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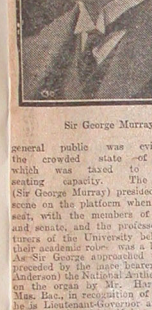
UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATION.

Degrees and Diplomas Conferred.

A Brilliant Scene.

The annual commemoration ceremony of the University, in many respects the most important event in the academic year, was held in the Elder Hall of the Conservatorium of Music on Wednesday afternoon. The interest shown by the relatives and friends of the candidates for degrees and diplomas, as well as by the



Sir George Murray.

general public was evidenced by the crowded state of the hall, which was taxed to its utmost seating capacity. The Chancellor (Sir George Murray) presided, and the scene on the platform when he took his seat, with the members of the council and senate, and the professors and lecturers of the University behind him in their academic robes, was a brilliant one. As Sir George approached the platform, he preceded by the mace bearer (Mr. C. W. of Queen's College, University of Belfast, Anderson) the National Anthem was played on the organ by Mr. Harold Parsons, sity of Durham. His wide experience Mus. Bac., in recognition of the fact that in those universities, as well as at St. he is Lieutenant-Governor and the chief Augustine's College, Canterbury, would make him a fitting successor to Professor Rendle. It was representative of his Majesty the King in the State. The order of the procession from the concert-room to the Elder Hall was: The Acting Clerk of the Senate (Mr. T. R. Mellor, LL.B.), Bachelors of Music, Bachelors of Science, Bachelors of Engineering, Bachelors of Arts, Bachelors of Dentistry, Bachelors of Medicine, Bachelors of Laws, Masters of Arts, Masters of Science, Masters of Engineering, Doctors of Laws, Doctors of Music, Doctors of Science, Doctors of Letters, Doctors of Engineering, Doctors of Medicine, Doctors of Dentistry, Doctors of Laws, the Warden of the Senate (Mr. Justice Angas Parsons), the teachers of the University, the Chancellor (Sir George Murray), the Director of the Botanical Gardens at Kew, London (Dr. Arthur William Hill, C.M.G., M.A., F.L.S. (Cantab), D.C.L., LL.D.), who was granted the ad eundem graduate degree of Doctor of Science, the Warden of the Senate, members of the Council, the professorial lecturers, members of boards, the members of the senate, and the registrar. During the passage of the procession the National Anthem was played on the organ. Occupying seats on the platform, in addition to the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Mitchell), the mace, and the Chancellor's train, were the Director of the Botanical Gardens at Kew, London (Dr. Arthur William Hill, C.M.G., M.A., F.L.S. (Cantab), D.C.L., LL.D.), who was granted the ad eundem graduate degree of Doctor of Science, the Warden of the Senate, members of the Council, the professorial lecturers, members of boards, the members of the senate, and the registrar. During the passage of the procession a number of candidates to be presented with degrees and diplomas, the usual commemoration address was dispensed with.

The Chancellor's Address.

The Chancellor stated that the proceedings of the occasion would be shorter than usual owing to the omission of the address to which they had been accustomed to hear a member of the distinguished professorial staff. He regretted the disappearance of this feature from the programme, as it provided valuable and elementary on the latest thought and criticism on the matter dealt with, and stimulated interest in the whole of the University for beyond its precincts. The reason for discontinuing it was partly that the proceedings had become unduly long without it, and partly that the acoustic properties of the hall were not as good as might be desired for the ease of speaker or his audience. He hoped it would be possible to arrange some other time and place for the delivery of the address, and he would be sorry to see it abandoned. The Chancellor offered congratulations to the Hon. Chemnitz (Minister of Education), Mr. Clive Carey (who completed the first five years for which he had been engaged as teacher of singing at the Elder Conservatorium. They parted with him reluctantly, for he had all the qualifications of a teacher that could be desired, and he had left the impress of his artistic attainments on his pupils. He was returning to England, but some day they hoped he would be attracted back to the Australian Commonwealth, not to Adelaide, to one of the other States of the Commonwealth. (Applause.)

New Appointments.

