

DEGREES DAY.

University Commemoration.

Long and Notable List.

To the strains of Australia's national hymn began a pageant of colour and ceremony which yearly closes for a period the University's activities. The Elder Hall was uncomfortably filled on Wednesday afternoon. Almost the whole of the audience comprised ladies. Dr. Ennis presided at the grand organ as a brightly gowned procession filed upon the stage in the van of the Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way). The arrival of His Excellency the Governor was heralded by the National Anthem. Sir Day Bosanquet was welcomed by the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Barlow), the Premier (Hon. A. H. Peake), the Commissioner of Crown Lands (Hon. F. W. Young), the President of the School of Mines (Sir Langdon Bonython), the Warden (Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc.), and members of the Senate, teachers of the Conservatorium, lecturers and professors of the University, the Registrar (Mr. Hodge), and the council candidates for degrees and diplomas formed a portion of the robed company upon the platform.

The Chancellor's Address.

The Chancellor said his first duty was the very pleasurable one of heartily welcoming His Excellency the Governor. There was no more loyal or more patriotic representative of the King. (Applause.) His Excellency was an illustrious admiral of the Royal Navy, who had carried the flag of England into every ocean and into almost every sea. They welcomed him also as an official of the University, as its visitor. His Excellency had not had to perform the visitatorial functions since his tenure of office, but the University had in him a faithful and enthusiastic friend. He did not propose to refer to the many services Sir Day had rendered, but there was one about which a large number of those present knew nothing. It was Sir Day's despatches, aided by personal interviews with the Premier and Secretary of State, which procured for the University the supplementary Letters Patent authorizing the granting of degrees in engineering. (Applause.) They had legislative sanction for that long before the charter was received, but they declined to act upon legislative sanction alone. The Letters Patent gave greater value to the degrees of their University in engineering than to those of any other university in the Commonwealth. That University was the only one authorized to grant degrees in engineering by Letters Patent, which gave those degrees the same precedence, the same academic value, and the same distinctions as were enjoyed by any other university in England, including the venerable institutions of Oxford and Cambridge, and Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen, and the universities of England.

Distinguished Visitors.

They regretted very sincerely that that would be the last occasion which they would have the honour of the presence of His Excellency. They were assured that on the other side of the world His Excellency would watch the progress and expansion of the Adelaide University. His Excellency's connection with their institution and his tenure of office as Governor would be regarded as one of the brightest chapters in the history of South Australia. (Applause.) They were also honoured this afternoon by the presence of the Premier, who had rendered distinguished service to the University. (Applause.) So far as the University was concerned in Parliament, "none are for the party and all were for the State." Mr. Peake had taken an active and practical interest in their welfare, and had done exceptional work. It was the Premier who placed on the Estimates the line recommended by the Educational Commission of £12,000, which enabled the University to complete the second story of the northern wing of the old University Building and to provide much-needed accommodation for the

appointed Professor of Economical Botany. The Government of which the Premier was leader placed before Parliament and carried the sum of £4,000 to be added to the yearly subsidy of the University, and had enabled then to do an act of justice by placing the salaries of their professors, second to none in any other institution, on a more adequate scale. They were also honoured by the attendance of the President of the School of Mines (Sir Langdon Bonython). The School of Mines was a sister institution, and had co-operated with them in preventing the duplication of academic work. Accordingly two diplomas were forwarded—the Fellowship of the School of Mines and the diploma in applied science of that University. Students for these degrees worked in both institutions under professors and lecturers of each, there was a joint examining board, and the possession of the diplomas was one of the qualifications for the new degree of Bachelor of Engineering.

Incidents of Sorrow.

There were incidents of sorrow, of which they were all conscious on that occasion. At University gatherings the late Sir John Duncan was a familiar figure. He was appointed the first representative of the Legislative Council on the council of the University, and he took a very active part in the work of the institution, his interest in which he had inherited from his uncle, whose heir he was also. There was another serious loss, the death of the former Director of Education, Mr. Alfred Williams, who was elected on his merits to the council of the University. They all deplored the shortening of a very valuable life. It must be gratifying to every member of their institution that one of the first students, and one who enjoyed their admiration and respect—Mr. Maughan—had been chosen to succeed Mr. Williams.

Princely Colonists.

He would be wanting in his duty if that afternoon he refrained from referring to the great endowment for the promotion of agricultural science which had been made by that honoured and valued colonist, Mr. Peter Waite. The Education Department had already entered into possession of one of the two estates as an agricultural high school. They did not assume possession of Urrbrae at once, and they hoped it would not be for a long time. He had visited, as an act of duty and of affection, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Waite, and had had a look around the beautiful property. It had seemed to him like an earthly paradise, and he was sure they would join him in congratulating the future students on having such a site for an agricultural college. They hoped, also, that Mr. and Mrs. Waite would enjoy a happy and honoured old age in their beautiful home. (Applause.)

Laws.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law (Professor Jethro Brown) presented to the Chancellor the candidates for the degrees in law:—For the degree of Bachelor of Laws.—Blackburn, Arthur Seaforth; Griffiths, Thomas Lester (David Murray Scholar in Roman Law and Stow prizeman); Jorner, Max Frederick; Moody, Harold Eric (David Murray Scholar in Theory of Law and Legislation); Reed, Geoffrey Sandford; Yuill, George Ashwin (Stow prizeman); McDonald, Ross (in absentia).

