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Mr. Norman Jolly and Mr. Roy L. Robinson are spending the Easter vacation in France. They left on Wednesday for Paris, where they will devote their attention to study and to learning the language preparatory to entering upon a tour through several of the forests of France in the summer time, preliminary to more detailed study later on in connection with the science of forestry. They have arranged that their studies during the summer vacation shall extend to some of the forests of Bavaria. They will thus utilize their Easter and summer vacations in making themselves familiar with the elements of silviculture, in order to shorten the time that would otherwise have been required at the conclusion of their residence at Oxford as Rhodes scholars. Mr. Robinson played lacrosse for Oxford against Cambridge at Queen's Club in the annual Inter-Varsity match which took place on Monday. The press describes him as the best of his side's attacks. He shot two goals out of the three scored, against 10 secured by Cambridge. There were several other Rhodes scholars in the team, including Mr. H. Sutton, of Melbourne, and Mr. A. W. Donaldson, of Canada.—Mr. Jolly has greatly improved in his "Rugger" football; for, though he was dropped at the beginning of the season for not knowing the rules, he finally was awarded his college cap. I hear that he is ambitious enough to hope to be tried for his Varsity next year.—Mr. A. S. Roe, of Queensland, another Rhodes scholar, also gained his college cap this season, thus accounting for two out of the three awarded annually. Mr. Robinson is going heart and soul into athletics. A short time since, representing his college against Caius, Cambridge, he ran a dead heat in the 100 yards, and won the high jump, besides making the best long jump.—Mr. C. J. B. Symon, who, like Mr. Robinson is a Magdalen man, has earned some recognition as an oarsman, and was given a seat in the second boat for his college in the bumping races known as the Torpids. His crew succeeded in gaining the maximum number of seven bumps, a noteworthy performance for which, in accordance with time-honoured custom each will be presented with his oar as a memento of the occasion.—Mr. Cadmore rowed in the torpids in the Magdalen first boat, which made two bumps, and also pulled a very exciting race for top place, with the University College crew.—Mr. Stokes will spend his vacation at the Lizard, Cornwall, with fellow-members of a students' reading party.

**UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE JUBILEE.**

From every State throughout the Commonwealth, and also from New Zealand, the heads of universities and colleges, professors, medical men, lawyers and University graduates, have flocked to Melbourne to attend the celebrations which are being held in connection with the jubilee of the university there, and their numbers are being augmented daily. South Australia will be well represented by contingents which left for the Victorian capital on Friday and Saturday. The celebrations, which are to be conducted on an extensive scale, were inaugurated on Thursday, when there was a "university night" at the Princess Theatre, while on Friday the guests of the university were present at an exhibition of books, and the opening of the new buildings at the Public Library. To-day, at 3 p.m., there will be a reception by the Vice-Chancellor (Sir Henry Wrixon) and Lady Wrixon, while the festivities will extend over the whole week, concluding on Saturday with a joint conversazione in connection with the university and the public library. In addition to these functions a conference of delegates from the various State universities on general university and higher educational matters will be held. The official representative from the South Australian University is Professor Rennie, while Messrs. S. J. Jacobs and C. R. Hodge (Registrar) will also act as delegates. For some time past it has been advocated by the students of the various universities that the present programme of inter-State contests should be extended, and that rowing, cricket, lacrosse, and football matches should take place annually. In this connection delegates from the various States will confer next week in Melbourne, the representatives from South Australia being Messrs. C. L. Jessop and G. Campbell. At the inter-university sports South Australia will be represented by Messrs. W. Angwin, C. Yeatland, D. Murray, M. H. Moyes, C. R. Dowdy, and E. B. Jones. The team is an excellent one, all the men being tried athletes, and it is confidently anticipated that they will carry off a considerable number of prizes.

**A DOUBLE JUBILEE.**

Special interest attaches in these days to universities. A particularly fierce light beats upon them. They are tending more and more to become of the people and for the people—to be conducted for the benefit of the many instead of the few. They venture now to deal with subjects of which half a century ago they would not have even dreamt. The American universities take the lead in this pioneering work; but, even in conservative England, the newly-founded body at Birmingham has a Chair of Brewing! Yet the old fear has not quite died out—the doubt in some minds whether a university training does not teach "every sense except commonsense," and thus handicap a young man in the battle of life. If success in that conflict means merely the making of much money, the misgiving may be justified. The very wealthy are commonly those who have spared no time for culture—who have started early in the pursuit of cash, and have turned not aside from the way. Fortunately, however, the love of culture still holds much of its ancient force. The universities need at present some clear proof that the youth assisted by them is better qualified than his fellows to take the lead in any community in which he may reside.

