



BURIAL OF PROFESSOR EDWARD RENNIE, M.A., D.Sc., AT NORTH ROAD CEMETERY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. Dr. G. Davidson, M.A., is on the extreme left of the photograph, and in front of him is the Rev. J. Hall Angus. The pallbearers are in the front group of mourners. Reading from left to right they are Mr. C. R. Hodge (former Registrar of the University of Adelaide), Mr. W. T. McCoy, B.A. (Director of Education), Dr. W. Ternent Cooke, Sir George Murray, K.C.M.G., B.A., LL.M. (Chief Justice and Chancellor of the University), Sir William Mitchell, M.A., D.Sc. (Vice-Chancellor of the University), and Sir Langdon Bonython, K.C.M.G. (president of the School of Mines and Industries).

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kind of husband you had. Lillian Galbraith, the woman who is the mother of 11 children and a consulting engineer of world repute, was a very fascinating person indeed. She is very good looking, and quite young; she does not look more than 40. Professor Caroline Surgeon was in the chair, and said as she introduced her, "Now I am going to ask Mrs. Galbraith to regard herself as a 'case,' and be exhibited. I have been to Mrs. Galbraith's home, in America, and I know from personal knowledge that nowhere in the world would you find a family more happy and contented than hers." Mrs. Galbraith then stood up on the platform, and began her speech by saying, "I stand before you, a case!" Her chief point was the necessity for planning out one's life, and working according to system. She had kept on lecturing to classes in engineering and psychology when her children were small, and had given them a regular amount of time each day. Later she took up her full work again. She told us how her eldest daughter was just going to be married, and how she would not have been able to come to the conference at all if the daughter had not volunteered, as a parting present, to look after the household for a few months while Mrs. Galbraith went over to Europe to tell them all about dad's wonderful system."

He was keenly interested in his calling, and a fitting reward for a lifetime spent in the course of science came last year when he was elected at the congress held in Perth president of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Science. Burial arrangements provide for a short service at 3.20 tomorrow at Chalmers Church and at 3.5 the funeral will leave for the church for Payneham Cemetery.

DISTINGUISHED CAREER

Edward Henry Rennie, D.Sc., Elder Professor of Chemistry at the Adelaide University for 41 years, was born at Sydney on August 19, 1852, being a son of the late E. A. Rennie, former Auditor-General of New South Wales. He was educated at the model public school, Sydney, Sydney Grammar School, and Sydney University.

Prof. Rennie took his B.A. degree in 1870 and became a M.A. in 1876. He was a master in the Sydney Grammar School



PROF. E. H. RENNIE

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PROFESSOR RENNIE DEAD
Distinguished Scientist

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY'S LOSS

With the death of Prof. Henry Rennie at his late residence, Childers street, North Adelaide, early tonight Australia has lost one of her best known scientists. He was in his seventy-fifth year.

For 41 years he was connected with the University of Adelaide, and during that period as the occupant of the Elder Chair of Chemistry did much for the advancement of science.

from 1870 to 1875, and in the Brisbane Grammar School from 1876 to 1877. He went to London in 1877 to study science and graduated a doctor of science at the London University in 1881.

During his stay in London he was assistant for two years to Dr. C. R. Alder Wright, in the chemical department of St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, and taught in the Royal College of Science, South Kensington.

Returning to Australia he became attached to the Government Analysts' Department in Sydney, and in 1885 was appointed professor chemistry in the University of Adelaide. Prof. Rennie was a Fellow of the Chemical Societies of London and Berlin, and a Fellow of the Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain and Ireland. According to Johns' Annual he was twice president of the Royal Society of South Australia, and for many years was a member of the Council of the University of Adelaide. His recreation was principally fishing.

Prof. Rennie married Agnes Alison, daughter of Dr. J. J. Cadell, of Sydney, and he left two sons—Edward James Cadell Rennie, B.E. (Adelaide), and Henry Charles Cadell Rennie, M.B., B.S. (Adelaide)—and two daughters.

CHANCELLOR PAYS TRIBUTE

Tonight Sir George Murray (Chancellor of the University of Adelaide) paid a tribute to Prof. Rennie.

"Prof. Rennie," he said, "led a reputable life. He was a distinguished man of science, the oldest member of the Council of the University of Adelaide, and the senior member of the University staff. In addition he was a man of the highest character, and was deeply respected and loved by everyone in any way connected with the University."

"Apart from his work at that institution he rendered great service to the School of Mines as a member of the council, and also to the Government for many years as Inspector of Explosives."

"Altogether he was one of South Australia's finest citizens."

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A LOSS TO THE UNIVERSITY.

The passing of Professor Rennie, to quote his friend Sir William Mitchell, seems like the passing of the old University of Adelaide. For over forty years he had been an honored member of the staff, loved and respected by all connected with it. Affectionately called "Dad," he was looked upon as a father and a counsellor by successive generations of students. Hundreds of them scattered all over the world, remember him with the tenderest feelings, and they will mourn the death of one who gave all his powers of brain and strength of body to the welfare of the University and its undergraduates. There is no one of them who cannot call to mind some act of kindness and consideration by the professor, for although always

just he was generous also. The governing body of the University owed much to Dr. Rennie's enthusiasm, tireless energy, cheerfulness, and capacity for hard and continuous work. There was a time when he carried on his own shoulders the principal burdens of the teaching staff. Thoroughly equipped for the work entrusted to him, he was yet the simplest and humblest of men. No one could help admiring him, he was so completely genuine and so absorbed in his determination to help those who came within the orbit of his influence. He devoted himself to the University and the School of Mines and Industries, and had few interests beyond them except those connected with his church. He was a significant instance of a learned scientist who was also a deeply religious man. He had been an elder of Chalmers Church for almost as long as he had filled the chair of chemistry at the University, and he was as earnest in carrying out his duties as a churchman as in the attention he gave to his obligations to the University, to which he was pre-eminently faithful. There was something in Dr. Rennie's nature which impressed itself on all who met him, and even a casual acquaintance was assured at the first contact of his love of his fellow-man and his sincere desire to be of service. Of the completeness of his professorial equipment his academic distinctions and his excellent record as a teacher afforded ample proof, but he had mental and moral qualities which gave an added value to his scholastic acquirements. He never courted publicity, being content to do with zeal and thoroughness the things which lay nearest to his hand. Not only for the University, but for the sister institution, the School of Mines and Industries, he did permanent and valuable work in the simplest and most effective way.

The Council of the University have asked the Government to erect a new chemical building, and by a strange coincidence, on the night before Dr. Rennie's death this scheme was the subject of dis-