

UNIVERSITY REJOICINGS.

In jubilee celebrations the prevailing note is usually one of rejoicing, and the extensive programme arranged to commemorate the fifty years' life and achievements of the University of Adelaide is well calculated to awaken and emphasise delighted interest in the beginnings and progress of higher learning in South Australia. Citizens of the State and numerous visitors from other parts of Australasia who are expected to attend the celebrations will be afforded plentiful reasons for congratulating the city of Adelaide on its remarkably fine equipment for imparting knowledge in the arts and sciences. The programme will be instructive and entertaining in a memorable degree, and it is desirable, of course, that everything shall pass off happily and that a spirit of cordiality and unity shall characterise and be promoted by the proceedings. A religious service of thanksgiving will form a necessary part of the celebrations, for to the founders and responsible directors of the University religion and culture were and are inseparable, and the institution has always been friendly to the churches of all denominations. In view particularly of noteworthy circumstances relating to the origin of the University—circumstances which reflect much honour and credit upon the supporters of the "Nonconformist" Union College, as well as upon dignitaries of the Anglican Church—it would be cause for sincere and lasting regret if there should be any division or real or imaginary grievance, in connection with the holding of this intended devotional service. All sections of the public should be able heartily to participate in the worship.

One might naturally suppose that in arranging for the religious celebration to take place in St. Peter's Cathedral the University authorities were actuated solely by considerations of convenience, and that the character of the service will commend itself to everybody without distinction of creed. It would be unreasonable to imagine that on such an occasion an endeavour would be made to secure undue recognition of any one church, with the consequent slighting of other communions. Many members of non-Episcopal churches willingly concede that the Cathedral is a most fitting sanctuary for a national commemoration, and for this reason contributions from free churchmen have been forthcoming for the improvement and endowment of that noble edifice. Archdeacon Whittington, in a recent sermon, felicitously expressed the desire of many large-hearted churchmen and others that the Cathedral shall be used for united services by recognised religious leaders upon all national occasions. Such a practice would undoubtedly do much to promote genuine Christian unity. The Bishop has occasionally made the Cathedral available for the serious discussion of social subjects of first-class importance, in which members of free churches have taken a prominent part. May it not, therefore, be fairly assumed that in the University service other Christian communions than Anglicanism will be properly represented?

STATE BANK TESTS.

In connection with tests made recently of material used in the construction of the State Bank, Pirie street, the secretary of the Builders' Labourers' Federation (Mr. G. Clarke) made the following statement on Tuesday:—"The statement made by Messrs. Muller & Muller is interesting, inasmuch as they deny the previous statement made by the Government and contractors, and the State Bank Board, in a letter conveyed from the Premier to the secretary of the Trades and Labour Council (Mr. T. P. Howard), dated June 28, in which it was stated that the contractors had not used any quarry sand, and that at that time there was no quarry sand on the job, and it was not the intention of the contractors to use quarry sand. Messrs. Muller & Muller now make a statement concerning the blocks which they are alleged to have had tested by Professor Chapman—'these blocks were made on the job, with the material complained of, and in the presence of a representative of the Adelaide City Council, and were tested in his presence. Which statement is to be accepted? The first, that the material was not on the job, or Messrs. Muller & Muller's latest assertion—that the material was used in the blocks supposed to have been tested?' When questioned regarding the above statement on Tuesday evening, Mr. C. A. Muller said the blocks referred to by Mr. Clarke were made, as had already been stated, from ordinary sand, such as was being used on the State Bank job. At no time had quarry sand been utilized in the construction of the work."

UNIVERSITY CELEBRATIONS

Undenominational Service Urged

"REMEMBER THE DEAD"

In connection with the forthcoming University Celebrations Non-conformist clergymen suggest that a combined service be held, either in the University building or a neutral hall. It is thought that there would be no objection to a service in Chalmers Church or Pirie Street Methodist Church. All denominations could join in.

The Rev. A. C. Stevens, M.A. (chairman of the Congregational Union), said that the ideal service would be simultaneous celebrations in the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Anglican Cathedral, and a united service for Free Churchmen at the Adelaide Town Hall.