The Chancellor, in presenting the degrees, mentioned that Mr. Griffiths was the David Murray Scholar in Roman Law, and Stow prizeman this year, and that in 1912 he held the David Murray Scholarship in International Law. Another David Murray Scholar was Mr. Moody, who gained the distinction of being awarded a Government bursary. Mr. Yuill was Stow prizeman for 1913. In referring to Mr. McDonald, the Chancellor remarked that he had completed his course of study in Perth. It was a creditable example of perseverance and industry in that Mr. McDonald had not had the assistance of lectures.

Medicine and Surgery.

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (Professor Stirling) presented the candidates for degrees in medicine and surgery:—Ad eundem gradum.—Pulleine, Robert Henry M.B. (University of Sydney); deCrespigny, Constantine Trent Champion, M.D. (University of Melbourne) (in absentia).

For the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery.—Close, Walter John Westcott; Davey, Laurence Llewellyn; Holder, Sydney Ernest; Le Messurier, Frederick Noel; Lloyd, Miss

Mayo, John Christian; Noft, Harry Ernest; Penny, Harold John; Powell, Harold; Verco, Joseph Stanley (Everard Scholar). The Chancellor, after conferring the degrees, mentioned in congratulating Dr. Pulleine, that it had been through no fault of his that the graduate had been unable to complete his academical course in Adelaide. After three years of successful study he had gone to Sydney, and in his final year at that university he was second in a list of 28 students. Concerning Dr. deCrespigny, the Chancellor stated that he had had a distinguished course in Melbourne, and now held the position of Government Pathologist and Lecturer of Practical Pathology, in complimenting the graduates in medicine and surgery the Chancellor drew attention to the fact that Mr. Le Messurier, in 1911, was equal with Mr. Verco for the Davies Thomas Scholarship and obtained a first class in this his final year. Regarding Mr. Mayo, the present graduate was the fourth in his family whom he had had the pleasure of similarly congratulating. Two brothers and a sister were graduates of the University. Mr. Verco had had a most distinguished career. In 1909 and the following year he obtained the Elder Prize. In 1911 he was equal with Mr. Le Messurier for the Davies Thomas Scholarship, which honour in the following year he won outright. This year, besides taking his degree, he had also won the Everard Scholarship. The name of Verco was highly esteemed in the medical profession of the State. To have been first in all the five years of his undergraduate career was an achievement accomplished only once previously, namely, by Dr. Kenneth Fry, the Rhodes Scholar, who had recently returned to Adelaide.

Arts.

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts (Professor Mitchell) presented the candidates for degrees in arts:—Ad eundem gradum.—Marten, Robert Humphrey, junior, B.A. (University of Cambridge); Winter, William Harris, B.A., B.D. (University of Dublin); Jack, Fannie Augusta, B.A. (University of Sydney).

For the Honours Degree of Master of Arts.—Mathematics—Ellis, Frank, B.A.

For the Ordinary Degree of Master of Arts.—Allen, Edgar, B.A.; Worsnop, Elsie Madeline, B.A.

For the Honours Degree of Bachelor of Arts.—Classics—Bean, Edgar Layton (David Murray Scholar); Prince, Eric Lloyd; Walter, Hilda Blanche May.

For the Ordinary Degree or Bachelor of Arts.—Fardley, Frederick William; Finch, Emily Olive; Ireland, Norman Arthur; Nietz, Herbert Walter; Pavia, Roy Rowling; Potter, Roy Adolph; Steward, Frederick John Harold; McAteer, Patrick Joseph (in absentia); Pearson, Henry Ernest, B.Sc. (in absentia).

The Chancellor, in congratulating Mr. Winter, referred to his highly meritorious career as a student of English while at the Dublin University. At the same time as taking his arts degree he had taken the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, first class. In connection with an English literature competition he had been awarded first prize. That, no doubt, had encouraged him to endeavour to make a name for himself, and his drama, "Queen Elizabeth," had met with attention on both sides of the world. In connection with Mrs. Jack's degree the domestic element entered, for he would presently have the pleasure of conferring the degree of Bachelor of Engineering upon her husband. At the last commemoration he had had occasion to congratulate in similar fashion Professor and Mrs. Osborn upon attaining ad eundem gradum degrees of the University. Mr. Ellis, who was now taking a very high degree—the honours degree of Master of Arts, mathematics—was a student of the University who had reason to be indeed, very proud. In 1903 he was the Hartley student. Five years later he obtained the diploma of applied science in electrical engineering. In 1911 he secured B.A. honours in mathematics, second class; and in the following year M.A. honours in mathematics. Mr. Bean, who had obtained the honours degree in classics of Bachelor of Arts, was a Western Australian, who was awarded the Hartley studentship in 1910. The next year he won the Barr Smith prize for Greek and was proxime accessit for the Andrew Scott Memorial Prize for Latin. This year his successes were the David Murray Scholarship in classics and first class honours in the same subject. Miss Walter had won the Andrew Scott Memorial Prize in Latin and the Barr Smith prize for Greek in 1910 and obtained second class honours in the same subject. In that year Miss Lloyd, had obtained third class honours in