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THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

ANNUAL BALL.

"Work hard and play hard" is evidently the motto of our Adelaide University. Brilliant scholastic successes are by no means rare, stamping the students as worthy future citizens. In lighter vein, the association continue to manifest equal thoroughness. A happy illustration comes easily to hand. The annual ball, under the auspices of the Adelaide University Sports Association, was held on Thursday evening, and for perfection of detail and charm of procedure would be very hard to eclipse.

This ball is easily one of our principal winter functions. It is the debutantes' paradise, the joy of the students, and the joyous Mecca of all who love dancing, brightness, and harmonious revelry. Thursday evening's function scores thus on all points, and reflects most enviably upon all who assisted in its production. The management was good throughout, and that touch of genius, "the capacity for taking infinite pains," was reflected in every phase of the ball.

As one entered the Elder Hall the wintry cold of the evening was suddenly forgotten. The hall was pleasantly warm, and the decorative scheme, in rich scarlet tones, lent a gorgeous vein to the conception. The Elder Hall, in repose so to speak, presents a peaceful, almost ecclesiastical, face to the public. The pipe organ, the Gothic arches, the church-like windows, the lofty dome, all bespeak serenity, holy calm. But on Thursday the rioting flame-coloured geraniums disporting in fetid glee in a hundred modes of artistic arrangement rippled that calm into a broad smile of rapturous, infectious glee. Graceful festoons of scarlet art muslin adorned the walls, and gave a fleecy look to the general scheme. The decorations were a master-stroke, for this hall is the hardest one in the city to exact responsiveness from. But the floral committee did, to the last farthing. Mrs. Girdlestone and Mrs. Gavin Gardner were in charge of the room scheme, and Mrs. Culross and Mrs. Poulton were responsible for the platform feast of colour. The pale green organ pipes contributed an effective background for the brilliant splashes of colour, relieved with maidenhair fern set at happy intervals in a drawing-room arrangement. This natural dais was patronised by the viceregal party and officials. A pretty general colour effect was obtained by scarlet gauze screens to the lighting brackets. The illumination filtered through in dancing rosy hues, which lent a merry glow to the room. The supper room was likewise in harmonious red decorations, and was the work of Mrs. Arthur Rymill, Miss McMillan, Mrs. Robert Rymill, and Mrs. Goodman. Mr. Edgecumbe, of North Adelaide, had charge of the catering, which was most satisfactory. Messrs. Flavel & Company supplied furnishing details as usual.

The orchestra occupied a stand near the doorway, and were in charge of Miss Gertie Campbell. Music could thus flow unrestrainedly for the dancing, and yet not prove undue for those guests in occupation of the platform.

At 8.30 p.m. an informal commencement was made by an extra waltz. This thoughtful arrangement allowed every one so inclined to dance off all chilliness, and be in sparkling mood to welcome the viceregal party.

At 9 o'clock His Excellency the Governor and Lady Galway arrived, accompanied by the Hon. J. Mulholland and Capt. Fletcher. They were welcomed by the committee and the members of the viceregal set. Special programmes were presented to

them. Lady Galway, as usual, looked very sweet and gracious, gowned in shimmering white robes, with an embroidered overdress in blue-and-gold tones, and gold sash.

The viceregal set was then danced as follows:—His Excellency and Lady Downer, Sir John Downer and Lady Galway, Canon Girdlestone and the Mayoress (Mrs. A. A. Simpson), the Mayor (Mr. A. A. Simpson) and Mrs. Girdlestone, Professor Kerr-Grant and Mrs. B. Poulton, Professor Brown and Mrs. Kerr-Grant, Mr. Goodman and Mrs. Arthur Rymill, Mr. Talbot Smith and Mrs. Goodman.

This ball is, of course, a feature of the "coming out" of our young maidens. The debutantes' sets were duly honoured by being timed to proceed simultaneously with the viceregal one. The latter occupied the upper end of the hall, and the rest of the space was literally enjoyed by the debutantes and their envied partners. The general public found much interest in contemplating the gay scene.

The debutantes sets were as follow:—South-east Corner of Hall.—Miss Schubert and Mr. Grant, Miss Wooldridge and Mr. Röllison, Miss Dursthoff and Mr. Shanasy, Miss Leader and Mr. Plotz, Miss Stokes and Mr. Wallmann, Miss Warnecke and Mr. Hylton, Miss Mullen and Mr. Shaw, Miss Poyntz and Mr. Smith. North-west Corner of Hall.—Miss McMillan and Mr. Burden, Miss Rollisson and Mr. Dowling, Miss Gurr and Mr. Hall, Miss Baker and Mr. Beare, Miss Clarke and Mr. Somerville, Miss Oliver and Mr. Davies, Miss Kelly and Mr. Pryor, Miss Robertson and Mr. Taylor. South-west Corner of Hall.—Miss Salom and Mr. Goodman, Miss Nesbit and Mr. Laurie, Miss Martin and Mr. Pellew, Miss Holden and Mr. Piper. North-east Corner of Room.—Miss Williams and Mr. D. Yates, Miss Sadlier and Mr. Ross, Miss Perry and Mr. E. Guymmer, Miss Baker and Mr. I. B. Jose, Miss Diment and Mr. Black, Miss Dursthoff and Mr. Waterhouse, Miss Western and Mr. W. O. Jose, Miss Fisher and Mr. Morey.

