

## ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

### THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION.

#### ADDRESS BY THE CHANCELLOR.

The Elder Hall was well filled on Wednesday afternoon, on the occasion of the annual commemoration of the University of Adelaide. The platform was crowded with an array of professors and lecturers, the central figures being His Excellency the Governor, who is Visitor of the University, the Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way, Bart.), the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Barlow), and the council. Among the visitors were the Premier and Minister of Education (the Hon. A. H. Peake) and Sir Langdon Bonython (president of the Council of the School of Mines), who occupied seats on the platform. The senate and council proceeded from the concert room to the Elder Hall in the following order:—The senate (the clerk of the senate, bachelors of music, bachelors of science, bachelors of art, bachelors of medicine, bachelors of laws, masters of arts, doctors of music, doctors of science, doctors of medicine, and doctors of laws), the warden of the senate, the teachers of the Elder Conservatorium, the lecturers of the University, the professors of the University, the registrar, the council and members of the boards, the Vice-Chancellor and the Chancellor. During the procession the "Song of Australia" was played on the organ. His Excellency the Governor, who was attended by Captain Fletcher, A.D.C., was received by the Vice-Chancellor, and conducted to the platform, where he was welcomed by the Chancellor. The playing of the National Anthem marked his Excellency's entrance.

#### The Chancellor's Address.

The Chancellor said their first duty was a pleasurable one. It was to give a right hearty and loyal welcome to his Excellency the Governor. (Applause.) They welcomed his Excellency as the representative of the King, none more loyal, none abler, none more patriotic. They welcomed him also as an illustrious admiral in the royal navy. (Applause.) He had carried the flag of England into every ocean and almost every sea. They welcomed him also as an officer of the University—as its Visitor. His Excellency had not had to perform visitatorial functions during his tenure of office. They had been a happy family; they had had no quarrel, and the functions of the visitor of a university were almost as unknown in Adelaide as archidiaconal functions were in other places. They welcomed him also as a faithful and enthusiastic friend of the University. (Hear, hear.)

#### Degrees in Engineering.

He was not going to enter into detail as to his Excellency's services to the institution, but he was going to name one which was probably unknown to the larger proportion of those present. It was due to his Excellency's dispatches, added, he might say, to the personal interviews of the Premier with the Secretary of State, that letters patent were obtained authorising the University to grant degrees in engineering. They had legislative sanction for that long before the charter was received, but they declined to act upon legislative sanction alone, because the letters patent gave a greater value to the degrees of the University in engineering than those of any other University upon that continent. (Applause.) That was the only University that was authorised to grant degrees in engineering by letters patent. Those letters patent gave their degrees in engineering the same precedence, the same academical value, and the same distinction that were enjoyed by any University in England, including the venerable Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, of Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen, and the Universities in Ireland. (Applause.)

#### The Governor's Departure.

There was, however, a feeling of regret respecting the Governor that afternoon. It was that his departure was shortly to take place, and that was the last time they would be honored with his presence as their Visitor. They were assured that on the other side of the world he would watch the progress and extension of the University of Adelaide, and they on this side of the world would be assured that they had a friend. (Applause.) They would always remember with pride his connection with the University, and would always regard his tenure of the high office of Governor of South Australia as one of the brightest chapters in the history of the State. (Applause.)

#### Government and University.

They were also honored with the presence of the Premier, who had had an opportunity of doing distinguished service to the University. (Applause.) As far as the University of Adelaide was concerned he would venture to affirm that in Parliament none were for a party but all were for the State. The present Premier was not the first Premier of South Australia who had taken an active and practical interest in the welfare of the University; but he had had the will and the opportunity of doing them remarkable and exceptional service. He had placed upon the Estimates a line recommended by the Education Commission, a sum of £12,000, which had enabled the University authorities to build a second storey to the northern wing of the old University building, to provide much-needed accommodation for the largely-increased library and accommodation for the newly-appointed Professor of Botany. That was not all. The Premier and his Government had added a sum of £1,000 to the yearly subsidy of the University, which had enabled the council to do an act of justice, and place the salaries of their professors—who were second to none in any other University—(applause)—to place their salaries on a more adequate scale.

#### A Sister Institution.

They were also honored that afternoon by the presence of Sir Langdon Bonython, the president of the council of the South Australian School of Mines. (Applause.) As they were all aware, that sister institution was co-operating with the University in the perfecting of academic work, and with this object two special diplomas were provided—the Fellowship of the School of Mines and the diploma in applied science of the Adelaide University. The students for these degrees worked in both institutions under the professors and lecturers of each, and there was a joint examination board. The possession of these diplomas was one of the qualifications for the new degree of Bachelor of Engineer. He was sure that on their behalf he could give a hearty welcome to the president of the School of Mines. (Applause.)

