

THE UNIVERSITY.

Commemoration Day.

There was a large attendance at the Elder Conservatorium on Wednesday afternoon, on the occasion of the University Commemoration. The Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way) presided, and among those present were the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Barlow), members of the council, senate, and staff, and graduates garbed in hoods and gowns.

—The University.—

The Chancellor said they were not honoured that afternoon with the presence of His Excellency the Governor, but he was glad to be able to assure them that the absence of Sir Day Bosanquet had been quite unavoidable. When His Excellency was in Melbourne at the beginning of last month he had made an engagement to give a party to a distinguished member of the same branch of the service as that which he himself adorned. Not knowing of that engagement, they had invited Sir Day to be present at the commemoration, and by an unlucky chance the two events clashed. They had to remember that His Excellency had ever since his arrival in the State attended the commemorations, and they could look forward with confidence and hope that he would grace all their future gatherings with his presence so long as he remained in South Australia. (Applause.) He referred with pleasure to the return to duty of the Registrar of the University (Mr. C. R. Hodge), who, owing to unsatisfactory health and overwork, had last year been given extended leave of absence. He had been away six months, and had, they would be delighted to hear, come back in robust health, and with every promise of being able to fill with great advantage to the University and honour to himself the post which he had so efficiently held for many years. (Applause.) He was pleased to note that they were honoured with the presence of the Minister of Education (Hon. F. W. Coneybeer). They also heartily welcomed the attendance of Mr. Ryan, M.P., the Chairman of the commission which had been making enquiries in regard to the working of the University and higher education in this State. The commission had been diligently prosecuting its work in this and other States, and he thought he could describe it as being a friendly one. (Applause.) The members had borne generous testimony to the work of the University in the progress reports, and they had not failed to sound the praises of the institution when they were in Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane. But it had not rested satisfied with fair and pleasing words alone. It had made practical recommendations, to which the Government of South Australia had given ready acquiescence, and he had, on behalf of the University, to give grateful thanks to the members of the Government, and the Minister of Education in particular, to the Chairman of the commission (who had been such a zealous advocate of their interests), and to all the members of the commission, for the good services they had rendered to the University. The Government, on the recommendation of the commission, had granted the generous sum of £11,000 for building operations, absolutely necessary for the work of the University. (Applause.) It had gone further, and had recommended the passing of a Bill that would make some alteration in the constitution of the council, which he trusted, would be for its good and the benefit of the University. The additions to the council would be welcomed by the present members. The Bill which had been prepared also made provision for two degrees that were badly required—the degree of Bachelor of Engineering, and the degree of Master of Engineering. (Applause.) He had hoped to have heard by then of the passing of the Bill. It was, however, like Hohamed's coffin, apparently suspended somewhere between earth and heaven. He could not say which out of the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly was earth and which was heaven. (Laughter.) He trusted that by the united efforts of the legislators the Bill would be passed, and that the Minister of Education would before Christmas have the pleasure of submitting it to the Governor for assent on behalf of the King. (Applause.) Only a week or two ago an expedition had departed from Hobart for the Antarctica. That expedition was led by Dr. Mawson, one of the brilliant members of their teaching staff. (Applause.) The leader was supported by a number of young Australians, on whom their hopes were confidently fixed, and among whom were half a dozen young graduates or undergraduates of the University of Adelaide.

They had no fear that they would not give a good account of themselves. They were confident that everything they did would be for the advancement of science and the honour of the great continent to which they belonged. (Applause.) Probably they would not see them for a year or two, but when Dr. Mawson and his young friends did return, and if they should be present at the University commemoration, they would require a larger building than the Elder Conservatorium to hold the people who would be anxious to do them honour. (Cheers.)

—Bachelor of Laws.—

The Acting Dean of the Faculty of Law presented to the Chancellor the candidates for degrees in law:—Campbell, Donald; Cowan, George Dalrymple; Giles, Mortimer; Norman, William Ashley; Pinch, Allan Love; Whittington, Louis Arnold.

