University Degree Conferred on the Duke.

For many people yesterday was the last opportunity of seeing the Duke and Duchess of York, for they will leave this morning at 9.30 by the Royal train for Tailem Bend, en route for Wellington Lodge, Lake Alexandrina, where they will be the guests for two days of Mr and Mrs. A. McFarlane. After their strenuous programme since Tuesday the Duke and Duchess must have appreciated the comparatively easy time they had yesterday. Each of them had only one engagement in the morning, and for the first time since their visit they attended gatherings by themselves. The Duke had the degree of Doctor of Laws conferred upon him by the University of Adelaide, and the Duchess was tendered a reception and presented with an address at the Town Hall, where the representatives of 52 women's societies had attended to do her honor. In the afternoon their Royal Highnesses were present at the Adelaide Cup meeting, at Morphettville. After seeing the Cup run the Duke presented the trophy to Mr. F. H. Scarlett, the owner of the winner, Three Kings.

The ceremony at the University was probably the most brilliant, as well as one of the most interesting of the visit. The brightly-hued robes of the graduates, professors, and members of the council were in picturesque contrast to the dark green of the lawns and evergreens, but in harmony with the varied colors of the deciduous trees in the avenue in the University grounds. In accepting the degree the Duke of York was following in the footsteps of his father, the King, and his brother, the Prince of Wales, both of whom had similar degrees conferred upon them by the University of Adelaide when they were in Adelaide. Though the regulations and statutes governing the University of Adelaide do not permit the granting of honorary degrees, it can admit graduates of any approved university to a similar degree, and it was under that regulation that the degree was conferred upon the Duke of York on Wednesday, for he holds the honorary degree of LL.D., conferred upon him by his own University of Cambridge, and both he and brother were granted their degrees by the University of Adelaide in virtue of the D.C.L. degrees conferred on them by the University of Oxford.

The popularity of the Duchess among women was well shown by the number who crowded the Town Hall yesterday morning, and the thousands who lined the barriers in King William-street to see her pass on her way to and from the women's reception. Though there were many men in the crowd the women largely predominated, and there were only two members of the sterner sex present in the Town Hall. The gathering was a veritable triumph for the gentler sex, and an illustration of how efficiently women can run matters when given an opportunity to do so.

Adelaide Cup day of 1927 will be long remembered among followers of sport, and the presence of the Duke and Duchess at Morphettville yesterday was responsible for a record attendance. They were heartily cheered during their journey to the course, and received an ovation on arrival. Further cheers greeted them after the Duke had presented the Adelaide Cup to Mr. F. H. Scarlett, whose horse, Three Kings, was successful in the principal event of the day, and their departure for Government House was the signal for a further outburst of cheering.

This morning their Royal Highnesses will leave Adelaide with the knowledge that although their stay in South Australia has been brief, it will live long in the memories of the people, who will follow their movements with a sympathetic interest.

THE UNIVERSITY. HONORED.

A DEGREE CONFERRED ON THE DUKE.

THIRD MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.

When the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon his Royal Highness the Duke of York by the Chancellor of the University on Wednesday morning, the latter stated that the Duke was the third member of the Royal Family who had honored the University by consenting to become a member of it.

Those who were responsible for the establishment of the University of Adelaide, 51 years ago little thought that within that space of time the list of those on whom degrees had been conferred would include three members of the British Royal Family; but when the Duke of York had received the degree of Doctor of Laws conferred upon him in the Elder Hall on Wednesday morning he took his place as a member of the University with his father, King George, and his brother, the Prince of Wales, both of whom had previously received a similar degree in the same hall.

Punctually at 11 o'clock his Royal Highness, attended by his chief of staff (the Earl of Cavan) and equerries (Major T. E. G. Nugent and Lieutenant-Commander Buist, R.N.), arrived at the main entrance to the University, where he was welcomed by the Chancellor (Sir George Murray) and the Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Mitchell). In the main hall the members of the Council were drawn up to receive his Royal Highness, and while the Duke was robing they moved to the Elder Hall, the Council Hall. As they made their way along the pathway leading from the main building their progress was a picturesque one, the brilliant colors of their gowns and hoods showing up brightly against the dark green of the lawn in front of the Elder Hall.

High-spirited Undergraduates.