#### A Great Endowment.

There was another incident in the year's history to which he ought to refer. A great endowment for the promotion of agricultural science had been made during the year by their honored fellow-colonist, Mr. Peter Waite. (Applause.) The Education Department had already entered into possession of the estate that had been given for the purpose of an agricultural high school. He hoped it might be long before the University would enter into possession of Urrbrae. He recently paid a visit of affection to his honored friends, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Waite, and their home seemed to him a paradise. He was sure they would all join with him in congratulating the future students of the University on having such a site for an agricultural college, and would unite in hoping that they would not enter into possession of it for many long years. They hoped Mr. and Mrs. Peter Waite would enjoy a happy and honored old age in this beautiful spot. (Applause.)

His Excellency the Governor delivered a farewell speech, which is reported in another column.

#### Admissions to Degrees.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law (Professor Jethro Brown) presented to the Chancellor the candidates for degrees in law. They were formally admitted and congratulated by the Chancellor. For the degree of Bachelor of Laws—Robert Badger, Arthur Seaforth Blackburn, Thomas Lester Griffiths (David Murray scholar in Roman law and Stow prizeman), Max Frederick Joyner, Harold Eric Moody (David Murray scholar in theory of law and legislation), Geoffrey Sandford Reed, George Ashwin Yuill (Stow prizeman), Ross McDonald (in absentia).

The Chancellor, in conferring the last-mentioned degree, said Western Australia, where Mr. McDonald was, had been in their sphere of influence for some years past, but it now had a university of its own. Mr. McDonald was an example of diligence and of work that could be done without the advantage of lectures.

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

The Chancellor, in conferring the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in that university. He had completed three years of study, and then there was an unfortunate difficulty which was now, he hoped, hidden in the mists of the past, and had ceased to exist. Dr. Pulleine had to go to Sydney to complete his medical course, and he (the Chancellor) was proud to say he carried the colors of the Adelaide University with honor, for among 24 students admitted to the degree in the same year as was Dr. Pulleine he was the second man. (Applause.)

In admitting Dr. de Crespigny, the Chancellor, who was sorry the candidate was not present, said he had had a distinguished career in the University of Melbourne, and he now filled, with honor to himself and advantage to the hospital, the office of Government pathologist and lecturer on practical physiology.

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine presented for the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery:—Walter John Westcott Close, Laurance Llewellyn Davey, Sydney Ernest Holder, Frederick Neill Le Messurier, Reginald Blockley Lucas, John Christian Mayo, Harry Carey Nott, Harold John Penny, Harold Powell, Joseph Stanley Verco (Everard scholar).

The Chancellor said theirs was the first university to be authorised to grant degrees to women. Unfortunately, he supposed through their zeal for the fair sex the degree of Bachelor of Surgery was omitted. Now, however, it had been recognised, and those admitted to the degree would be qualified throughout the Empire as Bachelors of Surgery.

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

Addressing Mr. Winter, the Chancellor said his drama "Queen Elizabeth," was well known on both sides of the world. He gathered from those who were able to give an authoritative opinion that it contained great dramatic and poetic power. He promised to read it during the holidays and let Mr. Winter know his candid opinion.

The Chancellor, in admitting Mrs. Jack, said the last commemoration had a sort of domestic aspect given to it by the fact that they conferred the degree of Bachelor of Science on Professor Osborn and his wife. He was glad that that happy experience was repeated that afternoon, and he congratulated the University on Mrs. Jack's name being added to the list of graduates. (Applause.)

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts presented for the honors degree of Master of Arts:—Mathematics—Frank Ellis, B.A. For the ordinary degree of Master of Arts—Edgar Allen, B.A., and Elsie Madeline Worsnop, B.A. For the honors degree of Bachelor of Arts:—Classics—Edgar Layton Egan (David Murray scholar), Erica Lloyd Prince, Hilda Blanche May Walter. For the ordinary degree of Bachelor of Arts—Frederick William Eardley, Emily Olive Finch, Norman Arthur Ireland, Herbert Walter Nietz, Roy Rowling Pavia, Roy Adolph Potter, Frederick John Harold Steward, Patrick Joseph McAteer (in absentia), and Henry Ernest Pearson, B.Sc. (in absentia).

The Chancellor observed that Mr. Ellis, who was now taking a very high degree—the honors degree of Master of Arts, mathematics—was a student of whom the University had reason to be 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. honors in mathematics, second class, and in the following year M.A. honors in mathematics. Mr. Egan, who had obtained the honors degree of Bachelor of Arts in classics, was a Western Australian, who was awarded the Hartley studentship in 1910. Next year he won the Barr Smith prize for Greek, and was Proximo accessit for the Andrew Scott memorial prize for Latin. This year his successes were the David Murray Scholarship, in classics and first-class honors 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 honors in classics this year. Another lady, Miss Lloyd, obtained third class honors in classics this year. He was gratified at being able to confer the ordinary degree upon Mr. Eardley, who for the past 12 or 13 years, had been a member of the clerical staff of the University. The institution offered facilities for its clerical staff to take degrees. It had been a long journey for Mr. Eardley, since he had very efficiently carried out his official duties, while at the same time studying for his degree.