

RETIREMENT - Mr. J.Hogan, B.Sc.

When Mr. Hogan retired in January, 1959, he had completed more than 44 years of service with the Bureau of Meteorology. He commenced as a clerk in 1914, and when some years later he realized that a degree was desirable, with characteristic tenacity he embarked upon and successfully completed the B.Sc. course in his spare time.

The greater part of his service was spent in Melbourne engaged in research and training. Mr. Hogan's most intensive period of research was during the war. The work he was assigned was then highly secret and only those who worked with him will appreciate what a great contribution he made to the war effort in the South Pacific. For years he worked at high pressure during office hours and also took work home in the evening. Even a strong constitution such as his could not stand such a strain and at the end of the war he paid the price of many months of ill-health. He produced during that period the monumental "Weather on the Australian Station" which was so useful to the Navy; and for the Allied Geographical Headquarters he wrote exhaustive climatological reports of the islands which the military authorities had marked as possible "stepping stones" for the Allied advance in the Pacific.

From 1948-54 Mr. Hogan held appointment as Deputy Director, New South Wales and for the greater part of the time since then, he has been Assistant Director of the Bureau of Meteorology in Melbourne.

Invariably one expression comes immediately to the minds of his associates when his name is mentioned - the word "gentleman" was never so apt. To the Bureau, the loss of his technical experience is immeasurable, but throughout the Service, officers will miss the man whose friendliness and sympathy have helped so many.