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Mr. J. Wyer.

J. WYER—Secretary of the Club since its inception, it came as a surprise to many of the guests at a recent "Nats" function to hear Mr. Wyer say, unashamedly, "I am not a Naturalist." Perhaps that is the greatest tribute ever paid to the Secretary, unwittingly, by himself!

Inspired by the ideals of the Club, firmly believing as all Club members do, that the "Nats" is for the ultimate benefit of the very land we live in, our Secretary has given of his wide executive and administrative experience to benefit the organisation through the past eighteen years.

In 1932 when the Cairns and Tableland Publicity Association (later known as the Cairns and District Tourist Development Association) was the local body endeavouring to convince Australia that the North was really a tropic wonderland, Mr. Wyer came in contact with Dr. H. Flecker, and "Doc's" enthusiasm regarding the possibilities of a Naturalists' Club inspired him to become associated with the venture. The Club's success and world-wide recognition are largely due to his businesslike approach to problems

which, to the Naturalist, pure-and-simple, would appear insurmountable. "Not a Naturalist"—our Secretary brought to the service of the Club his experience as chief executive officer of the Cairns Harbour Board—one of the few Harbour Boards in Australia to maintain an active interest in Tourist Development.

A leading citizen of the town, he is an authority on the early history of Cairns because as he says, "I have lived and grown with the city." Always actively associated with any body honestly working for the betterment of the city, he is a member of the Cairns Chamber of Commerce, the Cairns War Memorial Committee, and the North Queensland Museum Committee.

To his personal knowledge of the district, his sympathetic approach to its problems, and his far-sightedness when surveying the future in prospect, the Club owes much of its success today.

HUGO FLECKER M.B., Ch.M., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), B.A.R., F.F.R., D.R., F.R.G.S.A.—It was said of a retiring headmaster of a famous English Public School that even though his academic achievements were of the highest, his scholastic record most outstanding, and his opinion on the British educational system the accepted authority, yet these paled into insignificance beside the highest honour his students could confer. Throughout his thirty years' association with the School he had always borne an affectionate nickname.

And so it is with our Past President. Universities have honoured him, Royal Societies have been pleased to confer their Fellowships, international authorities have looked to him for a final opinion on points of dispute in his chosen field of Radiology, but to the "Nats" he will always be—"Doc."

Possessed of that gift of almost ingenious simplicity which marks the truly great, his single-mindedness over his eighteen years' association with the Club has been the rock on which the whole structure has been built.

When the Club was founded in 1932, it was "Doc" who associated with our present Secretary in guiding the puling infant through its