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KENSINGTON AND NORWOOD GIRLS TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.

"I am delighted to have the privilege this evening of opening this beautiful new school. I feel a certain sense of pride of creation and ownership in this particular school. I have had the opportunity over many years of close association with Norwood Girls Technical High School where I was on the Council until I became a Minister when it was no longer possible for me to sit on the Council, but my duties were then taken over completely without authority by another member of the family - my bull terrier attending the school on any occasion when she could get out and go down there, and I was accustomed to receiving rings from Miss Bartleet at frequent intervals informing me that Lucy was at the school paying avid attention to the Geography class - please would we come and get her. But the story of this new school goes back now some years. The site of the school at Osmond Terrace was gravely over-crowded through the mistake of putting the Technical school on to the site in the 1920's. This meant that there was a jumble of old buildings, inadequate playing space and no room to expand. Now, Norwood Girls Technical High School grew to such an extent that it overflowed into neighbouring Church halls and children had to cross the road outside school boundaries to attend classes. It was clear that some kind of replanning had to be done. The Kensington Girls Technical High School was opened in the old High School building on Beulah Road, but in my view it seemed to be quite illogical to establish two Girls Technical High Schools within a mile of one another which led to unnecessary duplication of staff and facilities and still left the situation at Osmond Terrace unsatisfactory. As a result, I proposed to the Department and to the Council and School Committee that an entirely new school should be established here at Beulah Road - a new three-storey building - and that the Norwood Girls Technical High School should move to the Beulah

Road site and be amalgamated with Kensington. It was quite a battle to get this accepted, but in due course it was and we have seen the results today, and this beautiful school is quite a revelation to those of us who have been around with the old school facilities such as have existed on the Osmond Terrace site for so many years.

This beautiful school will provide some of the best facilities in Technical High Schools anywhere in this State, on an excellent site with room for everything that could be wished for a school. At the same time, pressure on the Osmond Terrace site has been relieved so that old buildings can be removed, adequate playing space provided and facilities made available for the Demonstration school to make it the finest in South Australia.

I want to pay a tribute to the Council of the school, particularly to Mrs. Watson, the president for so many years, whom I am delighted to see here tonight, to the Head Mistresses we have known in recent years who have so effectively voiced the fine spirit for which this school is renowned - Miss Gurney and Miss Bartleet have been inspiring and effective Head Mistresses and we are very lucky to have had them in Norwood."

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The Hon. Sir Arthur Rymill, M.L.C. and the Mayor of Kensington and Norwood both expressed thanks to the Premier and to Mr. Walker, the Director-General of Education who presented the prizes, and the girls of the school presented the Premier with a pair of beautiful copper inlaid cufflinks.