

Supreme Court: he was given silk in October, 1963. Judge Hewitt holds the degrees of B.A. and LL.B. of the University of Melbourne. From 1951 until he took silk he was a reporter for the Victorian Law Reports and their successor, and last year a volume on administration and probate in the series of Butterworths' annotated statutes was published under his editorship. During the war he served in the Royal Australian Navy with the rank of lieutenant. He is forty-six.

Basil Lathrop Murray Q.C.

Basil Lathrop Murray Q.C. has been appointed Solicitor-General for the State of Victoria in succession to Sir Henry Winneke. He was educated at the Hale School, Perth, and Trinity College in the University of Melbourne. After service throughout the war with the Royal Australian Navy as a lieutenant, he was admitted to practise in October, 1946. He took silk in March, 1960, and at the time of his appointment was Vice-Chairman of the Victorian Bar Council. He has recently been engaged as an inspector under the Com-

panies Acts of several States in investigating the affairs of the Reid Murray group of companies.

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K. V. Anderson Q.C. was elected Vice-Chairman of the Victorian Bar Council in the place of B. L. Murray Q.C. W. O. Harris Q.C. was elected to fill the vacancy on the Council arising from Murray's resignation.

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The following appointments of Queen's Counsel for the State of Victoria were announced on 22nd July, 1964:

D. P. Whelan (admitted 2nd October, 1950; signed Roll of Counsel 6th October, 1950).

The Hon. B. M. Snedden M.P. (admitted 1st September, 1955; signed Roll of Counsel 19th December, 1955).

While he holds the office of Attorney-General for the Commonwealth, Snedden Q.C. will rank in precedence in Victorian Courts next after the Solicitor-General for the State.

Obituaries

Mr. Justice Hunter

Mr. Justice David Blair Hunter, Chief Justice of Tonga, died at Yaralla Military Hospital on 30th September, 1964, at the age of sixty-five years. His Honour was educated at the Sydney Grammar School and the University of Sydney where he graduated B.A., LL.B. He was admitted to the bar on 31st May, 1923, and, by the time World War II came, he had developed a practice which mainly centred on local government affairs although he in fact appeared in most jurisdictions. Always interested in municipal matters, he became an alderman of the North Sydney Municipal Council and eventually Mayor of that body. During his mayoralty, the North Sydney Olympic Pool was built, no doubt largely due to his influence, because he was at all times a very keen swimmer. During the War, he was a member of the Australian Army Legal Corps and served in Australia and in New Guinea, where he was the Legal Officer for the Lae Base Sub-Area for some time.

After the War he returned to practice, and, in 1954, was appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Tonga, a position which he retained at the time of his death. A kindly, hardworking man, his Honour had a lively wit to which a wide interest in literature largely contributed. He will be missed by a wide circle of friends both within and without the law.

Judge Lloyd, E.D., Q.C.

Judge Alan Stredwick Lloyd, E.D., who was, until his retirement in 1959, chairman of the District Court Judges of New South Wales, died on 28th July, 1964, of pneumonia following on a fracture sustained in a household fall. Born in 1889, his Honour was the grandson of John Williams, Crown Solicitor of the State from 1859 to 1891. He was educated at Sydney Grammar School and the University of Sydney, and was admitted to the bar in 1914. He was Vice-Principal of St. Andrew's College within the University of Sydney

in 1918 and 1919. His Honour acted as a District Court Judge in 1932, 1935, and 1938, and when World War II burst upon the world, he joined the Army in the capacity of a chairman of courts-martial, becoming, in 1942, Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Australian Military Forces, and in 1943 Director of Legal Services when the Australian Army Legal Corps was formed. At the time of ceasing to hold that posting, in 1946, he held the rank of Brigadier. In the same year, he took silk, and in 1947, was appointed to the District Court Bench. He acted as a Supreme Court Justice on several occasions and, in 1953, he became President of the New South Wales Parole Board a position he still held when he died. He was the Chairman of the District Court Judges and held that position until his retirement in 1959. In 1951 and 1952, he was President of the Old Sydneians Union. The bar will wish to extend its sympathy to the members of his family.

Judge Rooney, M.M., Q.C.

In the March, 1964, issue of this Gazette there was a note on the occasion of the then recent retirement of Judge Charles Vincent Rooney of the New South Wales District Court. In that note, it was stated that the profession would wish to extend to him the hope of a long and happy retirement. Alas, this wish was not to be fulfilled, as his Honour died on 12th July, 1964. The sympathy of the bar goes out to members of his family.

Judge Mulvany

Joseph Francis Mulvany, who died in Melbourne as a County Court Judge on 7th July, 1964, was a Judge whose name will not be found enshrined in the law reports. It will not be found even to the extent to which the names of County Court Judges do appear there, in the reports of appeal cases. And that is a tribute not only to his judgments on law and on fact, but also to the satisfaction that parties to litigation entertained

about his handling of their cases. For he was a sound Judge in all the aspects of the judicial function.

But the gathering which crowded St. Patrick's Cathedral for his funeral service and made its way to the Melbourne General Cemetery in the funeral procession was a tribute to him as a man.

