

And 7 L. Rykes.—Second class—Henry Trainer, Charles Oram, Edgar Stephen Stearns. Third class—Arthur Glover Langley, Walter Ernest Shearing, James Abshalom Howe, Horace Thurston, Richard Pearce.

The CHAIRMAN then presented Messrs. Charles John Whillias and Wm. Edward Wainwright with the diploma of associate of the school in the departments of mining and metallurgy respectively amid loud cheers. James Gordon Scott, who had secured the special prize presented by Mr. Forsaith, the mechanical instructor, was then handed his reward, his fellow-students loudly applauding him. Mr. Scott won the prize with a plan of a weatherboard cottage.

HIS HONOR the CHIEF JUSTICE, who was well received, said if any of them had seen Winkie, the actor, play "Rip van Winkle," and remembered how he depicted Rip van Winkle when he awoke after his 20 years' sleep, they would be able to understand his sensation when he visited the School of Mines for the second time after a three years' absence. (Cheers.) The building which had been erected to commemorate the work of his pioneers in building up the colony could not be devoted to a nobler object than the School of Mines to teach young South Australia to beat their predecessors. This institution was fortunate in its present chairman, who had done such yeoman service to the institution. (Cheers.) And no one was more with them in spirit that night than was the chairman of the Council, and he might add that no one regretted his absence more than did Mr. Bonython. (Loud cheers.) But there was another gentleman who had done much in Parliament for the School of Mines, and that was their present chairman, Dr. Cockburn. (Cheers.)

He was not there to make a speech, but to dispel any notion that a feeling of rivalry might exist between the University and the School of Mines. They might as well talk of rivalry between Prince Alfred College and the School of Mines. The University welcomed the School of Mines, and he only hoped that the students of the latter body would have the persistency to go on to the University and take advantage of its classes, and that on the other hand some of the students of the University would graduate in the practical training of the School of Mines. (Cheers.)

He had heard it humorously said with respect to one of these professors that he had done nothing but cry out that there is no coal in South Australia. He thought the work of the University and School of Mines showed that this statement cannot be taken seriously, and no one would be better pleased than Professor Tate if coal is found in the north. He would remind the meeting that Mr. Moulten has carried the credit of South Australia to the other side of the world. (Hear, hear.) Since he had been on the platform he had received most valuable testimony to the way in which the diplomas of the school are received by practical men. Mr. East had informed him that the manager of the Broken Hill mine is willing to take Mr. Wainwright and Mr. Whillias into the service of the great company which he represents and to give them every facility for pursuing their practical studies at the Barrier. (Cheers.)

When we saw one student taking a scholarship in England and two others offered positions in the Broken Hill mine, he thought little also need be said. (Cheers.) There was on the platform a gentleman who had travelled all over Europe and America to obtain metallurgical knowledge, and had returned to place that knowledge at the disposal of South Australia. He was sure no one would receive a heartier welcome than Mr. E. W. Hawker. (Cheers.)

Mr. E. W. HAWKER said the biggest school he saw abroad was that of Boston with 1,000 students. He had no idea until he went over the Adelaide school the other day how much it had progressed, and he congratulated it on having such chairman as Mr. Bonython and Dr. Cockburn. (Cheers.) An interesting account was given of several of the leading mining schools of America and Germany. An American in San Francisco told him he believed Australia would yet be the biggest mining country in the world, and he backed his opinion by offering an establishment in Sydney with a South Australian manager. (Hear, hear.) At the School of Mines in London they had not the advantages in the way of workshops which the Adelaide students have. (Cheers.)

Mr. T. SCHERER, M.P., proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

Mr. ROGERS seconded the motion, which was carried with cheers.

The CHAIRMAN suitably replied.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

A meeting of the Council was held on Friday, January 29. Present—The Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Lendon, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Ayers, Rev. Canon Poole, Dr. Stirling, Dr. Barlow, Mr. G. J. R. Murray, and Mr. Hartley.

The report of the Faculty of Laws recommending that Mr. T. Hewitson, LL.B., be appointed Lecturer on the Law of Wrongs for the year 1893 was adopted.

Dr. Way was re-elected to represent the University on the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital for the year 1893.

The report of the Education Committee recommending that a fee of £5 be for the degree be added to the regulations of the Master of Arts Degree was adopted.

A letter was read from Professor Tate intimating that the "Clarke Memorial Medal" for services to the cause of science had been awarded him, and thanking the Council for the opportunity for scientific research which had been accorded him. To be informed that the Council are gratified to hear of the award.

A warrant authorizing the payment of sums amounting to £81 10s. 6d. was approved.

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THE LATE DR. J. DAVIES THOMAS.

After a very long illness Dr. John Davies Thomas, who until three years ago was a leading physician and surgeon of Adelaide, died on Monday, January 30, at his residence at Blackwood. For months past his friends had been expecting the end at any time, for the late doctor was suffering from a chronic form of paralysis. Dr. Thomas was the son of the late Rev. Thomas Thomas, of Glamant, near Swansea, Wales, and a brother of Mr. J. Edwin Thomas, of Adelaide. His mother is still living, as well as another brother in Wales. He was born at Swansea, Wales, in 1814, and received his primary education in the Principality, entering University College, London, and carried off the first silver medal in physiology and the Fellows silver medal in clinical medicine. His academic career was most distinguished. Soon after attaining his majority he became a Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries in London, and in 1837 a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. In 1837 he passed his first examination for the degree of M.B. in the University of London, and was exhibitor and first gold medalist in organic chemistry,  *Materia Medica*, and pharmaceutical chemistry. Two years later he was admitted a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London, and passed his second examination for M.B., taking the University Scholarship and first gold medal in obstetric medicine, also gold medal in medicine and honours in forensic medicine. In 1840 he obtained a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons by examination, and graduated M.D. in the University of London in December, 1841. From 1840 to 1873 Dr. Thomas was resident medical officer of University College Hospital, London; he was also resident clinical assistant at Brompton Hospital for diseases of the chest, and resident physician's assistant to Sir William Jenner and Dr. Russell Reynolds, at the University College Hospital, London. In consequence of his failing health throughout Dr. Thomas came to Australia in 1873. After a few months' residence in Victoria he was appointed Senior House Surgeon in the Adelaide Hospital, a position which he filled with great distinction for a year, when he resigned, and entered into practice with Dr. Ferguson, of Glenelg. Soon afterwards he was taken into partnership by Dr. E. B. Whittell, whose health just then was failing. Dr. Whittell, in consequence of his health, took a journey to Europe, and thereupon Dr. Thomas undertook the whole of the practice. Dr. Lendon was afterwards in partnership with him. He was for many years Honorary Physician to the Adelaide Hospital. At the Hospital as well as at the University in this city he rendered invaluable services which will not be forgotten by the present generation. From 1886 to 1890 he was joint lecturer with Dr. J. C. Verco on medicine at the University; for eight years from 1877 he was a member of the University Council. He was re-elected to that body in 1888, but resigned in 1891 when his health began to fail. During recent years the late doctor was the great authority in the colonies on hydatid—a subject which absorbed all the attention he could possibly give to it.