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THE UNIVERSITY.

COMMEMORATION DAY.

Commemoration Day was celebrated at the University on Friday afternoon. The lecture-hall was densely crowded, and visitors even thronged the adjoining rooms, the hall, and the staircases. Those outside had one consolation, they could hear the undergraduates. What would speech day be without the undergrads? A miserable affair, truly. The students were fully alive to the occasion on Friday, and having issued notice to the members of the senate and council "not to join too noisily in the refrains, and to keep time for goodness sake," they had a very fair proportion of the time to themselves. At 3 o'clock, as per the students' programme, "the public and fresh air were admitted," and shortly afterwards the Chancellor (the Right Hon. Sir S. J. Way) entered and took his seat. He was supported by the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Barlow), the warden (Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc.), and the registrar (Mr. C. R. Hodge), while the attendance included prominent members of the learned professions and a large number of ladies. Entirely eliminating the unofficial but no less evident items by the "orchestra," the programme began by the

CONFERRMENT OF DEGREES.

The deans of the various faculties presented the candidates in their respective faculties to the Chancellor, who conferred the degrees as follows:—William Charles Ansell, M.A., Albert Sydney Devenish, M.A., Caroline Clark, B.A., Annie Lane, B.A., Frank Sewell, B.A., Walter Franz Wehrstedt, B.A.; Isaac Herbert Boas, B.Sc., May Burgess, B.Sc., James Drinkwater Bluffe, B.Sc., Cuthbert Lillywhite, B.Sc., Ernest Gladstone Mitton, B.Sc., Ellen Lawson Walker, B.Sc., Bertram Whittington, B.Sc.

As the various degrees were conferred the recipients were subjected to a running fire of remarks from the students, who had also arranged musical numbers to suit each event. The following is a fair sample:—"Gone are the days when my ties were smart and gay,
No more at pitch and toss with Marceau must I play;
No longer now the gay young dog you see,
But a red-moustached antiquity, a B.Sc."

In conferring the degrees the Chancellor addressed the various recipients as follows:—

Mr. W. C. Ansell—We are exceedingly glad to see you here again. Two years ago you graduated as bachelor of arts, with first-class honors in classics and mental and moral philosophy, and this adds very much to the pleasure I have in admitting you to this degree.

Mr. A. S. Devenish—I admitted you to the degree of bachelor of arts in 1897, and I am very glad to see you here again, and to congratulate you on having attained your master of arts degree.

Miss C. Clark—I congratulate you, Miss Clark, on having taken this degree with first-class honors in classics and third-class honors in mental and moral philosophy. I congratulate you on having taken the degree with so much distinction, because you have had the persistence during five laborious years to overcome the difficulties which the present regulations place in the way of women striving to take the degree of bachelor of arts.

Miss A. Lane—I congratulate you, as I did Miss Clark, on having overcome by five years of laborious study the difficulties in your road. At this stage, weird sounds from the students' quarters, which had been gradually increasing in horror and intensity, drew forth a reprimand from the Chancellor, who suggested that when the dean of a faculty was presenting a candidate, and when the degree was being conferred, a musical accompaniment might, without inconvenience, be dispensed with. It would also, he added, obviate the necessity of keeping lady candidates waiting.

Mr. W. F. Wehrstedt—It affords me very great pleasure in conferring this degree upon you, because yours has been a distinguished career. You obtained a University scholarship, and later the John Howard Clark scholarship, the highest which can be obtained in English. At the last examination you did excellently in mental and moral philosophy, and secured also third class honors in classics.

Mr. Boas—I wish you success in proceeding to obtain the diploma of mining engineer.

Miss Burgess—I have been informed that your undergraduate career has been conspicuously deserving. You are the first student in this University—not the first woman only, but the first—to take first-class honors in advanced chemistry. I understand you have also taken second-class honors in physiology. I have especial pleasure in congratulating you.

