

USEFUL LIFE ENDED.

Mr. T. A. Caterer Dead.

Beloved at St. Peter's College.

After several years of illness, Mr. Thomas Ainslie Caterer died on Tuesday morning. He devoted the whole of his life to education and educational purposes, and for 39 years was associated with the staff of St. Peter's College.

A fine tribute was paid to the late schoolmaster's memory on Tuesday, by the head master of the college (Rev. J. K. F. Bickersteth). To a representative of The Register, Mr. Bickersteth said, "I first got to know Mr. Caterer in 1920, and he charmed me at once by his courtesy, and by the hearty welcome he gave me. After having been acting head master for four years, he handed over to me the reins with characteristic self-effacement, and took up the position of second master. His excellent advice and sound judgment were always at my disposal during the next two years, until ill health once again laid him low, and necessitated his final retirement from the teaching staff. His retirement caused universal regret, not only among his colleagues on



THE LATE MR. T. A. CATERER.

loved so dearly, he opened the doors leading to the professions, the arts, the science and commerce, and honourable and gallant behaviour for many thousands of the youth of South Australia. The one regret of his life was that he was not educated at St. Peter's College, so that, attached to his other distinctions, he might have written the letters "O.S." (old scholar) after his name. Although in his earlier days other educational establishments—notably that of his father, the late Mr. T. Caterer—claimed him, practically the whole of his life was spent in the service of St. Peter's College. Mr. Caterer was the first graduate of the University of Adelaide, and obtained his B.A. degree at the end of the year 1879. Subsequently to that he was engaged on the staff at his father's school, and in 1883 applied for a vacancy at St. Peter's College at the time when the Rev. Francis Williams was headmaster, and received the appointment. From that year until May, 1921, when ill health severed his active association, he was in close personal and regular touch with everything that went on at the institution, teaching daily, managing the "house," assisting the boys in their sports as well as in their studies, and taking a part second to none in the State in forming the characters of thousands of youths. Naturally, considering the vast numbers who passed under his control, there are few persons in South Australia better known than he, and it is a grand testimonial to his sterling character and worth that none was ever heard to speak of him in other than terms of praise. He was a man of retiring and self-effacing disposition, and was prone to belittle his own attainments in favour of the worth of others. This characteristic, however, did not serve to hold him back, and his progress at St. Peter's College was most marked.

Long and Honourable Service.

He served successively under the Rev. F. Williams, M.A., the Rev. P. A. Raynor, and Canon Girdlestone, M.A.; and, although at the time there was no such title, he was for many years the second master of the school. On the retirement at the beginning of 1917 of Canon Girdlestone, the Council of Governors, realizing the difficulty of getting a permanent man as headmaster during those strenuous times of war, decided to make a temporary appointment and the position was offered to Mr. Caterer. It may be mentioned that, under its constitution, the headmaster of the college has to be a clergyman of the Church of England. The position was accepted by Mr. Caterer, and he occupied it until the appointment as head master at the beginning of 1920 of the Rev. J. K. F. Bickersteth. Just before Mr. Caterer's retirement from the acting position the Council of Governors gave a dinner to him and presented him with a substantial cheque and a silver salver, suitably inscribed, as a token of their appreciation of his services to the school. Since then he held at the school the title of second master. For many years he was in residence and had been in charge of the boarding-house since the year 1893 while, during the whole of his sojourn at St. Peter's, he was the master mainly responsible for seeing to the sports education of the scholars. The one object of his life was the welfare of the school, and he must have died contented in the knowledge that an establishment which numbered only 160 scholars when he joined it, had over 600 at the time when ill health necessitated his withdrawal.

At the University.

In the higher branch of educational work—that at the Adelaide University—Mr. Caterer took an active part. He was chosen clerk of the Senate of the University in 1888, and every year thereafter he was re-elected to the position. On occasions he filled also the office of acting warden. At one time there was a chance that he would sever his connection with St. Peter's College, for when the position of Registrar of the University fell vacant, he announced his intention of applying for the post, but withdrew his application for the reason that he considered Mr. Hodge (the late registrar) would, he thought, be of greater benefit to the institution than he. In the year 1917, however, he allowed himself to be nominated and was elected.

An Inter-colonial Cricketer.

From his schooldays, Mr. Caterer took the keenest interest in cricket, and reached a high position in the game while at the university. He was a gifted left-handed bowler, having an easy delivery with a natural break. For many years he was a member of the old Kensingtons, and when that club amalgamated with the Australians, and became known as the Adelaides, he was one of the most reliable trundlers. He played in one inter-colonial match and represented South Australia against a famous Australian XI. team bound for England. In the latter match he caused both enthusiasm and disappointment by bowling W. L. Murdoch—whom the public greatly desired to see bat—with his first ball. For many years Mr. Caterer took an active part in the administration of cricket affairs, and his association with the S.A.C.A. proved most valuable to that body. He was a member of the ground and finance committee from its inception 15 or 16 years ago, and in the three years preceding his severe illness was Chairman of that body. He was a man of many interests, and among his hobbies were floriculture and the breeding of fancy fowls and turkeys. He was one of the two honorary life members of the South Australian Poultry and Kennel Club. The deceased gentleman was born at Woodville in 1850. He married Miss Amy Elizabeth Edmunds, and his two daughters are Mrs. S. S. Ringwood (North Adelaide) and Miss Brenda Caterer.

