

THE UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATION.

Degrees Conferred on Graduates.

Benefactions to the University.

an equal footing was by adopting the same principle of levying wharfage as they did.

Pastoral Committee.

The report of the pastoral committee stated that the appointment of Mr. E. A. Brocks as a member had been of great value to the committee in its deliberations. The committee carefully considered the report of the Royal Commission on the Pastoral Industry, and in its capacity as an advisory committee to the Government, forwarded a number of suggestions, which it considered would tend to improve the working of any legislation based on that report. As a question has been raised in regard to the fixing of more stringent conditions in connection with overstocking, the committee was of opinion that the regulations governing the stocking of country as provided for under the present pastoral leases was adequate to protect the interests of the Government in regard to the overstocking of the country during the proposed tenure of the new leases. The committee approved of the efforts being made to improve the production of lambs by the growing of special fodders, and was pleased with the work that was being done by the Government in this connection. The committee proposed during the coming year to follow up the matter of further improvement of pastures and to make every effort to encourage the development of this side of the industry.

Trade, Commerce, and Transport.

The trade, commerce, and transport committee had met at intervals, and had been engaged on the general question of marketing. The obstacles that were usually encountered before a market could be said to be "captured" were well recognised by the committee, but nevertheless those obstacles should be overcome if a properly organised system of marketing was established. Even when a market was established it had been proved that without a proper attention to detail it could easily be spoiled, if not lost altogether. It was impossible to lay too much stress on small details with regard to grading, packing, and labelling. With a view to discussing the necessity for the establishment of a proper system of inspection and supervision of production and organisation of trade, more particularly for export, the committee invited Mr. H. W. Gepp, chairman of the Development and Migration Commission, to attend a meeting, and Mr. Gepp signified his willingness to do so when in Adelaide.

New Zealand Buys Foreign Fruit.

The attention of the committee was drawn to the imports of dried fruits into New Zealand. Those showed that out of over 9,000,000 lb. weight of raisins and sultanas imported, Australia supplied under 4,000,000 lb., and the United States of America over 5,000,000 lb. It was understood that those figures would be improved for last season, but with this market available, the committee considered that all possible steps should be taken to secure it, particularly in view of the fact that Australia supplied practically the whole of the currants required by that market. All the dried apricots imported by New Zealand were supplied by South Africa.

Suburban Markets.

Whilst considerable attention had been paid to the overseas marketing of our produce, the possibilities of extending the home market had not been lost sight of, and as proposed by the committee in its report to the council last year, the question of suburban markets had been followed up. Evidence taken from the manager and the chairman of directors of the Soldier Producers' Marketing Society—which operated the market at Port Adelaide—was most satisfactory, and the society was to be congratulated on the success achieved, which was clearly shown when local traders are prepared to erect their own brick stalls in the market.

In view of this evidence, the committee was encouraged to proceed with the idea of an extension of this type of market to other well-populated suburbs. The city of Unley, which had the highest figures for population, was selected, and representatives of the Unley City Council were invited to attend a conference with the committee, representatives of the Soldier Producers' Marketing Society also being present. As a result the committee was pleased to be able to report that the Unley City Council strongly supported the scheme, and the committee understands that a suitable site had been made available on a favorable lease for 21 years. It is hoped, therefore, that a retail market would, before long, be opened in that centre. The committee were strongly of opinion that this system of marketing was both favorable to the producer and the consumer, and trusted that a full measure of support would be accorded to the undertaking.

The committee was pleased to know that encouragement was being given by the Government to the Department of Agriculture for experimental purposes in connection with the growing of tobacco. In addition to the work being done as a State function, experimental work was also being undertaken by that department for the Commonwealth Council, supported by the British Australian Tobacco Company.

The annual commemoration ceremony of the University of Adelaide was held in the Elder Hall of the Conservatorium of Music on Friday afternoon. The Chancellor of the University (Sir George Murray) presided, and with him on the platform were His Excellency the Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven), the members of the Council and Senate, and the teachers, lecturers, and professors of the University. The members of the Senate and Council met in the concert-room of the Conservatorium at 2.50 and proceeded to the Elder Hall in the following order:—Bachelors of Music, Bachelors of Science, Bachelors of Engineering, Bachelors of Arts, Bachelors of Dentistry, Bachelors of Medicine, Bachelors of Laws, Masters of Arts, Masters of Science, Masters of Engineering, Masters of Laws, Doctors of Music, Doctors of Science, Doctors of Letters, Doctors of Dentistry, Doctors of Medicine, Doctors of Laws, the Warden of the Senate (Mr. Justice Angus Parsons), the teachers of the Elder Conservatorium, the lecturers of the University, the professors of the University, members of boards, the Council, and the Registrar (Mr. F. W. Eardley), the Mace (carried by Mr. C. W. Andersen), and the Chancellor. The "Song of Australia" was played on the organ by Dr. E. Harold Davies during the procession. When the Chancellor and the members of the Council and Senate had taken their seats on the platform, His Excellency the Governor, who was attending in his capacity of official visitor to the University, was conducted to the platform by the acting Vice-Chancellor (Professor R. W. Chapman). His Excellency was attended by Mr. Legh Winser (private secretary).

