AMBASSADOR ON TOUR.

Mr. Bryce in Victoria.

MELBOURNE, July 11.

Mr. James Bryce (Mr. Bryce is Ambassador in the United States), who is at present on a tour of inspection, arrived in Melbourne to-day by the express train from Sydney. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bryce. Among the prominent citizens at the Spencer Street Station to meet the distinguished visitor was the Right Hon. Mr. Fisher, the State Premier. (Mr. W. O. Capt., Attorney-General for Victoria, Mr. Hughes). Captain Curren, A.D.C. to the Hon.() Fuller, was at the station to receive the visitors, in behalf of the State Government, and conduct them to the State Government House.

The sitting of the House of Representatives was suspended for nearly two hours that afternoon to enable the two members and their wives to meet Mr. and Mrs. Bryce. The distinguished Ambassador was met at the entrance of the Federal Parliament House by the Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet. The State Governor and Lady Parker and about 150 ladies and gentlemen had assembled in the Senate chamber. There Mr. and Mrs. Bryce were introduced to those present. About an hour was spent in conversation. Refreshments were served by the Parliamentary caterer. To-morrow, at 1 p.m., Mr. Bryce will be the guest of the Federal Parliament at luncheon at Federal Parliament House.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY.

It was 28 years on Wednesday since the Melbourne University actually began work, and on Wednesday it was given the Act incorporating it on January 22, 1835. As the old university was to-day a week, the teaching staff was completed by the exhibition of the first matriculation examination, which 40 candidates presented themselves to sit for in the Exhibition Building, on April 11, 1835. It was not until 1851 that the first of the students who had completed the course were admitted to the degree. From that year to December 31, 1890, the Melbourne University moved from equal rank with those of any university in the United Kingdom. Schools of law and of civil engineering were established in 1850, and in Medicine in 1852. For a time the professors were only available in 1860 there were only 30 students. In 1869 they were enrolled as undergraduates, and 1,257 persons attended lectures.

THE AURO.

Off Dunedin Heads.

WELLINGTON, July 11.

Yesterday the magnificent four-masted barque Auro arrived off Dunedin Heads. The voyage was rather rough, and was accompanied by Mr. Primmer, laden with despatches, but no more of the expedition was heard of until the members of the Auckland firm, the Aurora left Macquarie Island.

Our Melbourne correspondent telegraphed last night:—The Right Hon. John Forrest, British Ambassador, Washington, arrived from Sydney by the express train. Mr. Bryce was greeted on his arrival at the Spencer-street station by Mr. Fisher (Prime Minister). President and Mrs. Tupper, and Mr. and Mrs. Wall (Premier). Professor Ormsen Morsen (representing the Melbourne proctor of the American Association for the Advancement of Science), Mr. Ormsen Morsen, Mr. H. H. Flood (in the course of introducing the distinguished visitor at the luncheon), and Mr. John and Lady Fullen, Mrs. Bryce and her friends (who remain at the Jepson House) held a reception at Parliament House at 6 p.m. Mr. Bryce, Sir John Fullen and Lady Fullen, and Mr. Fisher, Sir John and Lady Forrest, and Mr. and Mrs. Tupper. The gathering was quite informal. Many introductions and salutations were given, and the other guests, Mr. Bryce and Sir John Fullen, displayed much grace and manner and much interest. The guests were divided into groups to meet with Mrs. Tupper, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Tupper, Mrs. Bryce, and Mr. and Mrs. Fullen. The Federal Government at luncheon at the Federal Parliament will be attended by the Prime Minister, Mr. Fisher, and the Right Hon. Mr. Forrest. The Federal Government at luncheon at the Federal Parliament will be attended by the Prime Minister, Mr. Fisher, and the Right Hon. Mr. Forrest.