

easy conversational style, his remarks were calculated to produce, and did produce, a profound impression. In his Diocese the Bishop has sought to make the best of things as he found them. This is especially noticeable in his attitude with regard to the education question, and the same characteristic distinguished his speech on Saturday night. He does not conceal his preference for the older type of University, but he does not, therefore, think it his duty to rail at the new order of things. Like every earnest student, and every lover of humanity, he is anxious that higher education should have the highest and noblest aims. For this reason he impressed upon his audience the way in which, in his judgment, the training received in Universities constituted upon the same model as the Adelaide University is, may produce the noblest results. It is probable that exception will be taken to some of his views; but every one must admire the vigorous and manly style in which he gave utterances to his own convictions, and the optimistic spirit in which he spoke of methods of work that do not secure his entire sympathy. With the Chancellor we regret exceedingly that Saturday night's meeting was in the nature of a farewell to the Primate. It was hardly to be expected when Dr. Barry came to the colonies five years ago that he would spend the rest of his life here; but it was hoped that his stay would be longer, than it has been. He has not, perhaps, exercised the same kind of personal influence that Bishop Moorhouse wielded; but he has done valuable and conscientious work as a Bishop and as an Australian citizen, which have secured for him the respect and esteem of the members of his own flock and of all classes of Australians.

The reasons given by the Chancellor for holding the meeting in the Town Hall, and at such an unusual hour, were valid enough. It would be well, however, for those who are responsible for future arrangements to profit by the experience gained on Saturday night. In the anxiety to afford the public an opportunity of being present, invitations were issued with a lavish hand. They were so generally accepted that there was a great crush when the outer doors were opened, which was increased by the slowness of the ingress to the Hall in consequence of only one door being opened. As the University is a public institution mainly supported by the public funds the arrangements for its public ceremonials are fair subject for criticism, and this is why we venture to refer to the matter. If invitations are issued at all it would be far better to issue them only to citizens and others whose position entitles them to special distinction, leaving the public to respond or not as they chose to a general invitation, or else to issue no invitations at all, leaving every one to take his chance. The arrangement that was made on Saturday night was singularly ineffective in one or two respects. There was an unpleasant and undesirable rush for seats, and some who have taken a very direct interest in University work were forced into the background. As regards the number attending and the interest maintained in the proceedings the ceremonial was a brilliant success.

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THE active life of the University of Adelaide scarcely numbers thirteen years. The Statute of Incorporation was passed in 1874, but the records of matriculation date back no further than September, 1876. Like the old historic universities of the mother country, the Adelaide University has its annual commemorations for admitting to degrees those of its undergraduates who have passed the Rubicon. Like them too, it grants to graduates of other universities what are known as *ad eundem* degrees, and exercises the right to confer degrees *honoris causâ* on those who have achieved distinction in other than academic careers. It is the latter function which invests the commemoration of a great University, as for example Oxford, with such widespread interest, whether these degrees are conferred by a warrior and statesman like the Duke of Wellington, whose Latin was such a trial to the undergraduates' gallery, or by a classical scholar, like the late Lord Derby, who on the spur of the moment could change the language of the formula, as when he brought down the aforesaid gallery by addressing Lord Stanley as *fili mi dilectissime*. The University function of Saturday evening was not commemoration. But it will be a long time before the annual ceremonial of the Adelaide University is invested with such interest. From the throng which crowded the noble chamber of the Town Hall, on not the most convenient evening of the week, it is evident that the University has taken no slight hold of the people of South Australia. It must be equally evident that for some time to come that spacious hall is the only place where such functions can be properly held. It may seem more in accord with the eternal fitness of things that the Adelaide University should have its own theatre for University ceremonials. And no doubt this will come in the fulness of time. Meanwhile it is pleasant to note, what was not the invariable characteristic of University life and history in the middle ages, the thorough concord between City and University. Town and gown rows of later days were undoubtedly a conservative echo on the part of undergraduates of the strife which used to subsist between *Universitas* and *Municipium*. In this connection we may pay a passing compliment to the behaviour of the undergraduates on Saturday evening. It would be against all tradition, and contrary to the habits and nature of the genus, in whatever clime it has its being, if these young gentlemen did not make their presence known. But their performance on Saturday was rigid decorum, viewed in comparison with recent exhibitions in a neighboring colony, and of the mildest when compared with proceedings near the Isis and the Cam.

The Chancellor, in a very effective opening speech, clearly explained why the somewhat unusual time of 8 o'clock on Saturday evening was fixed for the conferring of degrees. It was a matter not of choice but of necessity. And from a letter of remonstrance which had been addressed to him he drew the happy but perfectly fair inference that the interest felt in the University and all its works was widespread. Of course the necessity of the case was that it was the only opportunity of conferring an *ad eundem* degree