

citizens in the person of Lieutenant-General Sir John Monash, who had not only distinguished himself as the leader of the Australian Imperial Forces in the Great War, but also in the realms of engineering, law, and literature. (Cheers.) Sir John Monash succeeded another great man in Sir George Knibbs, whose investigations in statistics and science in the Commonwealth were known throughout the world. (Cheers.) The visitors were very welcome, and might rest assured that the citizens of Adelaide would leave nothing undone to increase the pleasure of the visit. He welcomed them most heartily to Adelaide. (Cheers.)

Councillor Sir Lewis Cohen, in supporting, said that large and distinguished company accentuated the title of which South Australia was justly proud—that Adelaide was a city of culture. That was not a new phrase—(Laughter)—but until some reason presented itself for setting it aside South Australia intended to hold fast to it. (Laughter and Cheers.) He felt out of his element in the presence of so many

who attended the agricultural bureau meetings and heard the tales of the sturdy farmers about their achievements, might realise what the farmer owed to the scientists who discovered super-phosphates. Mining, too, owed much to the discoverers of methods of treating refractory ores. Those who were ill perhaps did not realise what they owed to the scientists who discovered chloroform, anti-septics, and anti-toxins. (Cheers.) There was one great science which did not seem to have engrossed the scientists; that was political science—Carlyle called it the "dismal science." (Laughter.) But even in that, economists and great statisticians like Sir George Knibbs he hoped might be able to provide a gleam of light for the politicians in the darkness of their way. Sir Lewis Cohen had referred to the title "City of Culture," conferred on Adelaide. That was no reflection on other cities which had their merits. Adelaide prided itself upon the cultivation of the mind in every respect. (Cheers.) He hoped the con-

people to meet all contingencies. No one could look back over history for 100 years and see the effect of co-ordination, systematised knowledge, and industry without recognising he had to do a share. When he heard public men speaking depreciatively he felt the need of apostles of science in order that the race might develop rapidly enough and under good conditions. (Cheers.) That was really the nature of the problem that lay before them. He had no doubt the visiting scientists would have both a pleasant and a useful time in Adelaide. He was in the happy position of one whose responsibility would end that evening, when he had had the pleasure of inducting Sir John Monash into the presidential chair. There was a feeling of exultation in laying down the responsibilities of office when so fine a man was to carry them on. (Cheers.) It would be one of his most delightful duties, as it was now to express on behalf of the association a word of appreciation of the welcome so kindly

had been prominent in the whole British Empire since war. During the progress of the war there was a great manifestation of effort for the purpose of national defence. With the war over there real fear that the people would appreciate to the same extent the pure scientific research. With grants for public funds and donations and benefactions to scientific institutions there was always a feeling on the part of the donor to apply the donation to specific objective. That was true of scientific research. There could be no pure abstract scientific research. There were innumerable instances of how research had benefited in commerce, manufacture, and every other walk of life. Australian nation could not afford to neglect life. It must be developed on scientific lines. Such as-

ported that Dr. Booth's suggestions had so far been found impracticable. The permanent honorary secretary read the following obituary list:—A. H. Dumaresq Belfield, a member since 1889; Rev. James Cowper Carson (New South Wales), a member since 1895; Senator Hon. J. T. Walker (Sydney), a life member, joined in 1893. State secretaries were appointed as follows:—Queensland, Mr. C. T. White; New South Wales, Mr. E. C. Andrews; Victoria, Mr. E. R. Pitt; South Australia, Mr. L. Keith Ward; Western Australia, Mr. A. Gibb Maitland and Professor M. T. M. Wilsmore; Tasmania, Mr. Clive E. Lord; New Zealand, Professor C. Coleridge Farr and Professor H. B. Kirk (Professor of Biology at Victoria College, Wellington, New Zealand). The following were appointed as a Mueller Memorial Committee:—The President (Sir John Monash), the secretary (Mr. Andrews), Sir Edgeworth David, Sir Bald-

great place for geological and other excursions. (Laughter.) Sir George Knibbs said the association owed Western Australia a great deal for the invitation. That State had on many occasions been left out in the cold. It was therefore the duty of the association in order to keep scientific matters in Australia generally show its appreciation of the cordiality of Western Australia. The motion was carried unanimously, and the question of the meeting place for the 19th congress in 1928 was left until a later meeting of the council. **PRESIDENT OF THE 1926 CONGRESS.**

In moving that Sir Thomas Lyall, of the Melbourne University, be appointed

of the staff and the students. He had done brilliant work generally and had established a school for natural philosophy, was a member of all professorial boards and faculties, and of the council of the University. He had done valuable work during the war period, and also on many public bodies in Victoria. To his mind the meeting would indeed be honored by having Sir Thomas Lyall as its president. (Cheers.) The motion was seconded by Professor Sir Edgeworth David, who said no better man could be found for the position. Sir John Monash and Professor Whitfield supported. The latter said he had been a pupil of Professor Lyall's, and he looked to him as a source of inspiration. Professor Lyall, he said, was becoming widely known throughout the world as a great authority, and in most important scientific periodicals reference could be found to his work. (Cheers.) The motion was carried unanimously.

#### PAN-PACIFIC CONGRESS.

At the instance of Sir George Knibbs Sir John Monash and Professor Sir Edgeworth David, a motion was carried thanking the Federal Government and the Victorian and New South Wales State Parliaments for their courtesy and monetary assistance rendered during the sittings of the Pan-Pacific Congress in Melbourne and Sydney last year. Professor Sir Edgeworth David said the Commonwealth and the world would be repaid a hundredfold in a few years' time, and he instanced the immense benefits that had already accrued to the agricultural industry of Australia in such a short time.

#### ORGANISATION.

Important suggestions regarding the proposed modification of the organisation of the association were submitted by Mr. Andrews (general secretary), who em-

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