

# ROMANTIC INCEPTION AND RAPID GROWTH.

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The University is known and recognised by all the great universities in the old world. In 1911 I visited the University of Rome and was greeted with the words—"Oh yes, we know all about the University of Adelaide." At Oxford Mr. Wylie, secretary to the Rhodes Trust, told me that the Rhodes scholars from Adelaide were among the best men sent up to that university. The alumni of our University have held their own in competition with those of the old-world universities and a number of them in every faculty have risen to distinction. Not only have our alumni manned the professions in the State but are to be found on the teaching staff of their alma mater. At the present time six of the professors and some 30 lecturers are graduates of the University.

Two courses only were open to students in 1876, but provision is now made for obtaining degrees in arts, science, law, medicine, surgery, dentistry, engineering, and music, also diplomas in applied science (jointly with the School of Mines), commerce, economics and political science, education, forestry, and music. In 1876 there were four graduating and nine non-graduating students; in 1925 the roll contained 732 undergraduates, 78 post graduates (taking special subjects), 676 non-graduating students in the University, and 632 in the Elder Conservatorium of Music, a total of 2,118. The teaching staff has increased from four professors to 18 professors, some 60 lecturers, and in addition, 22 teachers in the Conservatorium of Music. The total number of graduates admitted by examination up to the end of 1925, is 1,579. Surely this is a record to be proud of, and if those early enthusiasts for education, and far-sighted munificent benefactors could but be present at the jubilee their hearts would be filled with joy and gratitude.

## Education of Public School Teachers.

For many years the University suffered from a depleted exchequer, but "Progress" was ever the watchword of the council and whenever there was an opportunity for extension of education facilities

State. The Perth Technical College was affiliated to the University, and co-operated in connection with the science course.

This good work did a great deal towards preparation for the prospective university of that State, and to create the university sentiment so that when the university was established it began with quite a appreciable number of students.

## Forestry and Agriculture.

The University of Adelaide was, I believe, the first in Australia to provide for granting the degree of B.Sc (1), with forestry (2), with agriculture the practical work of the latter course being done at Roseworthy Agricultural College, which was affiliated to the University. As the result of the munificent gift of Urrbrae Estate by the late Mr. Peter Waite the question of sound agricultural education is assured, while the establishment of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute will no doubt prove of inestimable value, not only to agriculturists, but to the general community.

The governing body of the University has succeeded in providing, at practically all points, for the needs of the community, and our institution is essentially a people's university; wise legislation, an excellent staff of enthusiasts, and a happy spirit of co-operation and devoted service, have resulted in the building up of this centre of culture and education.

## The Four Chancellors.

During the 50 years the University has had only four Chancellors, all highly qualified for that office and enthusiastic in the development of the institution. Sir R. D. Hanson, Chief Justice, was the first Chancellor, followed by the Right Rev. Dr. Short, Bishop of Adelaide, and Sir Samuel Way, Chief Justice. The present Chancellor, Sir George Murray, K.C.M.G., B.A., LL.M., Chief Justice, an alumnus of the University was appointed in February, 1916. The University is very proud of its Chancellors, and the Chancellor is very proud of his University, and is to be congratulated on presiding over the jubilee celebrations of his alma mater. What could be more fitting or unique?