

THE KERNOT MEMORIAL MEDAL.

In July, 1909, a committee of representative gentlemen, interested in the work of Professor M. C. Kernot, decided to establish some permanent record, recognising the work he had done in Australia.

An advisory sub-committee of about eight of the Presidents and Secretaries of the professional group of institutions, that were associated with his work, met and decided that a Kernot Medal be established on lines similar to those of the Telford Medal in Great Britain.

The money collected has now been placed in the hands of the Melbourne University Council with the request that the interest be used for the purpose of establishing a medal which shall be awarded for high engineering achievement by an Australian engineer. The award is to be made annually on the report of three assessors appointed by the Council of the University on the recommendation of the Faculty of Engineering.

The medal is to be awarded for "Distinguished Engineering Achievement in Australia"; and any person shall be eligible for the medal who shall have been resident in Australia for a period of not less than five years out of the seven years immediately preceding that in which the award is made.

The Council of the University has recently made the following awards :

- 1926.—Mr. F. W. Clements, previously Chief Engineer and General Manager of the Melbourne Electric Supply Co. Ltd., for his work in establishing and extending the Metropolitan electricity supply in Melbourne.
- 1927.—Professor R. W. Chapman, for teaching and research work at the Adelaide University.
- 1928.—Mr. M. E. Kernot, for having directed the reconnaissance, survey and construction of 1,100 miles of railways in Victoria.
- 1929.—Mr. J. N. Reeson, formerly Chief Engineer of the Metropolitan Gas Co., Melbourne, for the introduction of electric arc welding into large engineering constructions.
- 1930.—Sir John Monash, for his work in connection with the exploitation of Victoria's brown coal deposits, and the bringing to fruition of the State Electricity Commission's schemes.



It is of interest to note that all the above, with the exception of Mr. Reeson, are Members of The Institution of Engineers, Australia.

*Note : The Kernot Memorial Medal is named after WC Kernot not MC Kernot
The wording in the second line appears to be in error.
To date (Aug 2007), no erratum has been found*