

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

Mr. M. M. Maughan Selected.

Cabinet, at its meeting on Monday afternoon, decided to recommend Executive Council to appoint Mr. M. M. Maughan, B.A., Director of Education, in succession to the late Mr. A. Williams. Mr. Maughan, who was Chief Inspector of Schools, frequently undertook the duties of Acting Director during the absence on leave of Mr. Williams. The formal appointment will be made on Thursday. He will be paid the same salary as his predecessor—£800 a year.



Mr. M. M. MAUGHAN, B.A.

The new Director was born at Dudley, England, on November 2, 1856. He is a son of the late Rev. James Maughan, who founded the Franklin Street Methodist New Connexion Church, now known as Maughan Church. He arrived in South Australia in 1862, and was educated at Prince Alfred College, where he was afterwards a teacher for three years. Mr. Maughan entered the service of the Education Department in 1877, and was employed for a time in the Lefevre's Peninsula and Grote Street Schools. On February 1, 1880, he became assistant master of the Training College under Mr. Madley. In July of the same year Mr. Maughan was appointed head master of the Wallaroo School. On January 1, 1887, he was transferred to Moonta, where for four years he was a successful head master. In 1891, when Mr. W. L. Neale, head master of Sturt Street School, was appointed an inspector, Mr. Maughan was chosen to succeed him as head master of that school. He held this position until December, 1900, when he also was appointed an inspector of schools and an officer of the first class in the public service. For a while prior to that date he was superintendent of the University Training College as locum tenens for the late Mr. Andrew Scott. In 1906, when the late Mr. Price, as Minister of Education, reorganized the department, Mr. Maughan was raised to the office of Chief Inspector of Schools. On several occasions, during the absence of the late Mr. Williams from the State, Mr. Maughan has controlled the department in the position of Acting Director. About two years ago his health was far from satisfactory, but a voyage to England and a good rest in one of the southern counties enabled him to return to South Australia much benefited. He was for many years Treasurer of the Public Schools' Floral and Industrial Society and of the Decoration Society. The new Director is an ex-President of the South Australian Teachers' Union. For a time he was President of the Public Service Federal Council. Mr. Maughan has been closely identified with military matters, and holds the officers' decoration for 20 years' commission service in the colonial auxiliary forces. He served in the ranks of the Adelaide Rifles, and on his removal to the country he became captain of the old Yorke's Peninsula Rifle Volunteer Company, the strength of which he raised to 100. On his appointment to the Sturt Street head mastership, in 1891, he was transferred to the First Battalion, A.R., and when the forces were reorganized in 1896 Capt. Maughan was one of the officers chosen for further service. He is a prominent Freemason and has held the highest office in the gift of a Blue Lodge.

THE GUIDING HAND

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MR. M. M. MAUGHAN APPOINTED

A DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

It will be learned with pleasure by patriotic South Australians that the Government has not found it necessary to go outside the State to find a man who is capable of assuming the Directorship of Education. Since the death of Mr. Alfred Williams, in February last, the appointment of a successor has been a question which has given rise to no small amount of conjecture. There were many people who held that the Government would seek to entice an official from a neighboring State. Others there were who held that in the Acting-Director of Education, Mr. Milton Moss Maughan, B.A., South Australian possessed a man in every way capable of administering such an important department as that of education. "The Daily Herald" advocated Mr. Maughan's claims and on Friday last threw out a strong hint that on Mr. Maughan's shoulders should fall the mantle so ably worn by the late Mr. Williams. That hint has proved to be correct, for Cabinet yesterday afternoon decided to recommend to Executive Council that Mr. Maughan be appointed Director of Education.



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Who has been appointed Director of Education.

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When it became known yesterday that the Government's choice had fallen upon Mr. Maughan, he was made the recipient of numerous congratulations. With a modesty that is characteristic, Mr. Maughan declined to discuss his appointment until after it had been confirmed. Nevertheless, he wore a happy smile of a man who is conscious of having received a just reward for services well and truly rendered. The new director will probably have a hard row to hoe, for it is certain that the department over which he will preside is in the very near future to undergo many alterations, and on his shoulders will fall the duty of seeing that the new machinery works smoothly along with the old. That Mr. Maughan will be the man for the job there is no reason to doubt. One of his first duties will be to confer with the Government on the subject of the report recently issued by the Royal Commission on Education, consideration of which has been postponed pending the appointment of a director.