Joseph Francis Mulvany was born on 27th March, 1904, at Brunswick, Victoria. He was one of a family which produced public servants, doctors and lawyers for the community. His father was a noted member of the Commonwealth Public Service, who was for many years Secretary of the Department of Commerce. His duties took him to England during part of his son's boyhood, so that part of the latter's education took place there. But most of the education of the late Judge prior to his University days was at the hands of the Christian Brothers at St. Kilda. He was one of their most brilliant students, and a course in Arts at the University of Melbourne fulfilled the promise then shown. He was awarded the Wyeslaskie Scholarship in History and graduated M.A. before turning to the law course. In the young Newman College, where he became resident in 1922, he dominated the student life during his last years there. He rowed in its crew and became the president of its students' club. He was a noted debater and represented the University in two series of debates in 1925 and 1926, first with an Oxford team, comprising A. H. Woodruff, Malcolm MacDonald and Christopher Hollis, and then with a combined English Universities team. He became a member of the Students' Representative Council, and during his law years found time to be both University and College tutor in history. In the Students' Magazine of his College for 1926, it was said of him—"It is safe to say no student, in the eight years of its existence, has left so deep an impression upon the College as Mr. Mulvany."

He was admitted to practise in 1928 and went to the bar soon afterwards. He continued with his University and College tutorships in history, and later, political science, until 1934. By that time his growing practice in all branches of the law demanding a knowledge of principle as well as sound advocacy had marked him for a successful career. Although he came to appear from time to time in constitutional cases, he practised markedly in common law and commercial cases. A retainer from a leading Melbourne daily newspaper involved his frequent appearance in defamation cases. Logic, incisiveness and clarity of impression and voice—the fruit of his debating experience—and a degree of determination, marked his work in court.

In 1947, he took silk, and a year later was persuaded to take a County Court judgeship. In the opinion of many in the profession, the step prematurely cut short a career as a leader of the bar which would have taken him to a superior court.

For sixteen years he carried out his functions as a County Court Judge with distinction and to the satisfaction of the profession and the public. A lively appreciation of the ridiculous and a strong sense of humour, combined with an instinct for what is just, assisted to make his judgments and his conduct of his court, both balanced and humane. He was detached. He saw in the discharge of his office no occasion for excitement or posturing. His name and image were not readily recognized by the public. But for those who practised before him he was a satisfactory judge. And that, in the final appreciation, may be the accolade.

The impartiality and understanding with which he discharged his duties as Chairman of the Police Service Board was reflected in the march of the Chief Com-

missioner and his senior officers and the Police Band at his funeral.

He married in 1929 a lady who was a noted pianist and he maintained throughout his life an interest in the musical and pictorial arts. He died suddenly after presiding over a meeting of the National Gallery Association. His death came as a shock to his many friends, who had not suspected any condition that might cause it, for as one of his colleagues said, "He did not wear his heart on his sleeve." Those who had played golf with him for many years, and had enjoyed his quiet friendship and genial company, had thought of it continuing for a long time.

His death at the age of sixty was a loss not only to them, but to the community.

Francis Joseph Henry Letters

Professor Letters, who recently died at Armidale at the age of sixty-six was, until his retirement at the end of 1963, Associate Professor of Classics at the University of New England.

Educated at Christian Brothers College, Waverley and the University of Sydney, he graduated Bachelor of Arts in 1918 with Honours in Classics and English and Master of Arts in Classics in 1921. In 1926, he graduated a Bachelor of Laws and then went to Europe for twelve months to study modern languages. Upon his return to Sydney, he practised at the bar for ten years and then joined the staff of the University of Sydney in the Department of Greek.

He was an expert linguist as well as being a poet and author of several books on Greek philosophers, being able to speak Latin, Greek, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Hebrew.

Of him, one of his friends said after his death, "It was always fun to be with him and we shall all miss him. He could never be solemn for long, and a conventional obituary would be a travesty."

Kelvin Frank Kingston

On 6th October, 1964, Kelvin Frank Kingston, a member of the bar of New South Wales died. Born in 1919, Kingston was educated at Trinity Grammar School and the University of Sydney, was first admitted to the bar on 15th February, 1946, and remained in practice at the bar until 1951 when he became a solicitor. Tiring of life as a solicitor, however, he returned to the bar being again admitted on 8th June, 1956. Kingston was a quiet, reserved man, not well known among his fellows at the bar and, perhaps, more interested in motor cars than in the practice of the law. He was an ardent golfer and during the War was commissioned as a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force, then becoming an instructor.

Daniel Kieran John Kissane

Daniel Kieran John Kissane, one of the Crown Prosecutors for the State of New South Wales and a member of the bar of that State, died on 20th May, 1964, when he was struck by a motor vehicle on the roadway outside Darlinghurst Court. Kissane was admitted as a solicitor on 13th March, 1942, and carried on practice on the north coast of New South Wales for many years. On 24th October, 1958, his name was removed from the roll of solicitors at his own request and he was admitted to the bar. In 1961 he was appointed a Crown Prosecutor for the Hunter District.

The circumstances of his sudden death came as a shock to the Sydney bar.