

THE UNIVERSITY.

In the course of his opening remarks at the University commemoration on Wednesday, the Chancellor (Sir George Murray) said he felt sure that those present would expect him to offer heartiest congratulations to the Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Mitchell) and Professor Chapman, on the honours conferred on them by His Majesty the King. Those honours were gratifying as showing that the work which had been done for educa-

South Australia's profound esteem for higher learning, both in arts and sciences, is pleasingly manifest in the annual Commemoration of the University. The great gathering in the Elder Hall on Wednesday inspired added confidence in the State, by suggesting that its future must be chiefly influenced by men and women of trained intellect and broad vision. Every year the State is perceptibly enlarging its forces of capable young citizens of energy and enterprise, and the University is playing a highly necessary part in equipping them for worthy careers. For the first time the delivery of an address by a member of the professorial staff was omitted, the reasons given being that the deliverance would render the proceedings rather too lengthy, and that the acoustic properties of the hall were not all that could be desired. Apparently this hitherto prominent item of the programme will be permanently dispensed with, for it may be assumed that the number of degrees conferred will continue to increase. It is fitting that on this occasion the Chancellor should review the year's activities, and Sir George Murray's survey gave an excellent idea of the principal events of an exceptionally interesting year. The audience appreciated the eloquent tributes paid to the memories of the late Professor Rennie, Mr. Justice Poole, and Sir George Brookman.

A cordial welcome was extended to Dr. A. W. Hill, Director of the Royal Kew Botanic Gardens, England, on whom was conferred the degree of Doctor of Science *ad eundem gradum*, and Dr. Herbert Henry Woollard, who took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in like manner. Evidence of the expansion of the University's usefulness is always hailed with enthusiasm, and the splendid liberality of Mr. T. E. Barr Smith, Mr. John Melrose, Sir Langdon Bonython, and Sir Josiah Symon in this regard was gratefully acknowledged. No less hearty was the approval indicated of the establishment of a Presbyterian Residential College in connection with the University. Features of the Commemoration were the signs of ever-growing attention to scientific research in relation to the further development of agricultural, pastoral, and mineral resources; also the ambition of many young men to qualify in commercial subjects. The great value of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute is constantly emphasised. It is extremely gratifying to know that no inconsiderable portion of the accumulated private wealth of the State is being devoted to the endowment of higher learning, and, in view of the opportunity afforded to youths and maidens in all classes of society to share in the benefits of University education, it is reasonable to expect that the Government will readily transfer to the institution such further lands as may be required to ensure the adequate prosecution of its noble aims.

