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CONSERVATORIUM STUDENTS

Good Programme At Final Concert

By ALEX. BURNARD

I do not remember a concert of this type in the Elder Hall which was of such all-round excellence as was last night's well-balanced programme. The Associates in Music for 1931, Misses Ivy Freeman, Mary Morton, Betty Puddy, and Flora Trucks—and the scholarship holders for the ensuing year—Misses Lyndall Hendrickson and Gwendoline Koch and Master Philip Largreaves—gave first presented to the Vice-Chancellor.

My own choice of all the items was the Brahms Piano Quartet Op. 60—first movement. Misses Jean Barbour and Katie Yoerger and Messrs. Eric McLaughlin and C. O. Rosenfield were the interpreters. The whole performance was masterly and worthy of the great advantage it conferred on the other Ensemble item, Scherzo from D minor (Vita Mendelssohn), received accordingly new handling from Misses Miriam Hyde, Mr. Harry Hutchins and Mr. Rosenfield. There was an impressive bevy of piano solo items. A grand performance was that of Miss Nedra Dodd, in the Mendelssohn G minor Prelude and Fugue. Scholarly and beautiful in its initial restraint, it was carried to a magnificent climax and met all the demands of this great, exacting work. D'Albert's rarely heard Scherzo in A (Op. 16) was ably and admirably played by Miss Beatrice Schapel. Her tone always restrained and she made of it a highly finished and polished work of art.

Round of applause greeted the appearance of Miss Miriam Hyde, the gifted Elder Overseas Scholar. She gave quite an exacting reading to the sharp minor Study (Chopin). While I think that more repose of tone suits it, it was a performance to remember. There were no two ways about "Goldfish"—wonderfully finished and suggestive. Miss Hyde's Polonaise in A minor Polonaise (Chopin) was played in grandiose fashion, emphasis being on the right modicum of rubato and finely graded tone. She should cultivate more repose of presence. Miss Mavis Medel's pure soprano was thoroughly at home in Elisabeth's Greeting from "Tannhauser" (Wagner). Her dignity and absolute control, especially in the sustained phrases.

Miss Thalia Allin possesses a voice and a personality that should take her far. Her musicianship is sound, thorough musicianship shone forth mainly in a Recit and Aria from Handel's "Rinaldo." In the Bishop "Lullaby to the Damask Rose," Mrs. Marie Harris exhibited perfect control over her range, her delicate notes in particular being perfect in their purity. Her "Lullaby" showed us the fine-scented old phrases of Haydn's "With Verdure Clad," with a charming glamour of "Spring" about it, and her a special feature. Those were lovely final notes in Miss Rita Watson's singing of Bach's "Sheep may safely graze." Her "Dedication" showed she rose to the glorious passion of "Dedication" (Strauss) in a great grasp of tone.

Mr. George Hooker showed praiseworthy musicianship in his fine violin number, "Meditation" from Massenet's "Thais," and his clean technique in the tuneful "Scherzo" (Corbetta), "thoroughly convincing. A fine piece of playing was given the Grieg Piano Concerto by Mr. Bangle Cornish. She has a great command of tone-colour and tone-quality and her management of the Joachim cadenza to this work was masterly.

Accompaniments, which were a delightful feature, were in the hands of Misses Jean Barbour, Gwen Paul, and Dorothy Hall.

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AMERICAN EDUCATION METHODS

Emotional Test For Students

"The method of instruction adopted by the higher education institutions in America is different from that in Australia. The lecture room system is enjoyed to any great extent. One of the reasons is that we have no really good teachers," said Professor D. A. Cowell, of Minnesota University, Minneapolis, in an address at the University physics theatre last night.

The American teacher was rated on a level to Australian professors of mathematics, he said. The teacher was graded on mental distinction. The pupil was not a very good teacher. Professors were appointed because it was considered they had been earned, regardless of

we believe. In not necessarily found only in white hair and spectacles," said Professor Coff-

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man, "and we do not wait for a professor to die before we appoint another."

There were two classes of universities in America—private and State. The private institutions were governed by a board, but there were no professors on the board, they were all laymen. In his State candidates were subjected to an entrance examination—an intelligence test—and the rejected students were given a series of vocational tests. The successful candidates then underwent a further examination to ascertain placement standards and then the board went a step further and submitted them to an emotional test.

"This is probably something new to you, and something which may raise a laugh," said the professor, "but we have found that nearly six per cent. of those who come to our college are suffering from some form of emotional complex or obsession." He quoted instance in which the emotional examination had enabled the board to direct the students' ability and genius into its proper channel.

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Luncheon To New Graduates

The University commemoration luncheon tendered by the Graduates' Union to new graduates was held in the Refectory at the University yesterday, and was presided over by Mr. J. F. Ward. The chairman welcomed the Vice-Chancellor (Sir Mellis Mitchell) and Professor L. D. Coffman and Mrs. Coffman, of America, who are on a visit to Adelaide.

