thanked Miss de Jersey for arranging the itinerary and preparing historical details.

LATE HERBERT CLARK HOOVER, 31st PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

The death at 90 years of age on October 22nd of President Hoover removed a link with Illawarra of which perhaps not many people were aware.

Although common knowledge that Hoover spent some years in Australia prior to and after the turn of the century, it is not so well-known that he was a Director of The Australian Smelting Corporation Ltd., the successor (December 28, 1905) of the Smelting and Refining Co. of Australia (1901) Ltd., operator of the old Dapto Smelters. The A.S.C. commenced the building of a plant behind the present works of the E.R. & S. Co. Ltd. at Port Kembla but the Corporation did not flourish and very little was done. Some years ago the partially finished chimney of the projected works and which had done duty as an incinerator was demolished. The Society has a slide of an A.S.C. steam locomotive with the Corporation's name on the tank.

Well-known as a Mining Consultant, Hoover at the early age of 22 years was a most "ruthless and efficient" manager of the Sons of Gwallia Gold Mine in Kalgoorlie, W.A.

The above note is based on information supplied by a former Hon. Secretary, David Elison, presently working in England.

SOME OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES — FROM R.A.H.S. NEWSLETTER No. 30:

- 1774 Norfolk Island discovered by Cook.
- 1811 Foundation Stone of Sydney Hospital laid by Macquarie.
- 1817 do St. Matthew's Church, Windsor.
- 1819 do St. James', King Street, Sydney.
- 1821 do St. Mary's R.C. Church.
- 1824 First issue of first independent newspaper, "The Australian."
- 1833 Theatre Royal, Sydney, opened.
- 1835 500 sheep and 50 Hereford cattle landed at Port Phillip.
- 1852 University of Sydney inaugurated.
- 1890 Responsible Government proclaimed in Western Australia.

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