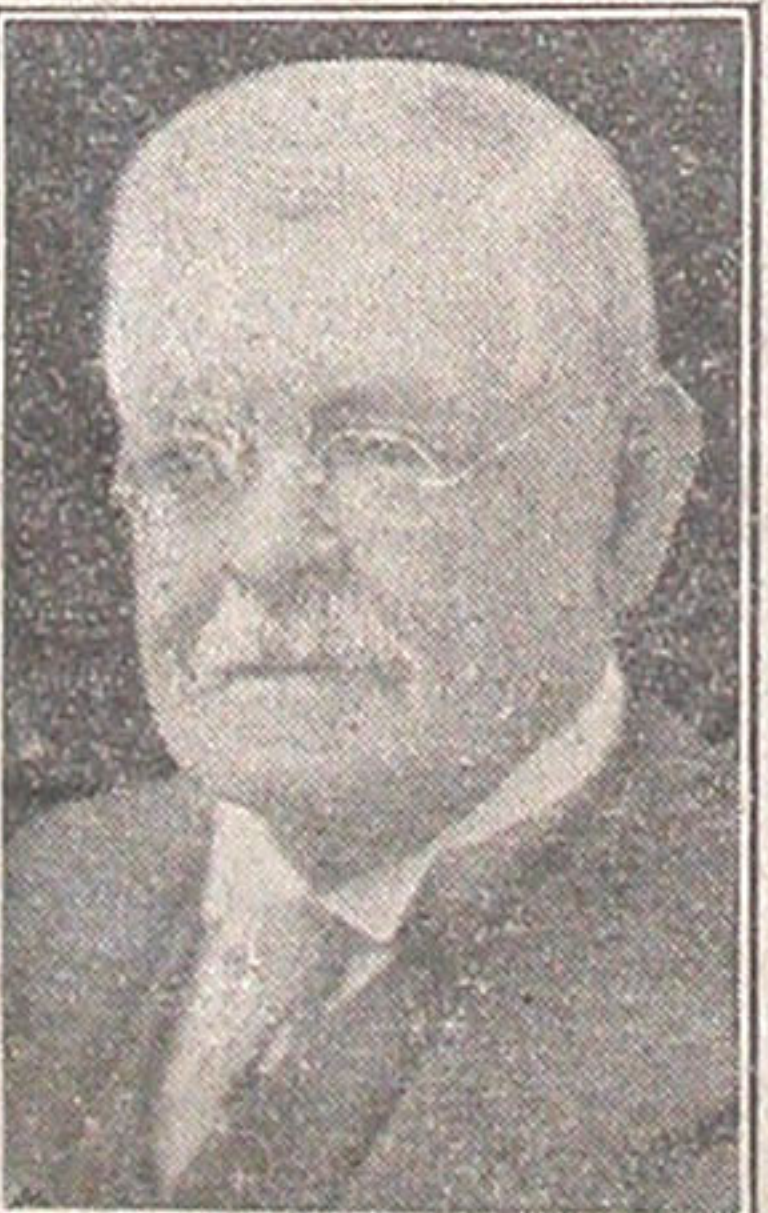


SIR WILLIAM MITCHELL.

tion in the comparative seclusion of the council, classroom and study, was not allowed to go unnoticed or unappreciated. Sir William Mitchell, he said, was leaving for England before the end of the month for the purpose of passing his Gifford lectures through the press. Professor Chapman would be acting Vice-Chancellor during his absence. Sir William explained on Wednesday evening that his book will comprise the Gifford lectures, volume one, and will be entitled "The Place of Minds in the World." He will sail on the Maloja on December 22.

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Mr. W. Fuller, retiring Lecturer in History at the Adelaide University, after 47 years' continuous service, in the course of remarks made at the graduates' luncheon on Wednesday, spoke of the development of the University within half a century. He received the appointment



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in answer to an advertisement, and began duties in 1881, when there were 15 graduates, 57 undergraduates, four professors, 1 laboratory assistant, and six scholars. Among his students was numbered one who had obtained the highest position in the State, as Lieutenant-Governor, Chief Justice, and Chancellor of the University. Moreover, one who was a gentleman in every sense of the word—Sir George Murray. Continuing comparisons in development, Mr. Fuller remarked that, in 1926, there were 73 undergraduates, 750 nongraduates, 82 post-graduate, 10 professors, 56 full-time lecturers, 70 half-time lecturers, 12 laboratory assistants. In 1881 the annual expenditure was about £300. In 1924 £100,000 was spent.

RHODES HOUSE LIBRARY

Branch of Famous Bodleian

APPLICATIONS OF KEEPER

Dr. J. C. V. Behan (general secretary in Australia for the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, and Warden of Trinity College, University of Melbourne), has received messages indicating that definite progress has been made with the building at Oxford of the magnificent Rhodes House.

This building was designed by Mr. Herbert Baker for the Rhodes trustees. He was the architect for some of the finest buildings in South Africa, and of the Winchester War Memorial Cloisters. Further, in collaboration with Sir Edwin Lutyens, he was responsible for the new Delhi.

The building, when complete, will form three sides of a quadrangle—open on the south. On the north will be a great hall, filling the side, which is intended to be used for lectures and banquets; on the west will be a library, with reading rooms below it; and on the east a dwelling for the Oxford representative of the trust.

It has now been announced that the trustees are making a world-wide call for applications (receivable at the office of the Rhodes Trust in London on or before March 14, 1928) for the post of keeper of Rhodes House library.

It is intended there to make a special collection of works dealing with the history and literature of the British dominions and of the United States. However, the library will be a department of the world-famous Bodleian, and its keeper will be an official of the latter, and responsible to Bodley's librarian.

Subject to the approval of the Bodleian curators his duties will be so arranged that he may also hold a lectureship or research fellowship at one of the Oxford colleges.

Full details of the qualifications, conditions of appointment, and mode of application have been forwarded by the trustees to Dr. Behan, warden's lodge, Trinity College, Parkville, Victoria, who will answer all enquiries on the subject.

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Mr. F. M. Bailey, son of Mr. J. F. Bailey (Director of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens), returned to Adelaide by the express on Wednesday morning. After having studied forestry for two years at the Adelaide University, Mr. F. M. Bailey spent a year at the Australian School of Forestry at Canberra. He will take his degree of Bachelor of Science here. Early next year he will enter upon an engagement for three years in the Forestry Department of the New South Wales Government.

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UNIVERSITY GRADUATES.

Out of Doors Luncheon.

The eighth annual luncheon of the Graduates' Association of the University of Adelaide brought together more than 150 people on Wednesday, under a leafy canopy of elm trees, in the Botanic Park. Excellent arrangements had been made by the honorary secretary, Mr. D. H. Hollidge, M.A. There were five long tables set out in the western portion of the grounds, and at the official board were seated:—The Chairman, Professor A. L. Campbell (Vice-President), the Minister of Education (Hon. M. McIntosh), Professor R. W. Chapman, Professor C. S. Hicks, Professor Woollard, Dr. R. H. Puleine, Dr. Floy McCoy Hill, Dr. A. W. Hill, of Kew Gardens, London; Mr. W. Fuller, retiring lecturer on histology; and Mr. W. G. T. Goodman.