Mr. Justice Napier, in a short address to the new graduates, said they were now called upon to consider what they were going to make of the future. What were their aspirations? Some people measured success in terms of money, others in terms of fame, but a few rose above the lower service. The opportunities offered by the University should be realised by those who had just left the ranks of the undergraduates. Was not required in the country today was honesty and less humbugging, and it was to the University that one should look for clean and honest leaders.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

From "The Advertiser," December 10, 1881

UNIVERSITY arrangements in Adelaide, consequent upon the completion of the new building and the arrival of an extended charter from England, are being changed and enlarged. With the co-operation of the Legal Association, the University Council is now arranging to undertake the training of the rising generation of lawyers. The scheme has been opened on the ground that we have quite enough solicitors already, and that it is not well to facilitate the ambition of young men to enter an already overcrowded profession.

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A cable message was received from London yesterday stating that Dr. J Estcourt Hughes had been successful in the primary examination for the F.R.C.S. (London) degree. Dr. Hughes was surgeon registrar at the Adelaide Hospital, and left for London on March 19 of this year. He was also assistant surgeon on the Oroya. He is the son of Dr. Hughes and Mrs. H. Estcourt Hughes, of Goodwood.

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Dr. F. R. Hone has been appointed honorary physician, and Dr. I. D. Magarey acting honorary physician, at the Northfield Consumptive Home.

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CLIMAX TO 'VARSITY STUDIES

Degrees And Diplomas At Commemoration

MANY WOMEN

The University of Adelaide Commemoration day, which a candidate was admitted to the honors degree of bachelor of laws for the first time, and in which two candidates—one only 18—were admitted to the degree of bachelor of music, a circumstance which had only occurred twice before, was held yesterday in the Elder Hall, which was crowded.

A total of 129 persons were either admitted to degrees or received diplomas. Among them were 38 women, as follows—law 1, medicine and surgery 2, arts 19, science 4, music 2, and commerce 8.

Members of the Senate, Council, and staff of the University, followed by the Right Rhodes Scholar (Mr. R. W. Cox) bearing the mace, and the Chancellor (Sir George Murray), who presided, formed a procession into the hall. The Governor and Lady Hore-Ruthven and the Premier and Mrs. Hill were present. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed the President of the University of Minnesota (Dr. L. D. Coffman), who is visiting Australia as the representative of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Out Of Their Misery

"Your undergraduate days will soon be over. If they have been unhappy for you, it is a privilege to put yourselves out of your misery in a few moments," said Sir George Murray, addressing those who were completing their degrees. "But surely that can hardly have been the case. Looking back over the years that have elapsed since I first entered the University I would rather live over those years than any years in my life in the beginning. Yet do not misunderstand me. Every age has its problems for you, I hope, have a long series before you.

"Experience has taught me two things which I regard as the most important in the pursuit of contentment and usefulness in life. These are not to be ashamed of the world and not to be ashamed of service. Work and service, I think, are the sweetest and the most highly gifted must not spurn. Without them nothing of any moment will be achieved.

Faraday An Example

"But for persistent experiment, Michael Faraday, genius though he was, would not have made those wonderful discoveries of the properties of electro-magnetism which entitle him to the benefit of the whole world. But for profound study, Clerk Maxwell would not have demonstrated mathematically the wave theory of light and the wave theory of electricity years before these experiments were made. And so in every department of knowledge work is necessary if one is to become a master and to add a little to the store that has been accumulated by our predecessors.

"I commend these thoughts to you, for the period of your lives when you will be capable of achieving most will be very short. Opportunity is all-strong, when your faculties are still keen, and while your physical energy has not begun to wane; in short, the period you are now about to enter upon."

University Sacrifice

Reviewing the past year as it has affected the University, Sir George said that the institution had borne its share in the general sacrifice imposed by the economic depression by the reduction in the amount voted annually by Parliament to the extent of about £6,000, and by submission to a cut of further £4,000 a year on the reconversion of Government securities held as investments of its endowment funds. In addition to that, a heavy burden had been cast upon it by the rate of exchange between Australia and London, and by the increase in the cost of books, due to the primage vacations, and the sales which the Federal Government had felt constrained to levy. It was hoped that when a reduction of primage operations ceased those burdens would be the first to be removed.

Sir George Murray announced that the books would be moved into the Barr Smith Library during the coming vacation, and the official opening will probably take place in March. Both externally and internally, the building would be one of the chief ornaments of the city. The erection of the Bonython Hall had been held up pending the final approval of a plan.

