

Grammar School

MR. H. V. JONES APPOINTED HEADMASTER

The board of the Launceston Church Grammar School yesterday appointed Mr. H. Vernon Jones to the position of headmaster of the school. Mr. Jones has been acting headmaster since July, 1940.

Besides having a family link with the school dating back nearly 100 years Mr. Jones has a personal association with it which began when he became a pupil there in 1909. He has been a member of the school staff continuously since 1925.

The family link is to be found in the fact that his grandfather, Mr. Donald Morrison, M.A., Edinburgh, conducted his own grammar school in Launceston



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for some years until 1848 and in the prize lists of this school appear the names of several pupils who later attended the Church Grammar School.

"In prize lists of Donald Morrison's school published in 'The Examiner' for December 22, 1847, I have found the names of several Church Grammar School pupils, including those of Richard Green and Alfred Green, whose family has been associated with the Grammar School ever since," said Mr. Jones yesterday.

Mr. Jones, who is the son of Mrs. H. R. Jones, David St., and the late Mr. H. R. Jones, was born at Carrick, where his father owned the property known as Armidale. He was one of a family of nine—five boys, all of whom attend-

ed the Grammar School, and four girls, who attended the Methodist Ladies' College.

Farming and Teaching

He himself went to the school in 1909 as a Clemons scholar, and during his career there he won junior and senior public scholarships, steered the crew for three years, and played in the cricket team for two years.

In 1915 he went on to the University of Tasmania with a scholarship, but at the end of the year resigned his scholarship in order to take up farming. Farming, however, did not hold him for long, despite an intense love of the land, and in 1917 he began his teaching career at the Rockhampton Grammar School, Queensland, where an elder brother, Dr. Hector Jones, had preceded him.

After a short period at Rockhampton he gave up teaching for the time being and moved about the eastern states, gaining experience and knowledge and following a variety of occupations until in 1922 he resumed teaching, this time at the Armidale School. In the following year he returned to the Launceston Grammar School for a short period then spent another year at Armidale, and finally, in 1925, settled down permanently in Launceston.

During the last 20 years Mr. Jones has served under three headmasters—Rev. J. W. Bethune, whose housemaster he was in 1926; Mr. F. R. Adams, and the late Mr. N. H. Roff. When Mr. Roff joined the army in 1940 Mr. Jones was appointed acting headmaster, and his confirmation in the headmastership follows the news of Mr. Roff's death in action on Timor.