The Chancellor's Address.

The Chancellor said as that was the first occasion on which His Excellency had been present at an official gathering of the University, he took the opportunity of offering to him on behalf of the Council, the Senate, and himself, a most cordial welcome. They desired to convey to His Excellency, as the representative of His Majesty the King, the assurance of their constant loyalty and devotion to his throne and person, and in the anxious circumstances in which they met, they would add an expression of their profound sympathy with His Majesty in the serious illness from which he was suffering. They prayed that it might please the Almighty to spare one who had endeared himself to his people throughout the Empire by his high sense of duty and his affectionate regard for their welfare, and to restore to him the blessing of health for a long continuance of his beneficent reign. In His Excellency, as the visitor of the University, they recognised the censor of their conduct in the administration of their trust, and they promised him due obedience. To Lady Hore-Ruthven, who, he regretted, was not present, and to His Excellency, they offered their respectful gratitude for the kindly way in which they had associated themselves with all sections of the community and for the interest they had taken in their various pursuits. They trusted that they would have a happy time in South Australia, and that the University of Adelaide would be able to contribute some pleasure to their sojourn in the State. (Applause.)

Tribute to Lord Tennyson.

The passing of Hallam, Lord Tennyson, evoked memories of a former Governor who did much for art and literature in Adelaide. Through his influence the bust of his father, by Woolner, the portrait by Watts, and a beautiful picture of "Love and Death," by the same artist, were now in the Adelaide Art Gallery, and Lord Tennyson himself had founded the Tennyson medals for English literature in public examinations, which they valued as much for their name as for the encouragement they had given to literary studies in the schools. His Lordship was an honored member of the Senate of the University. They would always remember him with gratitude and affection. The events of importance within the University during the year had been so numerous that he could not do more than touch upon them very lightly. The Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Mitchell) had been absent in England since the last commemoration in connection with the publication of his Gifford lectures, but his presence there had been most helpful to the University in many ways, particularly in relation to the appointment of new members of the staff. His return was expected early in February. Professor Chapman had carried out the duties of Vice-Chancellor

during Sir William Mitchell's absence, with the sympathy, tact, and good judgment for which he might be depended upon. The recent award to him by the Australian Institute of Engineers of the P. M. Russell Memorial Medal for Engineering only confirmed the high estimation in which Professor Chapman was held by those most competent to form an opinion on the excellence of his work. (Applause.)

Resignation of Sir Joseph Verco.

The resignation of Sir Joseph Verco from all his offices in the University on the ground of ill-health, was received by the Council with deep regret. Sir Joseph's services to the University from the foundation of the medical school, in which he had taken a leading part, to the establishment of the dental school, for which he was mainly responsible; his services as a lecturer, member of the Council, and a benefactor, his long connection with the Adelaide Hospital as honorary physician; his work for the Red Cross during the war; the eminent position he had obtained in the practice of his profession, his sincerity, courtesy, and benevolence, entitled him to be regarded as one of the best men South Australia had ever had. His health, he was happy to say, had improved since he was relieved of his responsibilities, and they had good ground for hoping that he would regain a large measure of his former vigor. (Applause.) Sir Douglas Mawson, now the greatest living authority on Antarctic exploration, had had further distinctions conferred upon him by the award of the gold medal for oceanographic work by the Geographical Society of Paris and the Nachtigall Gold Medal by the Geographical Society of Berlin. The high attainments of Sir Henry Simpson Newland, as a surgeon, and his patriotic services during and since the war, had been recognised by His Majesty upon the occasion of his birthday, by the conferment of the honor of knighthood. They tendered their sincere congratulations to Sir Douglas Mawson and Sir Henry Newland on those well merited distinctions. (Applause.) Sir William Bragg, formerly Elder Professor of Mathematics in the University of Adelaide, now the head of the Royal Institution in London, had had the honor of presiding over the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which was held this year at Glasgow. The University had sent him a message of congratulation, which he had acknowledged in the most cordial terms. The Angus Chair of Chemistry, rendered vacant by the death of Professor Rennie, had been filled by the appointment of Doctor A. Killen MacBeth, of Queen's College, Belfast, who had held many important positions in different universities of the United Kingdom. Professor Darnley Naylor had been succeeded in the Hughes Chair of Classics and Comparative Philology by Professor J. A. Fitz-Herbert, of the University of Sydney and Trinity College, Cambridge. They offered a warm welcome to Professors MacBeth and Fitz-Herbert, and wished them a happy and successful tenure of their high offices. (Applause.) It was decided by the council not to fill up for the present the Chair of Botany, which became vacant on the retirement of Professor Osborn, the reason for that decision being that the creation of a Chair of Economics was considered to be more urgent at the present juncture, and the funds at their disposal did not admit of the payment of a new professorial salary in addition to that of the Chair of Botany. The arrangement, however, would be temporary only. The work of the botany chair would be carried on under the superintendence of Professor Harvey Johnston as honorary professor with a staff, of which Mr. J. G. Wood was the head, under him. The subject of botany would be well provided for, as there was a number of able specialists at the Waite Institute in addition to the staff of the University. It was hoped that an appointment would be made to the Chair of Economics next month. Statutes had been passed for the establishment of a degree in Agricultural science to fulfil an understanding with Parliament when the increased endowment of the Waite Institute was voted last year.

