

# STATUE OF WALTER WATSON HUGHES.



The statue erected at the University to the memory of Sir Walter Watson Hughes, one of its founders, who in 1872 contributed £20,000 towards the establishment of the institution.

ties it was seized. One of the finest acts of the council, when it felt funds would permit, was to provide for the free education of public school teachers. This was a beneficent act not only in the interests and for the benefit of the teachers themselves, but it meant the saving of many thousands of pounds to the Government, and, incidentally the taxpayers. Moreover, it helped to build up university sentiment and extend it throughout the State. Further, it was the first university in the Commonwealth to found a school of music, and provide forestry and commercial courses. The commercial course has proved very popular, successful, and useful. No less than 137 persons engaged in commercial and industry have obtained the diploma in commerce. The University, at the request of country residents, established a large number of centres in country towns, so that candidates for the several public examinations could sit for their examinations locally, instead of having to go to the city. This provision has proved a boon, for many parents could not afford to send their children to Adelaide, but under the provisions made by the council very many children have been able to qualify, both for matriculation or for business appointments; who otherwise would not have been able to do so.

## Links with Western Australia.

The council also responded to a call for help from Western Australia, and for some years, not only held its public examinations there, but assisted students who desired to take certain subjects of the arts and sciences courses in that

Had the jubilee been but a few years later the happy gatherings in connection with it would no doubt have been held in the "great hall," by which the University will be enriched through the munificence of Sir Langdon Bonython. His splendid gift of £40,000, however, will not materialize until four years hence.

## Lord Bryce's Eulogium.

As there will be many delegates from overseas and other universities attending the jubilee celebrations, some of them possibly seeing the University and State for the first time, the following excerpt from an address given by Lord Bryce, at the University in 1912, appeals as most appropriate:—

"It is of great interest to any one who has passed the best part of his life in connection with universities, to see this new university in this new land. A university expands the mind and thought and aspiration of the people among whom it stands, and a university has for people a great promise for the future. It is both a result and a cause. It is a result as it is the expression of the people's mind and character. It shows the advancement which the community has made, the objects upon which the hearts of its people are set, and the thoughts with which its people's minds are filled. It is a cause in that it is a powerful motive force and guide in the community, and gives back to the community more than it receives from them."

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