Professor Campbell, in bidding welcome to the new graduates, referred to the absence of Mr. E. W. Holden (President) in Melbourne. He also expressed pleasure that the Minister of Education could find time to be present.

State Education and University.

Mr. McIntosh, in acknowledging the greeting, congratulated the graduates, and reminded them that all could not be equally successful. Those who had not yet attained their aspirations, still could go on and would find room on top. For the time being they had finished, and could enjoy a vacation. That afternoon brought the more pleasing duty of receiving something in return for their work. Speaking in behalf of the Education Department, Mr. McIntosh said they were

proud of the University. The State had assisted very materially in the foundation and endowment of that wonderful institution, and could point with a great deal of pride to the progress made in a young State. The Minister hoped that the graduates of the day would keep up the traditions of those who had gone before them, and was sure that they would do so. Those concerned were looking forward with pleasurable pride to participating in different schemes of education, but it was not possible to establish a perfect system, either in the University or out of it, and there was likely to be criticism. But, with boys and girls of average mentality, there was full opportunity for advancement. That had been demonstrated by the latest Rhodes scholar, who had been taught in the State schools. So they had byroads, as it were, whereby could be attained a blue-ribbon honour, such as that scholarship. Between the services rendered by State education and the University to the State, their young country was proceeding along lines to be most desired. In conclusion, the Minister wished the throng a very happy Christmas with prosperity and progress in the new year. He hoped that what had been attained would be a forerunner to still greater achievement in the future. (Applause.)

Appreciative Replies.

Mr. A. H. Lendon (first class in medicine), replying for the male section of the graduates, expressed their pleasure and gratitude to the association for extending such a cordial welcome to their ranks. Great advantage must accrue from being in contact with seniors, and it was to be hoped that more frequent meeting could be arranged, in order to learn to know one another better. (Applause.)

Miss M. M. Frost (first class in English) spoke for the feminine company. She said that such a union was something in the nature of light in darkness. When their studies were completed, they seemed to have come to an end that was really a beginning, in a wider sense. They were taking up more responsibility, with less hope of guidance than before. But the Graduates' Association reminded them they would not be alone, and would help them at a time when they needed individuality.

Other Speakers.

Professor Woollard (recently appointed Professor of Anatomy in place of Professor Wood Jones), replying for graduates of other universities receiving the same degree in Adelaide, referred in terms of deep appreciation to the honour thus paid them. It was a generous way to treat them. Australian graduates were esteemed in London, particularly those in medicine, for the excellence of their training, and their willingness to make great sacrifices to attain proficiency in their profession.

Dr. A. W. Hill, of London, added his tribute of appreciation that he would be admitted to a degree at the University that afternoon. Here and in Western Australia such hearty welcomes had been given him that he felt much at home already. An interesting link between his post at Kew Gardens, London, and the one in Adelaide, was forged in the naming. Kew had been founded by Princess Augusta, in the reign of George III., and Adelaide had been named from royal association also. Both had been great ladies in history. Speaking of general impressions, Dr. Hill dwelt upon wonderful strides made in what had been virgin forest, whereby man's efforts had produced areas of cultivation that were almost incredible. The Waite Institute received a eulogy for work destined to make a mark all over Australia. (Applause.)

Professor Campbell then drew the attention of the assemblage to the retirement of Mr. W. Fuller, after 47 years of service on the University staff as lecturer in histology. Mr. Fuller had won their general regard after such hard and unremitting toil. In one sense he had taken an inconspicuous part, yet had done a great work, really. Some people might not recognise it, but the students did. During that 47 years, some famous men, and some lost to fame, had passed through his hands. One student with whom Mr. Fuller had been formerly associated, "was one George Murray." (Laughter and applause.) Though the lecturer parted officially with the University, he would not do so socially. They all wished him good-speed after his labours carried through on their behalf. (Applause.)

Mr. Fuller, who was given an ovation, made references to the work begun and finished (which appear in another column), with interesting comparisons. Mr. Fuller added that great consideration and kindness had been shown him at all times by the professors and the staff. He felt he was not leaving the University altogether, for two years ago, he lost the top of his finger, and had left it for microscope work. So he would be still with them in the flesh; and he trusted in spirit, too! (Laughter and applause.)

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The conferring of *ad eundem* degree honoris causa was a special distinction for those who had attained eminence before or since they graduated in their universities, said the Chancellor of the University (Sir George Murray), speaking at the commemoration on Wednesday. That day it was his privilege to admit Dr. Arthur William Hill to the degree of Doctor of Science. Dr. Hill was a Fellow of the Royal Society, the distinguished Director of the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, and botanical adviser to the Secretary of State for the Dominions. He was visiting Australia at the request of the Empire Marketing Board of London, in furtherance of the research work that body had instituted. He offered him a most hearty welcome on behalf of the University, and thanked him cordially for permitting them to honour themselves by honouring him.