twice, and has left a married daughter and a son.

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It is understood that Mr. C. C. Brelner, associate to the Chief Justice (Sir George Murray), is about to join the legal firm of Messrs. W. & T. Pope, and that Mr. T. H. Cole, of the office of Messrs. Scammell & Skipper, has been appointed in his stead. It is also stated that there are several other changes pending in Adelaide legal circles. Mr. G. C. Ligertwood, of Messrs. Bennett, Campbell, & Ligertwood, will leave that firm to join up with Messrs. Baker, Glynn, & McEwin; and Dr. T. J. Browne, who is at present a member of the firm of Messrs. Symon, Browne, & Symon, will associate himself with Messrs. Bennett & Campbell.

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Miss Daisy Kennedy, the well-known South Australian violinist, was born at Burra in 1893. She is a daughter of Mr. J. A. Kennedy, who is well-known in connection with the Education Department in Adelaide. She married Benno Moise-



Miss Daisy Kennedy.

witch in 1914, and has two daughters. She left Adelaide for Prague in 1908, after winning the Elder Scholarship at the Adelaide University. She made her debut in Vienna in 1911, and in London in the same year. She toured Australia with her husband in 1919-20, and has also appeared with great success in America.

Mr. Moisewitch was born in 1890, and studied at the Imperial School of Music in Odessa, where he won the Rubinstein prize. He afterwards studied in Vienna under Leschetizky, and subsequently in England. He made his debut at Queen's Hall, London, in 1909, and scored an instantaneous success. He is now one of the world's great pianists, and recently visited Adelaide.