Miss Walker—It affords me very great pleasure to admit you to the degree of B.Sc. There are two grounds on which I am especially pleased. First, you are the St. Alban's scholar, and that scholarship was established by a Masonic lodge, of which I have the honor to be a member; and then, again, you have obtained first honors in geology, and third honors in physiology. Of this the members of the lodge will be especially proud.

Mr. Whittington—I heartily wish you success in proceeding for your diploma in mining engineering.

The following gentlemen, graduates of other universities, were then admitted ad eundem gradum:—

- Charles Wolfe Hamilton, M.D., University of Edinburgh.
- Alexander Disney Leith Napier, M.D., University of Aberdeen.
- Percival Bollen, M.D., University of Toronto.
- John Henderson Henderson, M.B., University of Glasgow.
- Herbert Henry Ernest Russell, M.B., Ch.B., University of Melbourne.
- Claude Tidswell Cooper, M.B., Ch.B., University of Melbourne.

In admitting Dr. Cooper the Chancellor said—I have great pleasure in admitting you to this degree, because for three years you were a student in the Medical School of Adelaide.

In his absence from the colony Dr. Russell was admitted by the Chancellor, who stated that he also had for three years been in the Adelaide medical school.

The dean of the faculty of law then presented the Stow prizemen—Mr. Richard William Bennett, Mr. Oswald Hunter.

The Chancellor said—Mr. Bennett, I congratulate you on your success in becoming a Stow prizeman. I believe that Stow prizemen in the future history of South Australia will achieve great forensic success, and I shall not be surprised if their names figure in time to come amongst those of the judges of the land.

Mr. Hunter, I congratulate you on having won the Stow prize, and I trust this is but an augury of great success in your future profession.

The dean of the faculty of law then presented Mr. R. W. Bennett, who was also the winner of the Sheridan Essay Prize.

The Chancellor, addressing Mr. Bennett, said—I am glad to see you again after such a brief interval. I have not had an opportunity of reading the essay which has won the prize, but I have been informed by others who have that it is a very creditable production, and I congratulate you on your success.

The dean of the faculty of medicine then presented to the Chancellor the Dr. Davies Thomas scholar, Mr. F. S. Stuckey.

The Chancellor said—I congratulate you very heartily indeed on having become the winner of the Dr. Davies Thomas scholarship. The name of Stuckey is very well known indeed in the records of this University, and I will be glad if you add lustre to it.

Mr. S. Churchward, the John Howard Clark scholar, and the Roby Fletcher scholar, was next presented.

The Chancellor said—I congratulate you very heartily indeed on this double success. Your success affords very great pleasure to your father's friends. Your father's name will long be affectionately remembered by members of the University of Adelaide, because of his success in training many of its graduates. It is a great distinction to have won both these prizes, and I hope your career in the future will be as distinguished as the present promises.

This completed the business of the day, and his Honor, before pronouncing the dissolution of the meeting, announced that the young friends at the back (which the students took to mean themselves) would doubtless entertain the visitors with such music as might be desirable while the council and members of the senate were leaving the room. "We will do our best" modestly murmured one undergrad, and they did.

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THE BACHELOR OF ARTS COURSE.

The discussion in the University Senate on the abolition of Greek as a compulsory subject for the degree of Bachelor of Arts was continued on Friday at an adjourned meeting. The Warden, Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc., presided, and was supported by the Chancellor, the Right Hon. Sir S. J. Way, while there was a large attendance of members. At the previous sitting of the Senate the new regulations were referred back to the Council for reconsideration, and on Friday a new scheme was submitted wherein the clause, making it requisite to pass in Latin and mathematics, was struck out, and a new proviso requiring that two at least of the following languages—Greek, Latin, French, and German (of which one must be an ancient language)—should be studied up to the standard of the senior public examination. The amended resolutions were strongly urged upon the Senate by the Chancellor, who proposed their adoption, and also by the Bishop of Adelaide, who seconded the Chancellor's proposition, and by other speakers, including Professor Mitchell. After a great deal of discussion Professor Bensly moved—"That the Senate adjourn to give the Council an opportunity of considering their decision, with a view to modifying section 2, to read as follows:—"To obtain the degree, whether the ordinary or the honors degree, every candidate must spend three academical years at least in his course of study at the University; must, before graduating, have passed the senior public examination in pure mathematics, Greek and Latin." This was seconded by the Rev. A. C. Sutherland, B.D., and carried by a large majority.

