

board, and the senate, will occupy their appropriate places, and will represent by their numbers and by their unusual gorgeousness the very patent fact that the University is something more than a mere building. With the exception of a few seats reserved for the members of the University the library will be thrown open to the public, and will doubtless be crowded to its utmost capacity. We await with some curiosity and interest the publication of the annual report of the council. The year has been a memorable one, for many new enterprises have been undertaken, and the public will be anxious to know the exact facts and figures connected with the work of the year. The reports that have been published of the meetings of the senate have presented the outcome of no small amount of busy lawmaking on the part of the council and its committees. Statutes and regulations affecting the new school of medicine and the more novel school of music have been passed. The conditions on which the Angas engineering scholarship is held have been discussed and revised. Statutes regulating the use of the recently fitted chemical laboratory by students and by members of the public desiring special practical instruction have been adopted. Besides these, the senate has revised its own standing orders, and has thus simplified its procedure and united itself more closely with the council.

The chief events of the year have been the establishment of the two new schools and the experimental classes for outside students in the evening. The University and the public may both congratulate themselves on the additions that have been made to the teaching staff. Professor Watson as an enthusiast in anatomy, and as a man acquainted with all the last and best arrangements for carrying on that branch of study, has made the small medical school as nearly perfect as it can be. The old powder magazine, with the addition of a dissecting-room and lecture-room, makes a very neat and complete suite of apartments for its new purpose. It was said by some who were disposed to find fault that Sir Thomas Elder's gift of £10,000 was a white elephant; that it was either

too much or not enough for the purpose of founding a medical school; that the University would not be able to take advantage of it because of the amount of extra expenditure on buildings that it would involve; and that finally no students would be forthcoming. The council met their difficulties by attempting no more than to give instruction in the first two years of a medical course, for which Sir Thomas's munificent gift is sufficient. The possession of the old powder magazine enabled them to erect the needful buildings at a small cost, and when six students enrolled themselves the last difficulty vanished. To complete the necessary arrangements another lecture-room and laboratory is needed, and that is to be built during the recess. It will be a plain and modest addendum at the rear of the present buildings, and will be so arranged as not to interfere with future additions of a more pretentious character. These rooms will be devoted to the study of physiology, which, under Dr. Stirling, has for some years been one of the most popular studies in the University. In this time of depression among the working classes any new enterprise of this kind, even if small, is a welcome relief to a tightened labor market. The colony owes a debt of gratitude to His Excellency Sir W. F. C. Robinson for the action that he took towards establishing a school of music in Adelaide. The result has been very

encouraging. The council succeeded in securing the services of a professor who is in every way suitable for the difficult and delicate position which he was called to fill. Professor Ives, by his skill as a performer, by his thorough knowledge of the science of music, and by his aptness as a teacher, has been able in one year to place the study of music on a sound and satisfactory basis. His classes have been well attended, no fewer than forty-two students having been enrolled. Sixteen students passed the first year of the Mus. Bac. curriculum. We noticed in the report of the proceedings of the last meeting of the senate, when the regulations for this degree were submitted and passed, that the first regulation gives the student in music a considerable advantage in allowing him to defer his matriculation till the second year. Students in music are generally specialists, and the matriculation was likely to stand as an impassable barrier in the way of their entrance on this peculiar line of study. By removing this barrier to a later period in the curriculum it will surely frighten no one who desires to complete his course.

Another notable feature in the year's work has been the establishment of evening classes. Here again the public is indebted to Sir Thomas Elder, who gave £1,000 towards these classes. Their success has been only moderate. Six classes were arranged for. Two of them were undertaken voluntarily by the professors, viz., Greek by Professor Kelly, and geology by Professor Tate. Three of them were entrusted to selected lecturers, viz. Professor Boulger, Mr. Byard, M.A., and Mr. H. Churchward, B.A. The Greek class fell through, enthusiasm for that difficult but noble study not being sufficient to carry the class on to the end of the year. The classes in mathematics were more largely availed of by evening students than the others. The whole system was an experiment, and as such has been sufficiently successful to warrant the council in making more complete and varied arrangements for the coming year. One hundred and eighteen were enrolled as evening students at the beginning of the year, but not half of these were in

at the finish. It is to be hoped that the council will endeavor to arrange for classes for the study of English and political economy, which were the subjects which were especially desired by those who were prominent in the agitation for the establishment of these classes. One familiar face will be missed from the assembled graduates to-day. Professor Lamb, M.A., has seen fit to accept the position of Mathematical Professor in Owen's College, Manchester. His place has not yet been supplied. Our telegrams inform us that there are several good candidates for the vacant chair. It is to be hoped that the chosen successor will be one of whom the colony will have reason to be as proud as it was of Professor Lamb, who was selected to occupy one of the fellowships of the Royal Society. One noteworthy feature of the celebration to-day will be the conferring of the first B.Sc. degree on one of the students of this University, and this is rendered all the more remarkable because the candidate who has won this unique position is a young lady. The famous proverbial line of Tennyson anent girl graduates expresses to-day an accomplished fact in this colony. It is to be hoped that Miss Dornwell may be the precursor of a long line of graduate girl bachelors. It is always easy to find fault, and doubtless if anyone were so disposed some weak places might be detected in the arrangements of the University, but it is satisfactory to find that year by year the University is growing in usefulness, and as it does this it will row in popular favor.

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