In an enclosure, roped off from the route of the procession, were the undergraduates of the University. Those who were not admitted to the ceremony enlivened the proceedings for the onlookers by their humorous remarks, and the humorous, if personal, sallies with which they greeted their professors and fellow-students on their appearance before them. The president of the Students' Association (Mr. K. H. Boykett), who preceded the University Beadle carrying the mace of the University, was the target for their wit, and he was anxiously implored "not to drop it." Another of the crowd wanted to know "why he looked so miserable," and this called forth a reply of similar description, which was inaudible outside the enclosure, was responsible for a roar of laughter.

This was followed by cries of "We want the Duke! Where is the Duke?" The uproar ceased, however, as the word was passed round that the Duke was coming. He was escorted by Sir William Mitchell and Sir Langdon Bonython, and attended by the staff of the Governor and Chancellor. As the small procession, which was preceded by the marshals (Professors Sir Douglas Mawson and T. G. B. Osborn) passed the crowd of students a hush, which was not entirely void of a note of baldry of a few moments before, settled upon them, and they stood in respectful silence as his Royal Highness and escort entered the Elder Hall. They then returned to their foolery, and having failed to bait learned their attention to the row of policemen guarding the enclosure. Brigadier-Generals O. F. Phillips (State marshal) and R. L. Leane (Commissioner of Police) also came in for their share of badinage. As the sounds of the National Anthem were heard the students took up the refrain, standing to attention with bared heads. Their loyalty and enthusiasm, however, were greater than their sense of time and rhythm, and although the words were several bars ahead of the organist and congregation inside the hall, a result which elicited more humorous remarks. During the whole time that the ceremony was proceeding their antics, which were at times good-humored, if not always in the best of taste, kept the crowd outside amused.

Inside the Hall.

Representatives of the students' organisations took their seats on the platform shortly after 10.30, by which time the body of the hall was filled with invited guests, only the seats reserved for the members of the senate being left vacant.

Dr. E. Harold Davies provided an organ recital, and the fifty or so students' representatives who had been admitted, gave the University cry, sang the University song, and, at the conclusion of "Mademoiselle from Armentieres," rendered the following lines:—

"The Duke of York is here for a degree,
Paries Vous,
The Duke of York is here for a degree, Paries Vous,
The Duke of York is here for a degree,
He gets it under than you or me,
Inky Pinky Parlez vous."

At 10.45 members of the senate, preceded by wand bearers, entered in the following order and took their seats in the body of the hall:—The clerk of the senate, 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 engineering, doctors of music, doctors of science, doctors of dentistry, doctors of medicine, doctors of laws, the warden of the senate.

Members of the council and professors arrived shortly after the senate, and preceded to the platform in the following order:—Lecturers, members of boards, professors (Messrs. Hicks, W. K. Hancock, A. E. V. Richardson, Sir Archibald Strong, J. B. Cleland, T. Brailsford Robertson, A. R. Campbell, J. A. Prescott, McKinlay Stewart, Harvey Johnston, J. R. Wilton, and E. H. Davies; the registrar (Mr. A. W. Piddington), the council, comprising Mr. E. Anthoney, Mr. W. R. Boyce, Mr. K. J. F. Bickerstedt, Professor R. W. Chapman, Mr. Hicks, Mr. K. Hancock, the Hon. W. H. Harvey, Mr. E. W. Holden, Dr. F. S. Hone, Mr. L. C. Hunkin, Mr. W. J. Sandland, J. A. Prescott, Mr. Justice Angas Parsons, the Hon. T. Pascoe, Mr. A. G. Price, Dr. W. Ray, Mr. R. J. Sheridan, Mr. C. Fred Smith, Professor J. McKellar Stewart, Sir Joseph Verco, and Mr. W. J. Young; the macebearer (Mr. C. Mountford), president of the Students' Association); and the Chancellor (Sir George Murray).

An Address of Welcome.

A hush passed over the assembly as his Royal Highness, preceded by the mace and a doctor of laws of the Adelaide University and the official scarlet robes of a doctor of laws of the Cambridge University, entered the hall.

The Duke stood at attention, facing the Chancellor, as the audience sang "God Save the King." Sir George Murray bowed to his Royal Highness when the National Anthem had concluded, and then moved the platform, escorted by the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Langdon Bonython, and his chief of staff (Earl of Cavan), who took his seat on the dais, and the Royal equerries (Major T. E. G. Nugent and Lieutenant-Commander Buist, R.N.) remained in the body of the hall.

The following address of welcome was then read by the Chancellor:—

To his Royal Highness, the Duke of York.

May it please your Royal Highness.

The University of Adelaide bids your Royal Highness a most cordial welcome. We welcome you in loyalty, as is our bounden duty; we welcome you as a member of the Royal House, whose gracious representatives have endeared themselves to all; and we welcome you because of the important mission which you have undertaken to our shores.