The Chancellor said he had to congratulate Mr. Campbell on his remarkable distinction. It was not the first time, however, in the history of the University that a member of Parliament had combined with his Parliamentary duties the study of the law. Many years ago, and under great financial and other difficulties, the late Mr. Ash (a member of the Legislature) had graduated with distinction in the law faculty, and the present Attorney-General (Hon. W. J. Denny) had gone through his law course while a member of Parliament. Although Mr. Campbell was not a pioneer in that respect, he would add distinction to the achievement. He had passed first class in law of contracts, theory of law and legislation, and law of wrongs. He could also congratulate Mr. Giles, and especially so because his honoured grandfather had been a friend, and for many years a colleague, of himself (Sir Samuel). The name was not unknown in the history of South Australia. In the case of Mr. Norman, both his grandfathers had been friends and contemporaries of himself, and therefore he had personal pleasure in the grandson being presented for the degree. It had been attained with distinction. He had passed first class in law of wrongs, law of property (part II.), and theory of law and legislation, and had received the Stow prize as being the first man of his year in 1910. Mr. Whittington's grandfather had also been one of his friends, his father was the Commissioner of Audit. That was something to be proud of. Mr. Whittington had passed first class in logic and psychology, and in Roman law, and had been the Roby Fletcher Scholar in 1909.

—Bachelors of Medicine and Surgery.—

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine presented the candidates for degrees in medicine and surgery:—Boer, Adolph Oswald; Dolling, Charles Edward; Donnelly, Thomas Hugh; Drew, Charles Francis; Hains, Ivan Coronel; Harvey, Gilbert Aberdeen; Kneebone, John Le Messurier; Moffatt, May Josephine; Muirhead, Leonard Graeme; Pitcher, Cyril Frederick; Russell, Ernest Albert Harold; Sinclair, William Malcolm; Stoddart, Harold William Downing; Thomas, Edward Brooke; Wilton, Alexander Cockburn.

The Chancellor, in addressing Miss Moffatt, said that, judging by the hearty applause, the "sweet girl graduate" was popular in the University of Adelaide. Miss Moffatt was the only lady among the 15 candidates, but he was sure she would be among the front rank of the party in the future. Mr. Muirhead, in the second year of his undergraduate course, had passed first class, and in the fifth year second class, and he hoped he would succeed in becoming one of the first-class men in his profession. He had known Mr. Pitcher's

father (the Rev. Mr. Pitcher), and he hoped the son would be equally as successful. Mr. Russell had three or four brothers in the medical profession, and he trusted their young friend would beat all the others in his profession. Mr. Sinclair, in the first year of the undergraduate course, had passed first class, and received the Elder prize as first student for the year; in the second year graduated first class; in the third and fourth years in the third class; and in the fifth year in the second class. He did not usually refer to such things, but he felt he must really congratulate the warden of the senate on the success of his old pupils. Ten of the 15 candidates to receive the degree that afternoon had studied in their school course under Mr. Chapple. (Applause.)

—Elder Prizemen.—

Rice, Patrick William (student of the first year).

Turner, Charles Trevor (student of the second year).

—Dr. Davies Thomas Scholars.—

Le Messurier, Frederick Neill, and Verco, Joseph Stanley (students of the third year).

Rennie, Henry Charles Cadell, and Florey, Hilda Josephine (students of the fourth year).

The Chancellor congratulated Mr. Verco on having in his first and second years won the Elder prize, and on having in his third year been bracketed with Mr. Le Messurier for the Dr. Davies Thomas prize. He did not know whether their young friend's uncle (Dr. Verco) was present or not, but he would have to look after his laurels (Laughter.) Evidently Mr. Verco was going to be in South Australia the success which his namesake (Dr. Joseph Verco) was in London a good many years ago. He congratulated him on the fresh distinction he had brought to the name. This was not the first time he had met Miss Florey at their commemorations. In her third year (1910) she had received the Dr. Davies Thomas prize as a student of the first year. It was a great honour to receive a similar honour that day and to be bracketed with such an able and industrious student as Mr. Rennie.

