

"A GREAT CHEMIST."

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The members of the South Australian branch of the Australian-Chemical Institute tendered a complimentary dinner at the Grosvenor, Adelaide, on Wednesday night to Professor E. H. Rennie (Federal President).

Mr. Clark proposed "The Chemical Institute" and Mr. J. Hendry responded, and Dr. W. T. Cooke submitted, "Our guests," in behalf of whom Messrs. Duncan and W. E. Powell, Mr. L. Fisher was accompanied.

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A complimentary dinner to the president of the Australian Chemical Institute and of the South Australian branch (Professor E. H. Rennie) was given by members of the Institute at the Grosvenor, North-terrace, on Wednesday evening.

Dr. W. A. Hargreaves (Director of the State Department of Chemistry) submitted the health of the president. They were all very pleased, he said, when they were able to persuade Professor Rennie to take the position of president of the Australian Chemical Institute, which was followed by his appointment as president of the South Australian branch.



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can), the President of the local branch of the Australian Institute of Engineers (Mr. E. V. Clark), and the President of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Australia (Mr. E. F. Gray). The toast list was initiated with "The King," submitted by the Chairman.

A Brilliant Career. Dr. Hargreaves proposed "the President." He said they were all pleased when their guest accepted the position of branch President, and extreme gratification among them followed when he was elected to the Presidency of the Institute. They had met to do honour to one of the greatest chemists in Australia, who was the third President of the Institute, and to celebrate also the honour that had been done to the State by the Institute in the selection of Professor Rennie to take a prominent part in the establishment of the Institute.

Work and Reminiscences. Professor Rennie, who was most warmly greeted on rising to respond, extended sincere thanks for the great honour that they had done him, that evening. He added that he did not think he deserved all the good things that had been said of him. He had, however, been connected with the Institute for a long time, and he was in fact, that he was the senior professor in chemistry in Australia, both as regarded age and rank.

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Professor Rennie was the third president of the Institute, and great credit must be given to him for what he had done in connection with the movement to found an Australian Chemical Institute. He was the highest respect not only in the State but throughout the Commonwealth. He was the first president who could be said to be pure Australian by birth and residence. After a brilliant career in Australia he gained further honours in England, and on his return to Australia he was appointed to the Angus Chair of Chemistry at the Adelaide University.

Mr. F. W. Reid, third branch president of the South Australian branch of the Institute and Principal of the School of Mines, supported.

Dr. E. W. Penruyck referred to the respect in which Professor Rennie was held by all who had any connection with him at the University. (Applause.) Professor Rennie, in his own opinion, expressed his sincere thanks for the honor done to him that night. He was now the senior professor of chemistry in the whole of Australia, both in regard to age and tenure of office. There was only one chemist in Adelaide who was older than himself, and that was Mr. W. Fuller, who was for a long while associated with Professor Rennie at the University of Adelaide, and he had become more and more academic, and he came less and less into contact with outside chemists, for which he was heartily sorry. (Applause.)

Dr. W. E. Clark (president of the South Australian branch of the Institute of Engineers) proposed "The Australian Chemical Institute," to which Mr. J. Hendry responded.

Dr. W. T. Cooke submitted the toast "Our guests," to which the president of the Institute of Engineers (Mr. Robert Dancaus) and the president of the Pharmaceutical Society (Mr. E. F. Gray) responded.

Barrister and Accountant

As chairman of the board of commercial studies at the Adelaide University, Mr. Sydney Russell Booth plays an important part in commercial education in South Australia.

Born in Sydney in 1878, Mr. Booth went to Britain the following year. He was educated at the City of London School, where he won a scholarship which took him to Cambridge. He entered Trinity College, was elected to a foundation scholarship and left with an honors degree in classics.



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lighted at the opportunity of hearing him in oratorio before he leaves for England. He is taking up the study of languages enthusiastically, because he realizes the necessity of doing so in order to equip himself for an oratoric career. Fond of rowing and shooting and other outdoor sports, Mr. Watson has an excellent physique, and he has every advantage on his side when he takes up his studies. He paid a special tribute to Dr. E. Harold Davies for the manner in which he had encouraged and persuaded him to work seriously at his art.

From 1911 to 1918 Mr. Booth was secretary and treasurer of the Australian Tramway Officers' Association, and for two years was secretary of the Hospitalities Committee which was formed in South Australia to provide private hospitality for members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science which visited Australia in August, 1914.

In that year Mr. Booth passed with honours the first examination in book-keeping and auditing of the Australian Corporation of Public Accountants. Mr. Watson is taken part in the Institute of Accountants in South Australia. Book-keeping is his principal hobby, and he has amassed a fine collection of books.

ADV. 24.3.26 THE ELDER SCHOLAR.

MR. WATSON IN ORATORIO.

Mr. Richard Watson, the Elder Scholar, who will leave for London in June in order to take up his scholarship at the Royal College of Music, will appear with the Bach Society in their forthcoming production of "The Messiah." He has been a member of that society for the past five years. "I think the work I undertook with him has been a signal factor in my success, so far," he remarked on Tuesday, "and I am glad to have the opportunity of appearing with them again before I leave."

Among the Bach productions in which Mr. Watson has taken part are "The Dream of Gerontius," Mozart's "Requiem" and Handel's "Messiah." He also sang with great success in "The Creation" and of "Eggar," "King Olaf." Some years ago, when Mr. Vindebo Hall's romantic fantasy, "The Ugly Duckling," was produced, Mr. Watson, though still in his teens, impressed everyone with his work as the Cook in that production.

It is his intention to study for grand opera, and he has already received a good deal of wonderful assistance to him in this regard. He has often been called a baritone role with perfect ease, but it is in the bass register that he says his best work is done.

larger of hearing his father to join him, he inherited his remarkable voice from his father. His friends in Adelaide who have followed his career with interest, will be dis-



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NEWS 24.3.26

Helps Tubercular Soldiers

By his charm of manner and willingness to extend a helping hand to those in need, the Rev. Bernard Edward Charles Tuck, B.A. (pastor of the Parkside Baptist Church) is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. Especially is this so with the inmates of Myrtle Bank Home.

As president of the Tubercular Soldiers' Aid Society, he has spared no effort to relieve the lot of afflicted war heroes. He has held that position for five years, since the society has been in existence. For many years he has conducted church services at the Myrtle Bank Home. The society will on Friday make an appeal for funds with which to continue this great work.

Born at Terowie in September, 1881, Mr. Tuck was educated at the local school. On leaving he entered the business of his father as a carpenter and joiner, and worked at that trade for five years. He then came to Adelaide, and subsequently launched out in business on his own account.

REV. B. E. C. TUCK, B.A.

Giving up his business he went as Baptist home missionary to Pinaroa, B.C. He remained there for 18 months, and then he profited by his early career as evidenced by the Baptist churches erected at Geranium, Peake, and Sheo-look.

To qualify for the ministry he returned to Adelaide and studied arts and theology at the Baptist College. He graduated as minister in 1911, and later obtained his B.A. degree at the Adelaide University.

He ministered at Cowell, Norton Summit, Jamestown, and Glen Osmond. With his architectural knowledge he was able to design several churches and Halls in the country. The Masonic Temple at Glen Osmond were designed by him. While at Jamestown he taught at the High School during the war period for six months.

Mr. Tuck is a past master of the Glen Osmond Masonic Lodge and past chief ruler of the St. Michael's Lodge. He is a keen tennis player and captain of the church team.