The Chair of Anatomy, vacated at the end of last year by Professor Wood-Jones, had been filled by the appointment of Dr. J. H. Woollard, who had been for three and a-half years assistant to Professor Elliot-Smith in the great school of anatomy at University College, London. A further compliment had been paid to Dr. Woollard by Dr. Elliott-Smith when he wrote, expressing regret at the resignation of Dr. Wood-Jones, he said that Dr. Woollard anatomist is so well fitted as Dr. Woodis, by knowledge, experience, and personality, to maintain and extend the prestige of Australian anatomy. Professor Darnley Naylor's retirement from the Chair of Chemistry would take effect from the end of the year. In addition to the loss of his long and valuable service, the council had sanctioned on him the title of Professor Emeritus, a title which, so far as was to have been carried on until the appointment of his successor by Professor G. D. Hedley, had been prevented by ill-health from coming. They were fortunate in being able to secure Messrs. H. Hollidge, G. A. MacMillan, and J. H. C. MacIntosh in his place. Professor Richardson had been appointed by the Commonwealth Government, with the consent of the council, to be a member of the executive of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research in succession to Mr. Newbigin. He had just returned from London, where as Professor of Prime Minister, he had attended the Imperial Conference on Agriculture as one of the representatives of Australia, in collaboration with the Empire Marketing Board in London, through the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, they had undertaken at the White Institute an important piece of research in relation to the deficiency in minerals in Australian pastures, which would be under the control and supervision of Professor Richardson. Professor Braidford-Robertson had been appointed Professor of the Anatomy of animals on behalf of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. That body would make their headquarters **in the University grounds at a cost of** £10,000. Professor Prescott had been appointed adviser to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research on soil problems. He would devote attention, in the first instance, to the irrigation areas of the River Murray. The investigation of the plant disease known as "take-all" and "tomato wilt" was proceeded with at the White Institute under Mr. G. Samuel. The cause of tomato wilt was believed to have been discovered, and a remedy was being sought.

Splendid Benefactions.

It gave him great pleasure to refer to two splendid benefactions which had been announced since the last meeting of the senate. Mr. Ah. Ah. Smith, during his lifetime, had contributed £1,000 a year for nine years for the purchase of books for the library of the University, to which, in his honor, had been named after him. Shortly after his death his family had provided for the permanent endowment of the library by giving a sum of £11,000. His son, Mr. T. E. Barr Smith, had now given £5,000 for the erection of a library building. (Applause.) The only stipulation he had made was that the building should be erected within five years. To ensure obtaining the best designs they had asked Mr. Walter Bagot, the University architect, to visit the libraries in Europe, to make enquiries and report to them. That munificent gift was an extremely appropriate one, and he (the speaker) felt sure they would have made, and was doubly interesting because he was a nephew of Sir Thomas Elder, one of the founders of the University. Mr. John Melrose, who was deeply interested in the pastoral industry of Australia, had given £2,000 for the erection of a chemical laboratory at Urrbrae. (Applause). Mr. Melrose had been moved to make the example set by his friend, Mr. Peter Waite. The council had decided that in his honor the laboratory should bear his name. They were also fortunate in having received many valuable gifts in money and kind had been received, all had been most gratefully acknowledged. The council had also been fortunate long to refer to them in detail now. The land which had been promised to the University by the present proprietor of the north-west of their original boundary, had been transferred to them by the present owner, Mr. Goode, and they had given a welcome addition to their resources, but would soon, he feared, be insufficient for the requirements of the future. It was allotted for the new Union Building and for the Research Laboratory which was to be erected by the Council for scientific and industrial research, and the intervening space would be utilised for the Barr Smith Library, for which, as he had stated, except for a chemical laboratory, which they hoped to see erected in memory of Professor Rennie. Another gift was the three acres Sir Langdon Bonython's munificent gift of £40,000 for the erection of a building for the Department of Agriculture. (Applause.) The Government had also promised to provide a site for the proposed Institute of Education, and to accommodate the arts and crafts already urgent. If the Government could see their way to extend the University's boundaries towards Fullarton Road, a site could be conferred on it, and through it on the community generally. (Applause.) Apart from the land which had already been conveyed to them, they had to thank the Government for an additional £800 a year for the appointment of an economic entomologist at the White Institute, and for signifying their intention of providing £1,000 a year for the study of veterinary science next year. Finally, the Government was being introduced into Parliament that afternoon for the gradual increase of the subsidy to the White Institute by £15,000 a year for five years. He had heard regarding that he could make no comment, as the council for scientific and industrial research was over-subscribed to more than the annual nutrition research laboratory, which had been referred to. Grants amounting to £2,000 had been for the creation of laboratories at the White Institute, and a subsidy of £900 a year for five years towards the cost of carrying out the investigations into mineral deficiency in Australian pastures had been promised. The Empire Marketing Board in London was also contributing £2,000 for a similar mentioned object, with an annual subsidy of £1,870 for five years. The Commonwealth Government had also contributed £2,000 in aid of the late Professor Braidford Robertson's work into the origin of cancer, and, to encourage the study of forestry were offering to give students four scholarships of £250 a year, tenable at the School of Forestry at Canberra. For all those benefits he desired to express the profound appreciation of the University.

