THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY.

COMMENORATION DAY.

Sydney, April 15.

There was a very large and fashionable attendance at the annual University Commemoration on Saturday. The Chancellor (Sir William Manning) in his address said that the proposal of the Government to stimulate all Parliamentary aid whatever beyond the statutory endowment of £25,000 a year, appeared to be a dark prospect. The University had reached the very same success in so young a country, and no wonder it was felt that through the reformation of the Government and a period of disunion was at hand. It was specially gratifying to be able to again report that the women students maintained an equal pace with the men, both in regard to instruction and honors. The Senate had prepared to meet the necessity for reform and the fullest extent consistent with the maintenance of a proper standard. As a result of the Government reformation and the financial depression there was a deficit on the year of £290 after absorbing a surplus from the previous year, carrying out the far-reaching reformation of 1884. Every possible reduction had been made.

Sir Robert Duff, after referring to the good work done by the University, said in spite of the bad times, and the consequent narrowing of the resources, such an invaluable institution should be tenderly dealt with. To reformation was not always to economies. This young and advancing country could not afford to take a retrograde step in the march of education.

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UNIVERSITIES AND NATIONAL LIFE.

Dr. Bovis's recent delightful lectures at the University will partially fail of their purpose if they do not bring home to the minds of the authorities of the institution a lively sense of the extent to which the influence of our chief seat of learning may be increased as a popular educator. It is questionable whether anyone who has ever been here or has visited the University would not say that the University is not more frequently utilized as the means of providing such an intellectual treat for the public. Every friend of education and culture must admit that the University is a great asset in the hands of the authorities. Every friend of education and culture must admit that the University is well supplied with lecturers who are capable of delivering addresses on the subjects which are of interest to the public. The University has been able to attract a large number of students from other parts of the country, and to this extent it has been able to do good work. It is to be hoped that the University will continue to do good work in the future.