

PREMIER AND EDUCATION.

"Great Shaking Up."

The Premier (Hon. J. Verran), in the course of a speech at the Wallaroo Mines Hall on Monday evening, at the "speech night" of the High School, said what was needed in connection with the educational system was a resurrection. There was much in the system which he admired, but there was a great deal he did not, and if the Government remained in power much would be put out. Hundreds who had entered the department appeared to think they could remain there until the 942nd hymn had been given out. There was proof that there were persons who were not keeping pace with the age, and they would have to be taken out and put in other positions. He was aware that he was saying things which would be unpalatable to many. The State was spending £240,000 a year on education, and they could not allow sympathy and feeling to be a block to the system. The interests of the children must be considered before the interests of a few men and women. The royal commission which had been appointed to make enquiries into the educational system was shaking up the dry bones. He believed every child should have the right to go to the University.

-University and School of Mines.-

At present there were differences between the authorities of the University and of the School of Mines. The University believed it could do greater work than the School of Mines, and the School of Mines was afraid that the University was going to destroy it. Greater effectiveness could be secured by concentrating the work, and they should have more control over the School of Mines. The School of Mines, however, was not taking it on. It was not a question of what half a dozen men wanted, but what was for the best interests of the system, apart from the opinions of half a dozen men who were seeking to glorify themselves. A broader view of things must be taken. Within twelve months there would be a great shaking up in the department. There must be a removal of some to make room for bigger men with brighter and more crystallized ideas. There was no man so important that it was impossible to fill his place. No man was indispensable.

-School-going Age.-

In connection with the Government's proposal regarding the compulsory attendance of children at school, he had received a number of letters from parents. Parents had no right to keep their children away from education. He had boys come to his office who could not write their names clearly. That was not their fault, as they had been compelled to go to work at too early an age. Boys should not be allowed to leave school until at least 15 years of age, and fathers would have to be paid a bigger wage to keep them at school.

-Payment to Mothers.-

The taxpayers would be called upon to contribute toward the cost of rearing children. Was it a fair thing to ask the mothers to do all their work without payment? Mothers who reared their children would have to be compensated. There were hundreds of mothers rearing children who were not properly nourished. The taxpayer laughed, and put the child on one side. It was only a strong, healthy child that could study well, and good wholesome food was necessary. Hundreds of boys and girls received for their meals bread and jam and cake. Mothers were not able to provide a midday meal for every child, and he believed the State should do so at the school. That was a sound economic principle, and the cost would not exceed 1d. for every person above the age of 21 years.

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL EXAMINATION.

HONORS LIST.

In the honor lists the numbers in parentheses indicate what would be the positions of the candidates if the under-age and over-age lists were combined and arranged in one list in order of merit.

GENERAL HONOR LIST.

The following is the order of merit of candidates who have distinguished themselves in the whole examination:-

Candidates under 17 years of age (the first candidate on the list receives the prize).-1 (1), Thomas, D., Adelaide High School; 2 (2) Duncan, P., Muirden College; 3 (3) Laffan, L. C., Adelaide High School; 4 (4), Lodge, W. S., Muirden College; 5 (5), Sheldon, W. C., Norwood District High School; 6 (6), Mengerson, N. V., Prince Alfred College.

SPECIAL HONOR LISTS.

English Literature (candidates under 17 years of age).-1 (1), Duncan, P., Muirden College; 2 (2), Thomas, D., Adelaide High School; 3 (4), Higginbottom, M. H., Adelaide High School; 4 (5), Dyke, M. H., Muirden College; 5 (7), Hughes, L. D., Muirden College. Candidates over 17 years of age-(3), Marshall, A. K., Muirden College; (5), Devonshire, O. G. C., Norwood District High School.

Commercial Arithmetic.-Candidates under 17 years of age-1 (1), Mengerson, N. V., Prince Alfred College; 2 (2), Lodge, W. S., Muirden College; 3 (4), Thomas, D., Adelaide High School; 4 (5), Morton, P. G., Norwood District High School. Candidate over 17 years of age-(3), Heinrich, O., Prince Alfred College.

Commercial Geography.-Candidates under 17 years of age-1 (1), Lodge, W. S., Muirden College; 2 (3), Schrader, A. H., Norwood District High School. Candidate over 17 years of age-(2), Marshall, A. K., Muirden College.

Bookkeeping.-Candidates under 17 years of age-1 (1), Laffan, L. C., Adelaide High School; 2 (4), Dyke, M. H., Muirden College; Higginbottom, M. H. (equal), Adelaide High School. Candidates over 17 years of age-(1) Heinrich, O., Prince Alfred College; Marshall, A. K. (equal), Muirden College; (4), Ritchie, G. W., Adelaide High School.

Business Correspondence.-Candidates under 17 years of age-1 (1), Duncan, P., Muirden College; 2 (2), Walkem, G. C., Prince Alfred College; 3 (3), Battye, B., Muirden College. Candidate over 17 years of age-(3), Long, K. M., Muirden College.