—Everard Scholar.—

Kneebone, John Le Messurier. In felicitating Mr. Kneebone, the Chancellor mentioned that in his first year he had passed in the second class; in the second year first class, and being the first student received the Elder prize; in the third year, first class and received the Dr. Davies Thomas prize; in the fourth year, second class, and now had achieved the final honour of his undergraduate career by being in the first class, and being awarded the Everard Scholarship. He wished him continued success.

—Arts Degrees.—

For Degrees in Arts:—Ad Eundem Gradum—Wilton, John Raymond, M.A. (University of Cambridge), in absentia.

The Chancellor stated they were all sorry that it was impossible for Mr. Wilton to be present. He believed they had had no more distinguished scholar in the history of the University of Adelaide. Mr. Wilton's successful career had begun while he was at school. He had been dux of Prince Alfred College, and his name appeared six times on the honours board there. He won the Angus Engineering Scholarship at the Adelaide University, and graduated B.Sc. with first-class honours in mathematics and physics. His father had not been satisfied that his academic career should end in South Australia, and accordingly sent him to Cambridge. There he won a major scholarship in mathematics, then the Matheson Scholarship, later the Jeston Scholarship (founded in the reign of Queen Elizabeth); and had been highly commended for the Sheepshanks astronomical exhibition, being bracketed with Watson and Brodetski. He had next become fifth wrangler in a particularly brilliant year. There had been a fifth wrangler from South Australia before their University had been founded, and while Mr. Stuckey had won similar success there had also been a high wrangler from St. Peter's College. Mr. Wilton was now lecturer in mathematics at Sheffield University, and also an examiner at Leeds, Manchester, and Sheffield Universities. They were all proud of his achievements, and also of the fact that he had not forgotten his Alma Mater. It was a fortunate circumstance that Mr. Wilton's brother should have graduated at the Adelaide University. The father of those worthy sons was present that day, and they would all join in congratulating him on their great distinctions. (Cheers.)

—Honours Degree of Bachelor of Arts.—

Classics.—Barton, Felix Kingston; Potts, Gilbert Macdonald.

The Chancellor congratulated Mr. Barton on having passed first class in the honours course in classics, and on having received the David Murray Scholarship in that class. Mr. Potts had attained second class honours in classics. He had entered the University on an entrance scholarship in 1907, and had received the Barr Smith prize for Greek and the Andrew Scott prize for Latin in 1908. Those were most worthy achievements.

—Mathematics.—

Ellis, Frank, B.Sc. (in absentia).

—Ordinary Degree of Bachelor of Arts.—

Abbott, Charles Arthur Hillas Lempriere; Bagot, Edward Mead; Barnard, Marguerita Mira; Ellis, Arthur Benjamin; Giles, Harold; Gillham, Charles Alfred; Gluis, John; Jackson, Sarah Elizabeth; Johnson, William Herbert; Jones, Doris Egerton; Moncrieff, Josephine Hartley.

The Chancellor remarked that he knew the grandfather and father of Mr. Bagot, and the applause which had greeted the appearance of the young man that afternoon was evidence that his father's name had not been forgotten, and that the son was worthy to bear it. He had passed in the first division three times during his undergraduate course. Miss Barnard was encouraged with the statement:—"We are always glad when ladies take this degree." Sir Samuel added that Mr. Ellis had passed five times in the first division in his undergraduate course. He knew the uncle of Miss Jones. She was a distinguished graduate. In her undergraduate studies she had passed in the first division four times, and he understood she was going on for the LL.B. degree. That was an historical event. He understood Miss Jones had an ambition to join the same honourable profession as that of which he was a humble member—(Laughter)—and both Houses of Parliament