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to manage a mine at Kalgoorlie, has  
gone over to base metal mining, and  
his name is much before the public  
in connection with Queensland mining.  
Some five years ago I was reading a  
paper before the Institution of Mining  
and Metallurgy in London in connection  
with the repatriation of miners, and  
one of the first members to speak in  
discussion was H. S. Denny. He had  
just been honored by the King for his  
success in charge of munition works  
during the war. He told me that when  
the Minister for Munitions asked him  
to undertake this work he said he could  
not accept it, as he did not know any-  
thing about the manufacture of munition,  
but the reply came promptly:  
We understand that you were trained  
by Prof Mica Smith at the Ballarat  
School of Mines, and that is good  
enough for us. Could any man refuse  
service after such a compliment to the  
man whom we are honoring to-day?  
There are many others. Geo. Roberts,  
who for years has acted as the mining  
representative on the Senate of the Uni-  
versity of Perth; Latham Watson, who  
after a number of years very stirring  
experiences as an oil engineer in Rou-  
mania and Trinidad, has returned to  
Australia, rather crippled with rheu-  
matism, but is being cured under the  
treatment of Jack Bickett, who has  
worthily carried out the traditions of  
his father, Mr J. M. Bickett, the founder  
of the school, in his ever ready help  
for others, especially those who need it  
most. Might I mention one of our  
most brilliant metallurgists and perfect  
gentlemen, Fred Marriot, who passed  
over just as he had been appointed to  
a very responsible post in South Africa.  
Our friends here to-day might blush if  
I were to speak of their successes, but  
it would not be fitting if I did not  
mention the esteem in which Fred All-  
sop, the Mayor of Kalgoorlie, is held  
by all sections of the community, and  
his work on the council of the National  
Rifle Association. There are some of  
us who often wonder when fortune in  
the shape of a management of a good  
mine will come our way, but what  
ever befalls us, we can always feel sure  
that we can always depend upon the  
good fellowship and help of our old  
schoolmates. There are several lessons  
that the Professor possibly unconsciously  
taught us; one of great calmness and  
kindly action under circumstances that  
might ruffle an ordinary man and  
which can best be described by a story.  
As some of you will remember when he  
became especially interested in some  
subject, such as sound vibrations, he  
would forget that lunch time was one  
o'clock, and the students were not only  
hungry, but also had to get back to  
another lecture at two. No one liked  
to mention the fact, so one youth more  
ingenious than the rest, set an alarm  
clock at 1 o'clock and put it under a  
desk. In due course it went off with  
an unearthly din, and the Professor,  
without any sign of annoyance, waited  
until it finished, went across and picked  
it up, remarking, 'Gentlemen, I do not  
know how you became aware of the  
fact that it is my birthday nor that  
the dearest wish of my heart is for  
an alarm clock. I deeply appreciate  
and thank you for this present.' (Laugh-  
ter). Needless to say he was cheered  
to the echo, and those of us in after  
days when we had to remain calm under  
difficult circumstances ever remembered  
the Professor and his little smile and  
gentle irony. (Applause). The picture  
that we can all remember and one that  
has left a great impression on our lives  
is that of the veneration the Professor  
paid to Miss Mica Smith, as she attend-  
ed the lectures to see that he put on  
his muffler when he went into the  
cold. So that in our callow youth  
learned to venerate women, and I think  
we are indeed proud, and the Professor  
with I am sure feel proud, when I tell  
you that not one School of Mines man  
that came to W.A. has done anything  
to disgrace the name of his old school.  
(Applause). One of the reasons for this  
can be attributed to the fact that Pro-  
fessor Mica Smith taught us a great  
lesson of veneration for women. (Ap-  
plause).  
Mr Turrell said it had been a bigger  
task than he had anticipated to get into  
touch with all the old students in West  
Australia, but it was a most pleasing  
duty to receive the money which was  
sent in so readily. He would like also  
to express their deep appreciation of

hear. The carpenter was  
appreciated it thoroughly. (Applause).  
Mr Turrell also responded.  
Mr J. J. Dunstan also responded.  
The meeting concluded with the toast  
of "The President of the School Coun-  
cil, Mr W. H. Middleton," proposed by  
Mr Harris.  
(Applause).  
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attended the Prize Distribution of  
the Junior school on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst.  
The Principal, Mr Kerelme and the  
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