

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in
Lovent Garden Sept 13th 1928.

Policy of Assoc. Funds &
Reserve Fund.

Prop. by Mr. D. D. Smith

Sec. by Mr. M. F. Hodge

That the recommendation of the Committee
be adopted. (See page 1)
Carried.

Prop. by Mr. R. Hill

Sec. by Mr. Fotheringham

That £20 be paid into the Roseworthy
Old Colley's Reserve Fund & from
the General Fund.

Carried

Appointment of
Officers.

- ✓ Patron. His Excellency the Gov.
- ✓ President. Mr. H. E. V. Richardson
- ✓ Vice " Mr. W. R. Binks
- ✓ Committee

Mr. H. E. V. Richardson (President)

Mr. W. R. Binks

Mr. H. Robson

Mr. W. J. Colclough

Mr. H. J. Jeffries

Mr. R. Hill

Mr. R. H. F. Macindoe

Mr. R. G. Scott

Mr. H. B. Blackmore

Mr. W. Y. Lubbock

Mr. W. J. Gafford

✓ Auditor Mr. H. G. Pritchard

Sec. & Treasurer J. L. Williams

Associate Members

Prop. by Mr. R. H. Macindoe

Sec. by Mr. M. F. Hodge

That old Students from other Agricultural colleges be admitted as Associate members of our Association provided they were financial members of their Old Collegians Associations when they left their respective States & also that these Associations be approached re reciprocation.

Carried

Staff Vacancies

at - R. H. C.

Prop. by Mr. H. C. Batt

Sec. by Mr. Robson

That the Public Service Commissioner be approached as follows:-

That when vacancies occur on the Staff at Roseworthy, preference be given to Old Students of Roseworthy providing ^{that such} ~~that~~ Old students possessed equal qualifications with other applicants for the position.

Financial Statement

Prop. Mr. Gwynne

Sec. Mr. Cook

That the balance sheet as presented be accepted by this meeting.

Carried.

Honorarium

Prop. Mr. R. C. Scott

Sec. Mr. W. Y. Ludbrook

That an honorarium of £10 be granted to the Secretary & that he be requested to accept same.

Carried.

Thanks to Officers

Prof. Mr. W. S. Kelly

Sec. Mr. F. D. Hodge

That a vote of thanks be accorded the
Officers of the Association for their work
during the year.

passed.

Meeting declared closed.

A. E. Richardson
President

ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS

ANNUAL REUNION DINNER.

The annual reunion dinner of the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association was held at Covent Garden on Thursday evening. Members rallied in large numbers, and a most enjoyable time was spent in reminiscences, speeches, and song. The chair was occupied by the president of the association (Mr. W. J. Spafford), and the guests included the Minister of Agriculture (Hon. J. Cowan), Professor Perkins, Dr. A. E. V. Richardson, Mr. W. S. Kelly, the chairman of the Central Agricultural Bureau (Mr. P. H. Jones), Mr. A. M. Dawkins, and the principal of the college (Mr. W. R. Birks).

Mr. A. M. Dawkins, one of the oldest students of the college, submitted "The Minister of Agriculture." They had reason to feel proud, he said, of the head of the department that provided such a wonderful exhibit at the Show. In Mr. Cowan they had a sympathetic and progressive Minister, who well understood the problems that confronted the agriculturist, and was always willing to learn from men with specialised training. He knew the Cowan family in the early days at Yatala, and all of them had taken a deep interest in the affairs of that district. Mr. Cowan was quick to recognise the virtues of the men who had passed through Roseworthy, and always gave the institution the fullest support. (Applause.)

Mr. Cowan said the gathering of the old collegians was a happy idea, and he regretted that he could not be classed as one of them. The Roseworthy student had advantages which others could not enjoy. Large numbers of them were playing an important part in the development of agriculture in South Australia, a fact which redounded to the credit of Professor Perkins and others who had charge in the early days. If merit were the test of appointment as a Minister of Agriculture, he doubted his right to occupy the position before others with greater knowledge, but he bowed to none when it came to encouraging those associated with agricultural development. The exhibits at Wayville, referred to by Mr. Dawkins, were a credit to the officers of the department, and he wished to acknowledge the splendid work they were doing. Professor Perkins, Mr. Spafford, Dr. Richardson, and Mr. Birks were of the greatest assistance to him, and the services they had rendered to the State could not be adequately estimated. Mr. Birks was a worthy successor to the able men who had preceded him as principal of the college. (Applause.)

The toast of "The Roseworthy Agricultural College" was proposed by Mr. W. S. Kelly, who said the college had been fortunate in its principals. In Mr. Birks they had a man who would carry on its best traditions. Roseworthy had a high standing throughout Australia, not only for its research work, but for the standard of the students. The college had reason to feel proud of the type of man being turned out. Testimony was continually forthcoming regarding the benefits of the winter schools held at Roseworthy and the fine spirit in which they were conducted had won the highest regard of the farmers and their sons who had attended.

Mr. Birks, in acknowledging the toast, said the staff looked upon their duties as a life work rather than merely as a means to gain a livelihood. The success of the college depended a good deal on the support received from the public, particularly the agricultural public, and in this connection he paid a warm tribute to Mr. W. S. Kelly, who had been a tower of strength to it. The old scholars would be pleased to know that the place was in good condition physically, and he trusted that all those who visited the institution next Monday would be pleased with the state the place was in. They were not solving their problems as quickly as they would like. The most onerous task was to maintain and raise the educational standard, and last year he was glad to find that there was a general uplift. He had received great encouragement when going through the examination papers. At least 25 per cent. of the boys were qualified to go to the University, and another 25 per cent. would be if they had remained another year at their secondary schools. In this matter great assistance had been received from the Education Department. He was satisfied that the college would exercise a powerful influence, not only on the farming section, but on the general culture of the State, as a fine type of lad was now being sent there. Looking back on the old days they deeply appreciated the almost complete change of attitude towards the institution. There was a time when the farmers ridiculed the college, and it was difficult to get necessities with which to carry on. All that had disappeared, and the most sympathetic support was forthcoming from the Ministry. (Applause.)

The toast of the "Old Collegians' Association" was proposed by Professor Perkins and responded to by Mr. W. J. Spafford. Musical items were rendered by Messrs. Max Jones and F. C. Richards.