

17-9-52 ^{on} suggestions. During his visits to country schools he had formed the opinion that area conferences between school councils to ~~and~~ discuss local problems would serve a valuable purpose. He would also like to see closer co-operation between the trade organisations and the schools through a panel of instructors and trade representatives who would discuss problems and developments in industry. He also felt that it should be possible to encourage adults to take academic or cultural subjects in conjunction with craft subjects in part-time classes. Mr French then introduced the matter of the proposed Institute of Technology and said that it was vital for technical schools to keep the subject alive as Parliamentarians were of the opinion that interest in it had fallen off. ~~The President~~ then called on Mr Ellis to address the meeting. Mr Ellis said that the Sydney Institute of Technology now had 4000 students and the relations of the Council of the Institute and the Council of the Sydney University were now most harmonious. He pointed out that during the last 50 years we had advanced from an industrial to a technological age and in his opinion it was vitally necessary for Victoria to have an Institute of Technology. In U.S.A they speak of having advanced into a

17-9-52 new era during the last 10 years and claim that the chemical industries now account for one fifth of the country's total production. They claim ~~affable~~ that this advance has been brought about by the assistance given by Institutes of Technology. In his opinion the University of Melbourne could not meet the demand for such education; the expense would be beyond the finances of the University but would be repaid a thousand fold.

The President thanked Mr French and Mr Ellis for their stimulating addresses.

Retirement of Mr E. G. Savage.

The President referred to Mr Savage's retirement on account of his decision to not seek re-election as a member of the City Council and said that his keen interest in school affairs had been greatly appreciated.

Mr Savage returned thanks and said that he had enjoyed being a member of the School Council and would not neglect any opportunity of helping the school.

The President then invited comment on any matters arising out of the evening's business.

Mr Pearson said that he agreed that the establishment of an Institute of Technology was an urgent matter as from his knowledge it was doing very good work in N.S. Wales.