Shorthand.-Candidate under 17 years of age-1 (1), Lodge, W. S., Muirden College.

History.-None.

French.-Candidate under 17 years of age-1 (1), Thomas, D., Adelaide High School.

German.-None.

Algebra.-None.

Physics.-None.

Chemistry.-None.

Typewriting.-Candidate under 17 years of age-

-1 (3), Hocking, G., Muirden College. Candidates over 17 years of age-(1), Tossell, H. B., Muirden College; (2), Marshall, A. K., Muirden College.

PASS LIST.

Candidates who have passed in the five compulsory subjects, and who, therefore, receive the junior commercial certificate. 1. English Literature; 2. commercial arithmetic; 3. commercial geography; 4. book-keeping; 5. business correspondence; 6. shorthand (a. at 120; b. at 100); 7. history; 8. French; 9. German; 10. algebra; 11. physics; 12. chemistry; 13. typewriting. An x denotes credit.

Andrewartha, Erica Shirlee Helen, 1 2 3 4 5, Muirden College; Battye, Rose, 1 2 3 4 5x 7, Muirden College; Burden, Harold George, 1 2 3 4 5 9, Adelaide High School; Cairn, Henry Murray, 1 2 3 4 7 9, Norwood District High School; Duncan, Poppy, 1x 2 3 4 5x 6b 7 10 15, Muirden College; Ferguson, Dulcie May, 1 2 3 4 7 9 16, Norwood District High School; Hughes, Lancelot Dudley, 1x 2 3 4 10 15, Muirden College; Laffan, Leonore Clare, 1 2 3 4x 5 8 10 15, Adelaide High School; Lodge, Wallace Salisbury, 1 2x 3x 4 6ax 7 15, Muirden College; Mengerson, Norman, Victor, 1 2x 3 4 7 10, Prince Alfred College; Morton, Perce Giles, 1 2x 3 4 7 9, Norwood District High School; Ritchie, George William, 1 2 3 4x 5 15, Adelaide High School; Schrader, Adolph Hugo, 1 2 3x 4 7 9, Norwood District High School; Sheldon, Walter Claur, 1 2 3 4 7 10 15, Norwood District High School; Shree, Richard Montgomery, 1 2 3 4 5 7 10, Muirden College; Swann, Lyell Keith, 1 2 3 4 5 7, Prince Alfred College; Thomas, Denis, 1x 2x 3 4 6b 8x 9 10 15, Adelaide High School; Walkem, George Collard, 1 2 3 4 5x 7 10, Prince Alfred College.

Candidates who have passed in less than the five compulsory subjects.-Catt, Ronald Morton Cliford, 2 3 4 5; Charlick, Claude Spurgeon, 2 4 5; Colquhoun, Colin Roy, 1 3 4 5; De Garis, Ralph Edwin, 1 4 5 10; Devonshire, Olive Gracey, Catherine, 1x 2 12; Dyke, Marion Howard, 1x 3 4x 5 6b 7 10 15; Gosler, Max Stewart, 1; Green, Hamlet Graham, 2 10; Green, William George, 4 10; Hawke, Richard McKenzie, 1 2 5 10; Heisterich, Oswald, 1 2x 4x 10; Higginbottom, Mavis Hope, 1x 2 4x 5 10; Hocking, Gwendoline, 1 4 5 15x; Hollis, Evelyn Elsie, 4 6b; Kinnis, Lillie Winifred, 1 2 4 15; Long, Kathleen Mary, 1 2 4 5x 15; McColl, Jean Marion, 1 9; MacGeorge, Clara Annie, 1 2 4 15; Marshall, Alma Kathleen, 1x 2x 4x 5 6b 15x; Marshman, Benjamin Kenneth, 2; Oldfield, Hilda, 4; Rodgers, Elizabeth, 2 4 15; Thomas, Cecil Blakely, 2; Tossell, Hilda Beatrice, 15x; Walton, John Geoffrey Hinch, 1 5 6b; Williams, Richard Leonard, 3 10.

GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST.

The question having been raised why Mr. H. Y. L. Brown is resigning as Government Geologist, the department has supplied us with the following letter sent by him to the Commissioner of Crown Lands:-"Dear Mr. Vaughan-In connection with certain questions recently asked in the Legislative Council relative to the reasons for my resignation, I wish to emphasize to you the fact that my reasons were of an entirely private nature. I wish also to take this opportunity of again stating that my relations with the Ministry, of which you are a member, has always been, and are, of a most pleasant and cordial nature, and I have to thank you and the Hon. J. Verran-the two ministers with whom I have been brought most in contact-for the personal kindness and courtesy shown me. I shall be glad if you will give publicity to this."

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.

The University Act which was passed this session provides that two members of the University shall be elected by the Legislative Council, and three by the House of Assembly. The election of the representatives of the Lower House was held on Wednesday afternoon, with the result that Messrs. Coneybeer, Rudall, and Senior were chosen. Sir Lancelot Stirling, and the Hon. J. J. Duncan were chosen to represent the Legislative Council.