ELIZABETH JACKSON MEMORIAL.

GIFT TO THE UNIVERSITY.

The committee of the Elizabeth Jackson Memorial Fund has handed to the University the sum of £750, to be used in buying books on psychology, principally on abnormal child psychology, for the University Library. Part of the sum will probably be set apart for buying apparatus for practical psychological experiments, and students will thus be enabled to make a more than purely theoretical study of the subject. Of the £750, the sum of £100 was donated by the present and past scholars of the Methodist Ladies' College, and £75 was handed over by the social efficiency committee formed after the visit of Professor Berry to Adelaide.

As is well known to everyone in Adelaide interested in child welfare, and the study of psychology, the original purpose of the Elizabeth Jackson Memorial Fund was to aid in buying apparatus for a psychological clinic. When the social efficiency committee decided that, for various reasons, it was not advisable to establish a clinic, the committee of the Elizabeth Jackson Fund agreed to do the next best thing and donate the money to the University Library. One reason why the idea of forming a clinic was abandoned was that the Education Department has decided to appoint a trained psychologist to its staff, who will work in conjunction with the medical officer (Dr. Halley). More medical officers will probably be appointed to assist Dr. Halley. It was thought that some of the purposes of a psychological clinic would thus be fulfilled.

There is still much room, however, for extending the study and practical application of psychology in Adelaide. The friends of Miss Elizabeth Jackson, who was one of the most brilliant students of psychology Adelaide has known, cannot but regret that the clinic for which she earnestly hoped is not to be established, at any rate, for the present. Everyone anxious that Adelaide should keep abreast of the progress of science cannot but regret that there is no provision in the medical course at the Adelaide University for the study of psychology, the importance of which to medical students is yearly becoming more apparent.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Instruction in State Schools.

History Lessons Approved.

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A New Chapter.

Professor Darnley Naylor stated that what they were asking for was that the department should help the children to add a new chapter to their history books. In relation to those publications there was one chapter which was never written, but which ought to be written for every history, and that was something which would present the whole meaning of what had preceded it, with some clear attempt to prognosticate the future. The deputation desired that the Minister should add that chapter for the State schools. That would be more likely to help the children towards happiness than would the mere dwelling on the comparative failures of the past. He knew—by reason of his own profession—the influence that could be exerted by teachers, and he knew how anxious the teachers were to mould the thoughts of the children for good. He believed that the teachers would make profitable use of the opportunity to give instruction in the way the deputation had indicated. The work of the League of Nations needed only to be known to be welcomed gladly by every thoughtful person. They also believed that the instruction of the children would find an echo in the homes, and influence many a parent who might otherwise remain in lamentable ignorance about the one hope of the future for the peace of the world. Such instruction was being given in other of the States and in England, as well as in other countries.

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STUDYING THE NATIVES.

Views of Scientists.

Speeches at Commonwealth Club.

Professor Grafton Elliot Smith, Professor of Anatomy at the London University, who is on a visit to Australia, at a luncheon tendered the members of the Science Congress now in Adelaide by the members of the Commonwealth Club on Wednesday, made a plea for the preservation of the Australian aborigine, who was of the greatest interest to the scientist.

The chair was occupied by the President (Mr. S. H. Skipper), and seated with him were Sir John Monash (President of the Congress), Professor Elliot Smith, Sir Baldwin Spencer, Sir George Knibbs, Mr. E. C. Andrews, and Mr. L. Keith Ward. The President (Mr. S. H. Skipper) remarked that in that hall, ten years ago, a few days after the outbreak of the war, they entertained some distinguished scientists, among whom were several German professors. To-day they entertained Sir John Monash, who in the war won the distinction of being Australia's greatest citizen soldier, and now that his sword had been replaced by the equipment of the engineer, he had been chosen as President of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science. In the retiring President (Sir George Knibbs) they had an old friend. He had reduced the high cost of living to an exact science (laughter), and had given them the pleasure of paying their income tax according to a graph of the second degree. Professor Elliot Smith, perhaps one of the most distinguished scientists Australia had produced, "made the dead Pharaoh live in all the pomp of ancient days." Sir Baldwin Spencer was one of the pioneers of Central Australia, and that

Self-Effacing Disposition.

The late Mr. Thomas Ainslie Caterer devoted the whole of his life to education and educational purposes, and of him it might well be said that, with the aid of the keys emblematical of the college he