"When Dr. E. B. Meyer was in Adelaide," said Mr. Stevens, "Dr. A. N. Thomas (Bishop of Adelaide) prohibited him from speaking at Trinity Church. The Bishop said that he would allow Free Churchmen to read approved portions of Scripture and perhaps prayers, but would not allow them to preach."

"If a united service is held at the Cathedral it would be only proper that Free Churchmen should take part in it. I cannot see how the Bishop can allow that after having prohibited Dr. Meyer from preaching in an Anglican church."

Meeting at University

Mr. Stevens said that a number of Free Churchmen would be agreeable to a service at Chalmers Church, opposite the University, or at Pirie Street Methodist Church. Members of other denominations would be welcomed and asked to take part. Dr. Thomas would be gladly received, as would the Right Rev. Dr. R. W. Spence (Roman Catholic Archbishop of Adelaide) if he cared to join.

The Right Rev. D. Chapman (Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly) suggested that the service should be a united one, preferably in the University building.

"If the University is undenominational, the service should be held on a common ground," he said. "The University is not Anglican, and there is no State church in Australia."

Methodist Disappointed

The Rev. Brian Wibberley, Mus. Bac. (president of the Methodist Conference), said that he was fatefully disappointed at the decision of the University Council. Other churches were not recognised.

"I should like to see the service in the Cathedral," he said, "provided the authorities would recognise it as a united service, and include members of other churches to take equal parts."

"Since the Church of England is so exclusive it would be better to have a united service in the Adelaide Town Hall, as a neutral building, or alternatively three distinct services. Roman Catholics could celebrate at their own

Cathedral, Anglicans at St. Peter's Cathedral, and Non-conformists at Stow Memorial Church or Kent Town Methodist Church.

"What is this service for?" asked the Rev. Dr. G. Davidson (minister of the Flinders Street Presbyterian Church). "If it is for the celebration of the founding of the University, it might be as well to remember that it was Presbyterian money which was responsible."

Gift to Union College

"Without that the University at that time could not have started. The gift was made to the Union College. After consultation with the teaching staff it was suggested to the late Sir W. W. Hughes, the donor, that the money should be devoted to the founding of a University."

"The Church of England had nothing to do with it. There was not a single Episcopalian connected with the Union College. It was composed of Presbyterians, Methodists, Congregationalists, and Baptists."

"Why should the Episcopalians be allowed to lead the service? If it is a thanksgiving service, and thanks are to be given for the founding of the University, they should be magnanimous enough to remember the dead."

As an ideal service, Dr. Davidson suggested that the University building be used, and that the service be a joint one. Ministers of every denomination should be represented.

The Ven. Archdeacon J. S. Moyes said that he was sorry that anything had been said until the Bishop returned to Adelaide. He was in the country and had not had a chance to say what the arrangements of the service were. It was three weeks off, and final arrangements had not been made.

Lecturer on Geology

Mr. Cecil Thomas Madigan, B.Sc. (Lecturer on geology at Adelaide University) has found an outlet for his energies in Polar exploration, soldiering, and scientific research.

In 1911 Mr. Madigan secured a Rhodes scholarship and proceeded to Oxford, where he stayed only long enough to pass his entrance examination. He then proceeded to the Antarctic with Dr. Mawson, and was away until 1914. He again put in an appearance at Oxford University, but the Great War soon put a stop to his studies. Mr. Madigan obtained a commission as a captain of the Royal Engineers in the first hundred thousand, and was twice wounded and mentioned in despatches.

Mr. Madigan was demobilised in 1919 and resumed his interrupted studies, and secured a first-class pass in natural science and geology. He was on the books of the University as an undergraduate for eight years, although he actually was in attendance for only six terms.

For 12 months Mr. Madigan was assistant geologist to the Sudan Government. In 1922 he was appointed lecturer in geology at Adelaide University



Mr. C. T. Madigan

Mr. Madigan secured his "blue" in 1910 when the Adelaide crew won the University eight-oar race, and he also rowed in the interstate eight-oar contest in 1911. He was a member of the Magdalen four in 1914, and the eight in 1919. He was also chosen for the trial eight in 1914, but the war prevented the race taking place.

