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MEN OF ANCIENT ATHENS.

The second of the series of lectures on "Life in classic times in Rome and Greece" was delivered at the Victoria Hall on Thursday by Professor Darnley Navlor. M.A., who dealt with "Men you would meet in Athens in B.C. 300." After sketching the life and time of Theophrastuswhose range of works recalls the variety of the classic and scientific library which it has almost been forgotten that John Wesley edited and published in the eighteenth century-the lecturer read and commented on the descriptions of men in Athens given by the old Greek author, "at once the Cruickshank and the Hogarth of his time." The literary sketches were keenly enjoyed, and the lecture was concluded with an eloquent plea for the study of Greek, which was a miracle of language. Professor Naylor, while recognising that the English spoken language was one of the finest on earth, said the written language was lamentably weak for want of somethink to indicate stress and intonation. The sentence "I cannot walk there" could be given four totally different meanings by emphasizing the first, second, third, or fourth word. He could imagine that, say, the Japanese in 3,000 years would be reading English covered with mysterious accents to show how its words should be emphasized.

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OLD COMPANIONS.

Professor Daruley Naylor, M.A., in lecturing at the Victoria Hall on Thursday evening on "Men you would meet in Athens in B.C. 300," remarked on the similarity of human nature in all ages, He instanced many of the descriptions given by Theophrastus of the various types of men in the Greek classic centre, and brought his subject right up to date, when he came to the old author's description of the gross man, who "will gamble and neglect his mother." "As in Athens then," said the lecturer, "so here and in our own day gambling and old-age pensions go together." (Laughter.)

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## INTER-UNIVERSITY SPORTS

HANDICAP MEETING.

The handicap events in connection with the inter-University sports were continued on Friday before a fair attendance.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Le Hunte were interested spectators during part of the afternoon. The arrangements for the convenience of the public were a marked improvement on those adopted for Wednesday's champion meeting, and the final event was concluded about 5 o'clock, when the presentation of prizes was made by Mrs. Bragg. The sport was of a stimulating character, and although small fields were the rule, some good contests were witnessed. The absence of some of the inter-State visitors, including Nigel Barker, made some difference to the number of compets Considerable interest centred in tha competition for a champion cup, to go to the athlete securing the most points in certain events, a win counting five points, a second three points, and a third one point. Ine competition resolved itself into one between M. H. Moyes and C. Yeatman, the satter heally winning by 19 points to 17. Moyes won the broad jump by leaping 20 It. I in., F. E. Rosman, with 14 in. handicap, gaining second place by covering 18 ft. 10 in. (actual distance). U. Yeatman was third, with a record of 19 ft. 5 in. The high jump also proved a good thing for bloyes, who disposed of the opposition by jumping 5 it. 4 in. R. Heuzenroeder cleared \$ 11, 101 in. In some races candidates for the cup who were beaten by handicap men were allotted points for the cup in order of precedence from actual cup nominators. The 100 yards Championship was a great event, C. R. Doudy, of Riverton, winning in & fine finish from G. C. Campbell in 10 2-5 secor exactly the time that Nigel Barker took for the distance on Wednesday. C. Yeatman was third. The half-mile flat race was an excellent one. E. Kelly (Melbourne) was at the rear of the field in the straight, but sprinted up in time to beat G. H. Oswald on the post. A. C. Wilton put up a good performance in the 300 yards steeple, but would have had to take second place to R. H. Walimann, probably the best local hurdler at the meeting, if the latter had not fallen at the last obstacle. Wallmann finished first from 6 yards behind scratch in the 150 yards hurdle handicap in the good time of 20 2-5 sec. The sealed handicap race of half a mile was an uninteresting event. W. Henderson made a fast race of the quarter-mile, sweeping along for three parts of the distance at the head of the field, but at the home turn he flagged, and honors went to G. H. Oswald, L. Mc-Namara, and C. Yeatman in that order. The 120 yards Open Hurdle Race was won comfortably by R. H. Wallmann from 6 yards behind scratch. The time, 17 sec., was exceeded by one second in a similar event which followed, and in which the only two competitors, C. Yeatman and M. H. Moyes, finished in that order. For a test of endurance the three mile race, which attracted three competitors, was the treat of the afternoon. E. Black (Adelaide), from the 150 yard mark, kept his handicap from E. Kelly (Melbourne) and S. Marden (Sydney), for some laps, and then Marden went away, winning by 150 yards, with a strong spurt. Black led Kelly into the final turn for home, and then the Victorian asserted himself, and romped home for second place. The final event of the day, the one mile open race, resolved itseli into a contest between R. Roberts (40 yds.) and C. R. Murphy (80 yds.). The Glenelg boy soon went to the front and paced for 31 rounds, when Murphy took up the running. A brilliant finish ensued, in which Roberts breasted the tape with 18 in. advantage, in 4 min. 54 3-5 sec. Credit is due to the secretary (Mr. M. H. Moyes) for the conduct of the day's meeting. Results:-

150 Yards Hurdles.—R. H. Wallmann (6 yards behind scratch), 1; C. Drew (4 yards behind scratch), 2; A. C. Wilton (1 yard behind scratch), 3, Time, 20 2-5 sec.

Half-mile Flat.—E. Kelly (15 yards), 1; G. H. Oswald (45 yards), 2. Time, 2 min, 10 sec. Gretna Green.—C. T. Watkins and C. Yeatman (3 yards), 1.