The Bonython Prize.

In recognition of Sir Langdon Bonython's liberality in endowing the Chair of Law with a sum of £20,000, and as a further mark of their gratitude to him for his splendid munificence in providing £40,000 for the erection of a Great Hall, an annual prize to the value of £100 had been established in the Law School, to be known as "The Bonython Prize." The prize would be awarded for the best original

thesis written by a graduate in law of the University on any legal subject approved by the Faculty of Law and the Council. They had again to acknowledge many private donations of considerable value. Mr. Edward Neale, who died in December of last year, left the residue of his estate, subject to a life interest and certain annuities and benefits, to the University for medical research. That, in course of time, would be devoted, as Mr. Neale wished, to the investigation of the abstruse problem of cancer, for which a committee had already been appointed. The work of that committee, he thought, was deserving of their earnest support. Mr. W. J. Young (chairman of the University finance committee) had generously given the sum of £1,000 in aid of a purpose to which he would refer later. The Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, in England, had given £2,000 for experiments in the application of nitrates to Australian soils. The experiments would be carried out at the Waite Institute, and if successful might lead to a large increase in agricultural production. The Carnegie Corporation of New York, on the advice of Dean Russell, the head of the Teachers' College affiliated with Columbia University, New York, who paid a visit to South Australia in April, had forwarded £1,000, to be expended on adult education through the medium of the Workers' Educational Association. For all those gifts and many others of smaller amounts, which he could not specifically refer to, he desired to express the cordial thanks of the University. (Applause.)

St. Andrew's College.

The opening of St. Andrew's College by His Excellency the Governor shortly after his arrival had brought into existence a residential college founded by the family of Sir John Duncan. Situated in delightful surroundings, close to the Waite Institute, the college could not fail to attract a large number of students. Gratifying progress was being made at the Waite Institute. The foundation stone of the John Melrose laboratory was laid by Miss Lily Melrose on behalf of her father in January, and the building was now nearly completed. The knighthood conferred on Sir John Melrose by His Majesty in recognition of his merits as a man and his public-spirited citizenship gave universal pleasure. (Applause.) An arboretum had been planted in that portion of the grounds which was to be utilised as a public park in accordance with a plan prepared by Professor Richardson. Besides promising effects of great beauty, the collection of trees that had been gathered together from different parts of Australia and other countries—many had been generously presented—would be of great educational value. The area of ground available for experimental purposes at the institute had been added to by a lease from the Government for a sufficient term, at a nominal rental, of portion of the land presented to the State for the establishment of an agricultural school by Mr. Peter Waite. An entomological department had been inaugurated at the institute, under the care of Dr. James Davidson who had lately filled the position of chief entomologist at Rothamsted. If the attempt which had been made to prevent or reduce the enormous damage done to fruit and agricultural crops by insect pests should prove successful—as in Dr. Davidson's experienced hands might confidently be expected—the obligation which the State would owe to the Waite Institute would be immensely increased. (Applause.) The general activities of the institute, the patient research which was being carried on there, had been so fully explained from time to time that he need not dwell upon them.

The Elder Conservatorium.

At the Elder Conservatorium changes in the staff were impending or had taken place. Mr. Charles Schilsky, who had been teacher of the violin for many years, had tendered his resignation on the ground of ill-health. His wish was to leave at the end of the present year, but to help the University to fill his place with a worthy successor he had kindly consented to stay on until the end of the first term of next year. (Applause.) Mr. Schilsky's departure would be much regretted at the Conservatorium, where he was as popular as his influence had been good. The Council joined in that regret and sincerely hoped that Mr. Schilsky's health would soon be completely restored. The place of Mr. Harold Wylde as teacher of the organ and piano-forte had been taken by Mr. John Horner, and that of Mr. Clive Carey as teacher of singing by Mr. H. S. Denton. Both those new teachers held the highest qualifications and had already proved their fitness for the positions to which they had been appointed. (Applause.)

Two Important Visits.

The visit of Sir John Russell, the director of the famous Agricultural Experimental Station at Rothamsted, in June, and that of Professor R. S. Conway, Hulme Professor of Latin in Victoria University, Manchester, in September, had been most welcome incidents in the academic year. Sir John Russell delivered two lectures upon the work which had been, and was being done at Rothamsted, and he had found much to interest him at the Waite Institute. His lectures had left a deep impression on