

DECLINE IN STUDY OF GERMAN.

The annual public examinations of the University of Adelaide afford a striking index of the extent to which the German language has fallen into disfavor among South Australian students since the war.

The Joseph Fisher Medal, awarded to the most distinguished graduate of the year in the diploma of commerce course, will this afternoon be presented, at the University commemoration, to Mr. P. W. Rooney, son of Mr. M. Rooney, of Rosewater.

THE UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATION.

The annual commemoration of the University of Adelaide will be held this afternoon in the Elder Hall, under the presidency of the chancellor (Sir George Murray).

The Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, Sir George Murray, in conferring the degree of Doctor of Music upon Miss Ruby C. E. Davy, Mus. Bac., at the annual commemoration on Wednesday, congratulated her heartily on being the first lady in Australia to win that high distinction.

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

ANNUAL COMMEMORATION.

The central seat of learning in Adelaide—the University—bore a distinguished appearance on Wednesday, when the annual commemoration was celebrated in the Elder Hall, in the presence of a large gathering.

—Loyal Students and Graduates.—

The Chancellor opened the proceedings by remarking that now the war had practically come to an end it was fitting that he should briefly refer to what had been done by the University in connection with it.

—Sacrifices and Distinctions.—

Since last they had gathered in that hall, observed Sir George, they had had to mourn the death of 13 more of their gallant men, making the total number 53.

which had been won:—D.S.O.—Majors A. R. Clayton and F. N. Le Messurier. (Applause.) M.C.—Capt. D. L. Barlow, B. Jose, J. E. McGlashan, C. G. Stewart, and H. Thompson, and Lieuts. L. F. Burgess and R. B. Goode, D.S.O. and M.C.—Major W. R. Snow, Bar to M.C.—Capt. D. M. Steele. Mentioned in Despatches.—Major Le Messurier, Capt. R. H. Chappman, and Lieut. L. F. Burgess. To those they offered their warmest congratulations.

—Far-Sighted Benefactors.—

They had seen, continued Sir George, two additions to their endowments, which called for a public acknowledgment of their gratitude—£500 from Mrs. A. M. Simpson to found a library of aeronautics in memory of her late husband, whom South Australia deeply respected; and the settlement by Mr. Peter Waite of 5,880 shares in Elder, Smith, & Co., Ltd., worth at present more than £60,000—(applause)—in addition to the magnificent gifts of his Urrbrae estates and adjacent lands, which he had already made for the study of agriculture and its allied subjects.

—Graduates Honoured.—

The following degrees were then conferred upon the successful graduates by the Chancellor:—

Bachelor of Laws.—Charles Caye Brebner, Ian Buttrose, Julian Gordon Temison Woods.

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery.—Kenneth Willoughby Bolton, William Kendall Collins, Richard Longford Thorold Grant, Colin Gurner, Leslie James Kiepert, Leslie Wadmore Linn, Phyllis Dorothy McGlew, Ian McNeil, Philip Santo Messent, Harry Roy Pomroy, Douglas Robson Wallmann, David Algeron Wilson, Raphael West Cilento (in absentia).

Master of Arts.—Constance Muriel Davey, B.A.; Herbert Walter Nietz, B.A.; David Gabriel Purton, B.A.

Bachelor of Arts (honours classics).—Dorothy Christine Somerville, (Ordinary) Ida Jane Carter, William Stuart Diment, Dora Bewlay Featherstone, Dorothy Grace

Kentish, Anna Magdalena Augusta Menz, Henry Edwin Howard Mutton, Alice Blake Pobjoy.

Master of Arts (ad eundem gradum).—Herbert Heaton, M.A. (University of Leeds).

Bachelor of Science.—Keith Jauncey, Robert James Marmion, Theodore Norman Stoate (in forestry).

Bachelor of Engineering.—William John White (mechanical engineering); Horace John Mongan (in absentia) (electrical engineering).

In Lieu of Surrendered Degree of Bachelor of Science.—Reginald Haussen Beggs, Robert Wilson Tassie (both in absentia).

Diploma in Applied Science.—Horace John Mongan (in absentia).

Bachelor of Science (ad eundem gradum).—Marjorie Isabel Collins, B.Sc. (University of Sydney.) (Presented by the Dean of the Faculty of Science, Professor E. H. Rennie.)

Doctor of Music.—Ruby Claudia Emily Davy, Mus. Bac.

Bachelor of Music.—Elsie Victoria Willmore (presented by the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Music, Professor Darnley Naylor).

Diploma in Commerce.—Charles Kingsley James, Gavin Robert Miller, Cecil Clarence Moyes, Patrick William Rooney, William Lawes Bayly (in absentia).

The annual address, which is dealt with in another column, was then delivered by the Vice-Chancellor.

NATIONAL SPIRIT.

Pride and pleasure in the University of Adelaide were probably never before so strongly felt as by the large audience at the Commemoration proceedings on Wednesday. The Chancellor (Sir George Murray) referred with admiration and gratitude to the gallant deeds and noble sacrifices of the large numbers of students and graduates and members of the teaching staff, who promptly responded to the Empire's call for military service in the great war.

Love of country is best shown by men and women who love honour more. Among the grandest patriots are those who have been slain or bitterly persecuted for righteousness' sake by men of their own nation. Professor Mitchell caustically and humorously exposed the sophistry by which selfishness endeavoured to silence the national spirit while there was urgent need for men for the war-fronts.