Dancing then became general, and a very joyous hour preceded supper time. The Government House party, members of the viceregal set, and officials were specially entertained at supper. Dancing was then resumed and flowed on happily until the programme, but by no means the dancers, was exhausted.

The Hon. Joint Secretaries (Messrs. A. W. Morey and C. E. Pellew) did a lion share of the preparatory work of the ball, and they were ably supported by the com-

mittee, who included:—Dr. Cavenagh-Mainwaring, Dr. Barlow, Professors Brown, Chapman, Ennis, Kerr Grant, Naylor, Osborn, Portus, Stirling, Mesdames Gaviaz Gardner, de Crespigny, W. Culross, H. Girdlestone, W. G. T. Goodman, Kerr Grant, H. A. Morey, A. E. Nott, T. G. Osborn, B. Poulton, J. H. Pellew, A. G. Rymill, R. Rymill, Misses McMillan, R. Gault, G. Ledger, P. McGlew, Drs. J. C. Mayo, H. C. Nott, Messrs. R. H. Wallmann, C. B. Burden, J. F. Gardner, C. W. Goodman, R. L. T. Grant, J. R. Hylton, I. B. Jose, H. B. Piper, P. T. Smith, D. Yates, the Hon. Secretaries. Other good helpers were:—Mrs. Burston, Misses Culross, Misses Tolley, Miss Stokes, Miss Lambert, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Lindon.

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While Mr. Peake appeared to be sympathetic with the request of the University deputation on Wednesday for a wholesale increase of the grant to that important institution, he did not drop many crumbs of comfort for those who preferred a request for a little assistance to the Workers' Educational Association. As Professor Jethro Brown pointed out, improved opportunities for leisure should be accompanied by increased opportunities for self-training. The work of the association is distinctive. It will be carried on upon lines which have proved very successful in England, and the Government would have the assistance of an enthusiastic body of men, who would see that the modest grant asked for was expended to the best advantage. The Government could not itself do the work. It needs the aid of men of earnestness and devotion to the cause. They are rendering work for the good of the community and building upon the foundation of the State primary school system. Perhaps upon full consideration the Premier will see that the movement is worthy of his support.

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DR. MAWSON.

HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

Melbourne, June 12. Writing to Mr. Carlyle Smythe by the last English mail, Dr. Douglas Mawson has fixed the date of his return to Australia. As soon as the "proofs" of his book on the Australian Antarctic expedition have been passed he will leave for Sydney so as to deliver his address before the British Association of Science in that city on August 25 or 26. Dr. Mawson will then begin a quick lecture tour of six weeks, visiting the capital of each State that subscribed to the funds of the expedition and the four capitals of New Zealand. Early in October he will leave to fulfil a long series of engagements in the United States, Great Britain, and the Continental capitals, in each of which he will be the guest of great geographical societies. The published record of the expedition will not be ready before the end of October or even later, for it is Dr. Mawson's wish that it should appear simultaneously in Australia and London. Dr. Mawson's lectures will be illustrated by moving pictures, colored by a special process in Germany, as well as by numerous colored slides. The profit of all the lecture tours will be devoted to discharging the deficit on the expedition, almost entirely caused through the disaster to the magnetic Polar party, and the consequent delay of twelve months in return.

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Conservatorium Concert.

At the Elder Conservatorium last night an orchestral concert was given and a large audience assembled. The orchestra was under the conductorship of Mr. H. Heinicke, and was led by Mr. Eugene Alderman. The chief attraction was Beethoven's C minor symphony, which, considering the absence of a complete set of woodwind instruments and the substitution of an organ, gave great pleasure to admirers of this wonderful work. The overture was Massenet's "Phedre," an excellent example of melodious and facile style. Greig's second "Peer Gynt" suite was received with great attention, the four movements, of which the well-known "Solweig's Song" is the concluding one, were splendidly performed. Saint-Saen's "Concerto" for violoncello and orchestra, the solo part of which Mr. Harold Parsons, Mus. Bac., played with all the culture, breadth of tone, and musical instinct expected of him, proved quite worthy of inclusion in this programme. The concerto is in one movement of easily-sustained interest to all. The vocalists were Mr. J. Fischer (Elder scholar), who sang "Valentine's Romance," from Gounod's "Faust," and Miss Hilda Gill, who gave a Handel recitative and air, and an old English song by Arne, "Polly Willis."

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UNIVERSITY TUTORIAL CLASSES.

A meeting of the University tutorial classes joint committee was held at the University on Thursday evening. An application was considered from a qualified gentleman to act as tutor to the two classes already formed. It was, however, decided to defer action until information had been received from the Minister of Education with regard to the recent request for a grant.