Bequests

The income of the Waite Institute would be augmented under the will of Mrs. Bonython, a daughter of the late of Mr. Peter Waite, who died in Melbourne during the year. She had directed that the income of her residuary estate should be paid to the University in perpetuity for the same purposes as those to which the income of the money given by her father had been devoted. The Medical School would benefit under the will of Sir Georgina Dowling, who left her residuary estate, after certain life interests, to constitute a fund for research in human diseases. The valuable library of the late Sir Archibald Strong had been presented to the University by his brother Mr. Aylmer Strong, and Sir Joseph Verco had presented his medical library and other books of general interest.

Degrees Conferred

The list of those admitted to degrees or having whom diplomas were conferred is as follows:—

For the degree of Doctor of Science (ad eundem gradum), Sir Charles Martin.

For the honors degree of Bachelor of Laws, W. A. Wynes; for the degree of Bachelor of Laws, J. C. Barter, M. W. Bevan, J. W. E. H. Bisby, M. J. Doyle, R. D. Elliott, D. S. Hogarth, Margaret A. Lunn, R. Mellor, J. D. Richards, R. J. Teusner, D. A. G. Thomas.

For the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Mary T. Angel, F. W. Arden, J. S. Coventry, C. W. Dunstan, J. W. Gibson, L. W. Martin, C. B. Sangster (Everard Scholar).

For the degree of Master of Arts, Elsie R. Ballantyne, Flossie E. R. Batchelor, R. F. Booker, Mary L. Burns, Alice M. Burton, J. R. Cleland, E. R. McLean, Elsie Morriss, F. A. Vickery, P. Watson (in absentia).

For the honours degree of Bachelor of Arts, E. W. Gray (in classics) and A. M. Wilson (in English literature and English language and literature). For the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Erica Alexander, M. D. Barnes, Mary L. Barter, A. E. Butcher, C. V. Collins, G. R. Davison, R. H. Dodd, B. R. Elliott, Freda B. Gault, J. P. Giles, P. C. Greenland, Dorothy E. Haslam, F. H. Hawker, Ethel Holden, Eunice M. Hosking, Dorothy M. Johnson, E. R. Johnson, Marjorie E. Koehne, Doreen F. McCarthy, M. J. McKay, A. C. McPherson, Irene M. Myers, M. S. Padman, Doris Parry, Kate E. Polkinghorne, R. L. Sexton, C. O. G. Shearer, Mary Slattery, D. C. Smith, S. C. Stephens, Ethel M. Walsh, J. Wilkinburn, C. T. Whiting, E. J. Pryor (in absentia).

For the degree of Master of Arts (ad eundum gradum), H. L. W. Bevan, M.A. (Melb.), J. R. Cavalier, M.A. (Melb.), J. R. Hancock, M.A. (Oxon.), and C. R. Jury, M.A. (Oxon.).

For the degree of Bachelor of Arts (ad eundum gradum), J. H. Bagot, B.A. (Camb.).

For the Diploma in Primary Education, E. S. Bartholomaeus.

For the degree of Doctor of Science, B. M. Morris (in absentia).

For the degree of Master of Science, R. C. Bosworth, Beatrice J. Murray, M. A. Rankin.

For the honors degree of Bachelor of Science, A. B. Rich (in chemistry) and Constance M. Eardley (in botany).

For the degree of Bachelor of Science, Laura M. Bickford, J. A. Barker, W. H. Butler, C. J. Cannell, S. B. Chapman, Elizabeth R. Coleman, E. R. Close, G. G. Coote, Kathleen E. Day, C. Kerr Grant, W. W. Honnor, C. A. Richards.

For the degree of Master of Engineering, R. J. Dumas (in absentia).

For the degree of Bachelor of Engineering, W. C. R. Brooke, L. W. N. Hall, R. W. Ferguson, C. E. Gregory, M. A. Hunt, F. A. Sadler, E. A. Schulz, D. W. Taylor, R. C. Buckett (in absentia), H. C. Wilkinson (in absentia).

For the degree of Bachelor of Commerce, W. C. R. Brooke, L. W. N. Collins, W. R. Ferguson, C. E. Gregory, M. A. Hunt, R. A. Sadler, E. A. Schulz, D. W. Taylor, R. C. Buckett (in absentia), H. C. Wilkinson (in absentia).

For the degree of Bachelor of Music, Marjorie G. Hall, Miriam B. Hyde.

For the diploma in Commerce, H. Adams (Fisher Medallist), J. H. F. Boyer, Hazel A. Blackwell, L. A. Braddock, R. B. Carr, Melva G. V. Elliott, Edna J. Errington, Teresa C. Fitzgerald, Ethel M. Hoffmann, V. P. McAnaney, Olly B. Riley, B. R. Temine, E. S. Wyett, W. F. Callaway (in absentia).

For the Diploma in Public Administration, H. A. Doecke.