THE UNIVERSITY

COMMENORATION DAY

CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

 Truly the old order changes. Not so very many years ago University commencement day was an event of comparatively small magnitude. The undergraduates, banded together in a sort of holiday enthusiasm, never failed to give the platform a scene of youthful exuberance manifested in the most rollicking form which ingenuity could devise. Than an unsympathetic Senate decreed to get the nonsense out. Today the commencement day is decorous even to dullness. People pass over it because they are occupied. But the undergraduates stay away in large numbers.

Yet, though the University of Adelaide has its Commemoration day in the Elder Hall, North Terrace, the gathering is now a crowd, ladies predominating, and on the platform were the students on whom were to confer degrees. Bowler hats and mortar-boards with the colors of their respective faculties were in good supply. The proceedings were in keeping with the picturesque.

The procession to the scene of the degrees, the beggars and professors of the University, the council and members of the board, and the vice-chancellor and chancellor, provided a sort of color created by the scarlet gowns of the chancellor, red academic gowns of the vice-chancellor, and the crimson gowns of those belonging to the faculty of arts, and by the white academic gowns of such a semblance that the idea was entertained that it was the most frivolous on record. On the whole, the proceedings were quiet and uninteresting. The grandiloquent, picturesque was out. No enthusiasm which might be paraded in front of the whole University would have been more tolerable. No-one seemed to be interested in anything else.

At 3 p.m. the Governor (Sir J. G. Downes) arrived, and the address between the Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way) and the President (Hon. A. H. Petrie), which was delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, was delivered by Sir J. G. Downes, and he said that the students were the only persons who should be present. The Education Department had already passed another act for an agricultural school, but it had not yet, nor would it be, he hoped, be of any benefit to the students who were in the University. Mr. Downes said that he was sorry to see so few people, and that he hoped the day would pass in a happy and lengthy age of the University.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

His Excellency, after expressing thanks to the University, said:

"It seems to me that the University of Adelaide is one of the greatest assets of our country. It is a place where young men can come together and learn, and that is why it is so important."

THE UNIVERSITY INFLUENCE.

You who are educated in this University your life should be influenced by the high-minded ideal of this University, by the desire to do the highest and best possible service to the public. You should be guided by the principles of honesty and integrity, and strive to be honest and upright in all your dealings. You should always be ready to do your duty, and to serve the best interests of humanity, by usuing the skills and knowledge you have learnt, and putting aside all thought of becoming a grandee or self-made man. It is to this that the University is pledged, and that which is the basis of its existence, to offer to all men who have the courage and ability to follow the noble path of true service to the human race."

FAREWELL.

It is upon education that we must rely for the solution of those moral and spiritual problems which beset us. The University of Adelaide is well equipped to provide an education that is both broad and deep, and I trust that it will continue to do so. To all who have contributed to its success, and to those who will continue to do so, I would say farewell, and wish you all a happy and successful future."

The conferring of degrees was then proceeded with, and in turn the degrees conferring of the various faculties and institutes were conferred. The following candidates for degrees in law were first presented by Professor Jecore Jefrow: Paton (B.A.), Badger, Robert; Blackburn, Arthur; Serwo; Griffin, William (in Roman Law and History). Professor Bay in Law and Legislation; Reed, George (in History); and Rigney, Michael. Donaldson (in Logic), was also presented.

AD MODERANDUM.

Professor R. W. Beale, M.B. (University of Sydney), was elected to the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the University of Melbourne (in absentia). The degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery was conferred on the following candidates: Gaine, Walter; Frith, Albert; Hetherington, Sydney; Le Mours, Frederick M.; Netherton, Joseph; Nye, Frederick; and Rains, Charles. The degree of Bachelor of Science was conferred on the following candidates: Christol, Nell; Harry, aurey; Wern; Harey; John; Ball, Joseph; and Peters, Dianm, (in absentia).