100 Yards Championship.—C. R. Doudy, 1; G.

C. Campbell, 2. Time, 10 2-5.
300 Yards Steeplechase.—A. C. Wilton (7 yards),
1; R. H. Wallmann (scr.), 2. Time, 44 scc.
Costume Obstacle.—C. T. Watkins (10 yards), 1;
R. Williams (15 yards), 2.
Sealed Handicap Race.—R. Williams, 1; W. D.

Rosengarten, 2.
Broad Jump.—M. H. Moyes (scr.), 1; F. E. Rosman (14 in.), 2; C. Yeatman (scr.), 3.
High Jump.—M. H. Moyes (scr.), 1; R. Huezen-

roeder (5 in.), 2.

220 Yards Flat.—First heat—H. Brose (15 yards),
E. Allen (20 yards). Second heat—A. Tickell (#
yards), A. C. Richards (19 yards). Final—Brose,
1; Tickell, 2; Allen, 3; C. R. Doudy, 4.

120 Yards Hurdles.—C. Yeatman, 1; M. H.
Moyes, 2. Time, 18 sec.

Three Miles Flat Race.—S. Marden, 1; E. Kelly (Melbourne), 2; E. Black (Adelaide), 3. Time, 16 min. 29 sec.

135 Yards Flat (open).—G. C. Campbell (scr.),
1; H. Brose (6 yards), 2; L. Tassie (8 yards), 3.
One Mile Flat (open).—Roy Roberts (40 yards),
1; C. R. Murphy (80 yards), 2. Time, 4 min. 54
3-5 sec.

440 Yards Flat,—G. H. Oswald (17 yards), 1; L. McNamara (27 yards), 2; C. Yeatman (scr.), 3. Time, 55 4-5 sec.

Obstacle Race.—C. T. Watkins (10 yards), 1; N. Shierlaw (10 yards), 2.

120 Yards Hurdle (open),—R. H. Wallmann (6 yards behind scratch), 1; H. A. Prockter (scratch), 2; C. M. Muirhead (2 yards behind scratch), 3. Time, 17 sec.

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## WESTERN DEVELOPMENT

THROUGH A PROFESSOR'S SPECTACLES.

Professor Henderson, who has returned from Western Australia, where he has lately delivered a series of University extensioin lectures on "Builders of Empire," told a representative of The Register that at Perth lectures there was an average attendance of about 1,100, and at Kalgoorlie between 400 and 500 were present at each lecture. There was a good deal of enthusiasm in the West for University teaching, and it was possible that before long an endeavour would be made by the people to establish a University for themselves. Already there was a University League in existence for the purpose, and the difficulties it had to face were principally financial. The Government had not in hand the necessary funds to help the undertaking, though a considerable grant of land had been made for the foundation of the institution when sufficent funds became available. The need for University training, however, was realized, particularly in connection with the scientific branches. It seemed anomalous, while Tasmania could support a University, and New Zealand had four colleges of University standard, that Western Australia should be unable to possess such an institution of its own. The evidence of the success of the extension lectures had shown him that there was a strong feeling in favour of University teaching, and he thought the Government was impressed with that fact.

-Expansion of Settlement .-

"Generally speaking." the Professor continued, "what struck me most was the policy of the Government to encourage settlement on the land, and the response on the part of the people of the western State. There has been an extraordinary amount of country taken up, especially in the south-west, since the beginning of last year. The wheat areas are increasing rapidly, and the opinion now prevails that there is a great extent of cereal country that might be settled from Albany to Southern Cross. There are also many settlements in the north, on the properties of the Midland Railway Company, especially in the vicinity of Moora, and the results so far have been gratifying.

-Fruit Industry and Mining -

-Fruit Industry and Mining .-"The people are also looking forward to the development of the fruit industry, particularly in the territory between Geraldton and Albany. It is possible enough that South Australia will before long find her western neighbour a keen competitor in this branch. In the goldfields-at any rate as far as Kalgoorlie is concerned-the district seems to be settling down to steady industry, the speculative element having largely migrated further north. The chief problem before Kulgoorlie is how the large business population that has grown up during the boom times can be supported on the proceeds of the mines, where in the majority of cases the lodes become poorer as they go deeper. The one exception to this at present is the Great Boulder Proprietary Mine. I was much struck by a conversation with Mr. Sutherland, the manager of the Boulder Mines, who showed me by reference to one of his reports that although the lode was poorer the dividends were as high now as seven or eight years ago. This was mainly because of the improvements in machinery and the consequent cheapening of cost of production. Whether it will be possible an the future to lower the rate of wages remains to be seen. Efforts are being made to reduce the cost of food on the fields by opening up tracks to the cattle areas of the north; but it does not follow that even if the cost of living is lowered the miners will consent to take a reduction of wages. The price of whisky in Kalgoorlie is still 1/ a nobbler, while fruit and vegetables are almost as cheap as in Perth. I was told that one reason why arinks were so costly was because the miners were persuaded that if there were a reduction on this line wages would also be reduced! It seemed a very extraordinary explanation, but I was assured it was true. suggester have been continually dogging round that a hand of Persian reactionary n Berlin, has resigned his office on the Mahmud Khan, the Persian Ambassador

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