He is a vice-president of the Undergraduates' and Sports Association. He is also on the sports ground committee, committee of University Club, Rhodes scholarship selection committee, a member of the council of St. Mark's College and the University Union committee.

One of his few relaxations is coaching the University crews. Mr. Madigan has published various works on geology.

PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING

New University Building

"Satisfactory in every respect and a valuable addition to the University," was the comment of Prof. Kerr Grant, when discussing the new physics and engineering building of Adelaide University, which will be opened by the Hon. J. Gunn (Premier) on August 17.

The new building is near the recently constructed Darling Building devoted to physiology, bio-chemistry, and zoology, and is at the rear of the main building. It was completed in March after two years spent in construction, and was erected at the expense of the State Government at a cost of approximately £50,000.

Mr. A. E. Simpson (Architect-in-Chief) had a number of consultations regarding requirements with Prof. Grant and Prof. R. W. Chapman, who are in charge of the physics and engineering departments respectively.

"When the physics section was inaugurated 40 years ago there were seven pupils. Now there are 170, so it was time we had more adequate premises," said Prof. Grant. "The main building, in which the physics classes were previously held, was not designed for the work as the new building is."

The new building is spacious and well lighted. It was occupied before it was actually completed, as it was desired to start work in it as soon as possible. It is anticipated that it would be completely fitted out by the end of another 12 months. Machinery is being installed and students will be given better opportunity of progressing with their work. Laboratories are provided for students in the various stages of training, and there are well-equipped machine rooms, workshops, dark rooms for photography, basement rooms for experiments demanding a steady temperature, rooms for special research work, large and small lecture rooms, and common rooms where students can read or write.

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM

Chamber Music Recital

The seventh concert of the session was given at Elder Conservatorium on Monday night. The audience included Mr. Percy Grainger, Mrs. Harry Dutton, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sunter.

Dr. Harold Davies (director) prefaced the programme with a welcome to Mr. Grainger, who, he said, would return early in October for his second series of concerts, in which he would be associated with the South Australian Orchestra, the Bach Society and the Glee Club. Programmes were in course of preparation.

The concert took the form of a chamber music recital, and opened with Beethoven's string quartet in E minor, Op. 59, No. 2. This work was played by the Conservatorium String Quartet, which includes Mr. Charles Schilsky (leader), Miss Kathleen Meehan, A.M.U.A., Miss Sylvia Whittington, A.M.U.A., and Mr. Harold Parsons, Mus. Bac. Heard for the first time in Adelaide, it was received with great attention.

In four movements, the allegro opened with some striking chords, melting into a graceful and delicate treatment of the main theme, some excellent team work being done, while the distinctive parts allotted to the several instruments were brought out with great effect. The adagio was of a refined character with a restful theme, the third movement passing into an allegretto of sprightly nature. The work concluded with a presto movement in which most effective work was done by the combined instruments.

The final number on the programme was Gabriel Faure's piano quartet in C minor, also heard for the first time in Adelaide. Opening with an allegro in quiet mood, it passed to a sprightly scherzo with pizzicato for the strings, thence to a quaint measure for muted strings with brisk work for the piano, which fell to the share of Mr. George Pearce, who played with fine appreciation of his part.

Between the numbers Mr. Clive Carey, Mus. Bac., contributed a set of modern French songs, which he lately introduced to Melbourne. Miss Maude Paddy, Mus. Bac., acted as accompanist.

A concert by the student orchestra will be given on Monday evening, and the following week the student opera class will give two performances.

Elder Conservatorium

It has been found necessary to alter the dates of the August and October meetings of the Elder Conservatorium Association as follows:—

The meeting originally fixed for Monday, August 2 ("Original Compositions," arranged by Messrs. Arthur Williamson and Alex. Burnard), has been postponed until Monday, August 30. The meeting previously arranged for Monday, October 4 ("Concerted Vocal Music," arranged by Madame Delmar Hall), will be held on Sunday, October 18.