The jubilee of the University of Melbourne is this week naturally attracting much attention. That of Sydney was celebrated only four years ago; and that of Adelaide has still 20 years to wait. Melbourne planned and effected its scheme for higher education at a wonderfully early period of the youthful city's history, and that scheme has progressed wonderfully. Several years since the university was shaken to its foundation by a financial earthquake; but the whole community rallied to its assistance, and now it faces the future with an assured position. Adelaide is well represented in Melbourne by professors, lecturers, and members of the governing body; and these visitors have noted that Melbourne does not enlist the services of practical commercial men without any academic degree, such as those who give to the Council in Adelaide an all-round strength. The "donnish" habit of mind hardly tends towards practical wisdom in the control of money. The late Mr. Cecil Rhodes, in indicating the trustees who should administer his enormous bequest, remarked bluntly that the leading minds of Oxford were "children in these matters." Adelaide leaves its combination of lawyers, doctors, ministers, schoolmasters, and professors with several hard-headed merchants. Melbourne, under an Act of Parliament of 1904, has three additional members of council appointed by the Government—one from the Upper House, and two from the Assembly. Sir Henry Wrixon, Vice-Chancellor of the University, is also President of the Legislative Council; and a pleasant feature of the celebrations of this week is the holding of a reception at Parliament House, followed by another given by the Government among the college grounds. Australian hospitality is having full sway. Besides such obvious events as a dinner, a ball, and athletic sports (in which Adelaide is to be strongly represented), the undergraduates have arranged a torchlight procession, the women students an afternoon reception of their own for visiting delegates; and a Greek play—the farcical "Wasps" of Aristophanes—fitly and academically rounds up the engagement list of an eventful week. It would be inexcusable, however, to suggest that amusement is the sole end in view; and, obviously, it would hardly be possible to bring together so many men who have the cause of higher education at heart without benefit arising from the mere fact of their meeting. Comparisons with Adelaide's University are inevitable. The Melbourne foundation is noticeable in two respects—old age and spaciousness. Some of its cloisters have already attained an appearance almost venerable; some of its stonework has the uncomfortable

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The Adelaide University and the Adelaide educational establishments will be well represented at the University of Melbourne jubilee celebrations. Professor Rennie, Dr. A. A. Hamilton, and Mrs. and Miss Hamilton, and Professor Stirling left by the express on Friday, while Professor Ennis left by the R.M.S. India on Saturday afternoon. Saturday's express carried Dr. and Mrs. Symons, Dr. and Mrs. Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Jacobs, and Messrs. C. R. Hodge (registrar), G. J. R. Murray, and a number of students, including Messrs. C. F. Jessop, G. Campbell, W. Angwin, C. Yeatland, D. M. Murray, M. H. Moyes, C. R. Dowdy, and E. B. Jones.

The Hon. G. Brookman and Mrs. Brookman returned to Adelaide on Saturday morning by the Melbourne express.

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**UNIVERSITY JUBILEE.**

**A REMARKABLE ASSEMBLAGE.**

MELBOURNE, April 23.

The first of the week's ceremonies by which the jubilee of the University is to be celebrated was held this afternoon, when a reception was given to the visiting delegates and representatives of other universities by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (Sir Henry Wrixon) and Lady Wrixon. Unfortunately Sir Henry was prevented by indisposition from attending. The guests, who began to arrive at 3 o'clock, were received by Lady Wrixon and Sir George Jenkins (Clerk of Parliaments) in the Legislative Council Chamber. They were introduced by Mr. McCall (usher of the Legislative Council). After being received they found their way among the Parliamentary rooms or rested in the corridor of the Legislative Council. Afternoon tea was served in the corridor and in the members' dining room. The Governor (Sir Reginald Talbot) and Lady Talbot, accompanied by the Hon. Victor Nelson Hood, attended the reception with a party from Government House, and remained for nearly an hour. Without any disparagement to Parliament, it may be said that the building had never had so much learning gathered into it at one time before. In addition to all the professors and most of the lecturers of the Melbourne University, there were present professors, Chancellors, and Vice-Chancellors of all the universities of Australia. Three universities abroad were represented by professors. Dr. Ishikawa, of the University of Tokio (Japan), was a distinguished visitor, to whom introductions were eagerly sought. The Japanese professor is a man with an alert, keen face that helps to explain his country's intellectual progress. Professor Vasilyer, of the University of Dorpat (Russia), and Professor Schachner (University of Heidelberg) were among the guests. Others to be observed were Sir Robert Stout (Chancellor of the University of New Zealand), Sir Elliott Lewis (University of Tasmania), Sir Arthur Renwick (Vice-Chancellor of Sydney University), and many of the Sydney University professors, as well as a long list of Victorian notables.

Aristophanes's play "The Wasps" was performed in Greek at Ormond College to-night. There was also a conversazione in the University grounds.

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**A UNIVERSITY'S JUBILEE.**

Brilliant functions are expected to take place during the week in connection with the jubilee celebrations of the Melbourne University. Every university of Great Britain and Ireland will be represented. Great American universities have also appointed delegates, and among other representatives are members of the professorial staffs of the Universities of Heidelberg (Germany), Dorpat (Russia), and Tokio (Japan). Most of the week will be devoted to social functions, but on Wednesday and Thursday business meetings will be held, at which matters concerning universities generally will be debated.