The Union Building.

An appeal had been made to those associated with the University to enable the Students' Union and University Sports Memorial to be erected. The response had been so good as might have been expected, and the total was now £20,000 at over £40,000, towards which, as they knew, Sir Josiah Symon had generously contributed £10,000 for the Memorial Building, which would constitute the central building of the union. The foundation stone of the building had been laid by Sir Josiah in October, and the work was being rapidly proceeding. The refectory, which was an important part of the scheme, was also in course of erection, and when £15,000 was required for the completion of the whole plan, and he hoped that those who had already given would yet be able to help towards so worthy an object as such a useful and patriotic object. (Applause.) Three years ago the council had had the privilege of granting affiliation to St. Mark's College, and it was gratifying in connection with the University. Another college was coming into being through the generosity of the late Mr. John and Lady Duncan. Sir John, it would be remembered, was a nephew of Sir Walter Hughes, whose offer of land at Kensington, Lenah, he had left the foundation of the University. "Strathspey," Sir John's former residence at Kensington, was part of the land, had been vested in trustees for the purpose of the Presbyterian college in connection with the University, and they would be readily been granted by the council, and the most cordial appreciation of their splendid generosity had been conveyed to the donors. The conferring on an ad eundem degree, honoris causa, was a special distinction, and those who had attained eminence before or since there they attended the Universities. That day it would be his privilege to admit Dr. Arthur William Hill to the degree of Doctor of Science. Dr. Hill was a fellow of the Royal Society, a distinguished director of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, and botanical adviser to the Secretary of State for the Dominions. He was visiting Australia at the request of the Empire Marketing Board in London in furtherance of the research work that that body had instituted with the object of developing the Empire's resources. It was a matter of hearty welcome on behalf of the University, and thanked him cordially for permitting them to honor them by honoring him. (Applause.)

Degrees Conferred.

The ceremony of conferring degrees and diplomas was then proceeded with.

The dean of the faculty of science (Professor T. G. B. Osborn) presented for the degree of Doctor of Science, ad eundem graduum, Arthur William Hill, C.M.G., M.A., D.C.L., LL.D., F.L.S., F.L.S.

Professor A. L. Campbell, the dean of the faculty of laws, presented the following candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Laws:—Edward Benjamin Beauchamp, George Wilson Bonython, Ralph Cecil Gillespie, Mabel Flora Goodhart, Keith Alexander Laught, Sheila Lamont Maddeford, John Arthur Leslie Mangan, Reginald Albert Symons, and Albert Edward Cotsell Tapper.

For degrees in medicine and surgery the dean of the faculty of medicine (Dr. W. Mitchell) presented:—Bachelor of Medicine—James Garner Sleeman, M.B., B.S.; Herbert Henry Woollard, M.D., B.S.; Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery—Samuel Powell Bennett, Alfred Dudley Rungo, George Herbert Cun-