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UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Minister of Education has approved the award of Entrance Scholarships in connection with the University of Adelaide for 1900 to the following:—Herbert William Gartrell (St. Peter's College), first; Frederick John Searle (Prince Alfred College), second; Herbert Kingsley Paine (St. Peter's College), third. The following is the list of candidates who qualified for scholarships in order of merit:—Her-

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THE DISPUTE ABOUT GREEK.

At the conclusion of the Commemoration Day proceedings at the University on Friday afternoon a meeting of the Senate was called to further consider the proposals of the Council to amend the regulations relating to the Arts Course by making Greek a non-compulsory subject. The Senate at a previous sitting had referred the original proposal back to the Council for reconsideration, and on Friday the Chancellor presented an amended proposal, which he considered would be a fair compromise. The amended regulation provided that candidates for degrees in the Arts Course must "pass the senior public examination in pure mathematics and in two of the following languages, one at least of which must be an ancient language:—Greek, Latin, French, and German." The Chancellor moved the adoption of the regulation in a powerful and eloquent address, and the motion was seconded by the Bishop of Adelaide. The opposing forces were again led by Canon Peck and Professor Bensly, each of whom delivered able speeches in favour of the retention of Greek as a compulsory subject. After the question had been discussed for nearly two hours Professor Bensly brought the matter to a head by moving an amendment to the effect that the Senate should adjourn to give the Council an opportunity of considering, and if though fit modifying, the regulation so as to provide that before graduating a candidate must pass the senior public examination in pure mathematics, Greek, and Latin. The Chancellor, in reply, expressed the opinion that it would be better for a direct vote to be taken upon the resolution, as it was not consistent with the dignity of the Senate to continue bandying resolutions back and forward in the manner proposed. The amendment was, however, carried by a large majority, and the Senate adjourned till a date to be fixed.

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- Frederick John Searle, Prince Alfred College, second.
- Herbert Kingsley Paine, St. Peter's College, third.

The following is the list of candidates who qualified for scholarships, in order of merit:—Herbert William Gartrell, St. Peter's College; Herbert James Priest (resigned, having obtained the Spicer Scholarship at Prince Alfred College), Prince Alfred College; Frederick John Searle, Prince Alfred College; Herbert Kingsley Paine, St. Peter's College; James Leslie Gordon, St. Peter's College; John Frederick Ward, Prince Alfred College; John Raymond Wilton, Prince Alfred College; Henry Ernest Pearson, Prince Alfred College; Adolph Ernest Paton, Prince Alfred College; Arthur Roy Taylor, Prince Alfred College; Alan David Greenlees, Prince Alfred College; Victor Garfield Martin, Way College; Eulalie Hardy Hanton Burnard, Advanced School for Girls; Malcolm Leslie Scott, Prince Alfred College.

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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Minister of Education has approved the award of the undermentioned scholarships for 1900:—Undergraduate Scholarships.—Second year—David William McArthur, first; Andrew Fairweather, second; Francis Henry Cowell, third. Third year—Walter Geoffrey Duffield and Gertrude Josephine Jude, equal, first and second; Archie Septimus Clark, third. Evening Scholarships.—William Baker, Mary Home Brown, Annie Millicent Clark, Laura Olga Hedwig Heyne, Francis A. Jennings, Harry Edward Noltenius, Wilfred G. R. P. Nordmann, and Dora Isabel Paton.