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PROGRESS AND USEFULNESS.

Interesting Reminiscences.

The City of Culture has reason to feel proud of its educational institutions, and particularly regarding the University. Citizens well know where education square is situated, and the handsome edifices there are a distinct and valuable architectural and utilitarian adornment to the metropolis. Features indicating the early history of the chief seat of learning, however, are not so familiarly known. It was with the aid of some books and other information in that connection that I interviewed the genial and capable Clerk of the Senate—Mr. T. A. Cater, B.A.—a gentleman of scholarly attainments, but of a retiring disposition, and although he did not think it: about conversing on personal matters, he consented to narrate some of the early history, and also particulars of the establishment of the University. Incidentally it may be stated that Mr. Cater is a son of Mr. Thomas Cater, who is 87, and was at one time well known in educational circles, and now holds other offices, held that of assistant master at Mr. J. L. Young's school. The subject of this interview was born at Wellington in New South Wales, was educated at the University, and has had a continuous connection with the University since its inception, first as an undergraduate, then as a graduate (the last three degrees he held were B.A. on March 18, 1876), and for the past 25 years as an executive officer. On November 16 he was for the twenty-sixth time re-elected unopposed to the Clerkship, in which capacity he will complete his silver jubilee on Wednesday, the date of the next Senate meeting. The Chancellor, and Vice-Chancellor hold a similar distinction.

—Early Associations.—

"Can you tell me some of the associations of the University and the professional staff?" Mr. Cater began a research. He was a student at Union College in Adelaide," he said, "when the bequests of the late Sir Walter Watson Huggins and Sir Thomas Elder for the establishment of the University were here made known. The University Act was passed in 1874. The following year I attended the University, held in an oppulent way at the old Institution Hall in the North Terrace. It was a magnificent building, with large halls, a large library, and a master of instruction. I was there for two years. He left there behind him a degree of reputation which he has never been able to surpass."

Mr. Cater was graduated in the Faculty of Law (1877—1879).