The names that stand at the head of our Senate roll are those of his Majesty the King and of his Highness the Prince of Wales. It was in the old hall that they graciously conferred distinction on the University by receiving their degrees, and it is supremely gratifying to us that your Royal Highness the Duke of York should attend here to-day to add a further honor upon us by accepting the same high degree as you hold from the University of Cambridge.

We are proud to add the name of your Royal Highness to our list of graduates. You have been a splendid example to University men through your war service, and, ever since the war, through your practical efforts to improve social conditions, and to promote the welfare of his Majesty's subjects.

We hope that your Royal Highness will enjoy your sojourn in Australia, and that you will carry back to the home and with you, on a safe and prosperous voyage, the heartiest and happiest recollections of your experiences in this distant part of his Majesty's Dominions.

C. J. R. Murray, Chancellor.
W. Mitchell, Vice-Chancellor.
Adelaide, May 4, 1927.

The Degree Conferred.

The Dean of the Faculty of Laws (Professor Campbell) then addressed the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, members of the council, senate, and the board, as follows:—

"I present to you His Royal Highness, the Duke of York, who has been admitted to the degree of Doctor of Laws in the University of Cambridge, as a fit and proper person to be given the rank and privileges of that degree in the University of Adelaide."

The Chancellor, in welcoming his Royal Highness as a member of the University, said:—

"Your Royal Highness—Unlike the great University of Cambridge, and as I have heard it called, 'the supremely great' college in that University of which, as you are a member, the Duke of Adelaide has but a small number of years behind it—just enough for the celebration of its jubilee, and one year more. Little did its founders think that within so short a period as fifty-one years a King of this land, a Prince of Wales, and a Duke of York would regard its degrees as not unworthy of acceptance. These marks of the Royal favor have encouraged us, and will encourage us in the future, to greater effort. While not neglecting the older branches of learning and education—for who shall say that any of them is out of date—we are fortunate in being able, through the liberality of our benefactors and the Parliament of the State, to cooperate with the Government of the Commonwealth and the Empire Marketing Board in London, in research work, which, it is hoped, will contribute towards the object your Royal Highness so deeply interested in, the increase of production in this country, and the promotion of Imperial trade and settlement.

"We beg your Royal Highness to convey to his Majesty the King the humble assurance of our loyalty and devotion, and we ask you to accept the most profound thanks for the honor of this visit. The day will always be noted in the annals of the University as one of the most illustrious in its history.

"And now, sir, by virtue of the authority committed to me, I admit your Royal Highness to the rank and privileges of a Doctor of Laws in the University of Adelaide." (Loud applause.)

The Duke's Reply.

His Royal Highness, who was received with applause, in a clear voice which was audible throughout the hall, replied as follows:—

"Mr. Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen—

"I thank you very sincerely for the address with which you have just presented me, and for the kind expressions it contains. I wish to assure you how highly I value the honor you have done me in conferring upon me a degree. I am glad to renew in this way the personal associations which have existed between you and the members of my family for whom you have referred. Like my brother, the Prince of Wales, I attended a University at home as a student, so I do not altogether feel a stranger among you. I know of your life, of the problems which confront you, and I am particularly glad to hear that the Government and people of this State and its capital realise their responsibilities to their University and have responded in a fine spirit of generosity.

"There are two matters on which I desire to congratulate you. The first is the celebration of your jubilee last year; and the second, the possession of an Agricultural Research Institute. If I understand the object of that institute aright, it is one which will form bonds between Australia and the mother country. It will serve a great Imperial purpose a purpose which the Duchess and I are, for our part, trying to carry out in our tour through the Commonwealth. It may be well that one our mission is indeed to inaugurate as his Majesty's representatives the new Federal capital, but that is not all. We are also trying to learn something of the life of your people and to understand their conditions and their needs for ourselves. We believe that it is the only way to master any subject, and we are anxious by this means to promote a spirit of mutual sympathy and co-operation within the Empire, such as exists here between the citizens of Adelaide and the members of the University. Indeed, I should be glad to see an occasional interchange of some of the professors and students of Australia and Great Britain. I do not know if such a scheme is practicable. If it is, I for one am convinced it would establish a personal touch which would prove of incalculable benefit to the British Empire.

"From the bottom of my heart I wish you ever-increasing success in your magnificent work, and I thank you once more for your kindness in making me a member of the University of Adelaide, a position I am proud to hold." (Loud applause.)

To the air of the University song which was rendered by the students