

those who were privileged to hear them. Professor Conway's fame as a scholar and a lecturer had aroused the highest enthusiasm among people who, like the speaker, found profit and pleasure in the history and literature of ancient Rome. The study of the classics could not have a more powerful advocate than Professor Conway, either in respect of the style or the matter of his lectures. He strongly impressed upon them the desirableness of having a separate Chair of Latin, and with that, all classical scholars would agree. The combined teaching of both Latin and Greek was too heavy a task for one man. While on the subject of new Chairs, he must mention that it had long been the desire of the University to have a Chair of Modern Languages. The need was most pressing. He called attention to it as intending benefactors of the University frequently asked for suggestions concerning the best way in which they could help the institution by which Adelaide was best known abroad, and of which South Australians as a people had just cause to be proud. (Applause.)

Additions to the University.

The animal nutrition laboratory erected at the expense of the Federal Treasury was formerly opened by the Prime Minister in October with a most admirable address. Professor Brailsford Robertson and his staff were now installed there, and were devoting themselves exclusively to the difficult problems with which they had to deal. The Lady Symon Building had almost reached the stage when it could be opened, and the Refectory portion of the University Union was nearing completion. The funds subscribed for the creation of the union would be exhausted by the time the Refectory had been furnished, but now they had got so far, it was to be hoped that a determined effort would be made to carry out the whole design. (Applause.) The buildings, they had in contemplation were the remodeling and enlargement of the anatomy building to accommodate the department of chemistry, the erection of the Barr Smith Library for which £20,000 was generously given by Mr. T. E. Barr Smith in 1927, and the erection of the Great Hall, for which the munificent gift of £40,000 by Sir Langdon Bonython would become available in 1930. (Applause.) The hall they wished to place on the higher level fronting North-terrace, and the library on the lower level fronting Victoria-drive. At present the sites in question did not belong to them, but they had asked the Government, in whose disposition they were, to transfer them.

Beautifulizing the City.

Much had been done by the City Council to beautify the city by the widening of North-terrace and King William-road, and the planting of municipal gardens. Much could be done by adding to the stately buildings on North terrace, and by improving the neighborhood of Victoria-drive. The University could provide the buildings in due course if the opportunity was given to it. For the ornamentation of the University boundary along Victoria-drive they had recently preferred a request to the City Council for the railings in Victoria-square should it be decided to remove them. Mr. W. J. Young's gift of £1,000 was for the purpose of enabling them to pay for the cost of removing and re-erecting the railings. From reports that had appeared in the press he gathered that the City Council had magnanimously resolved to grant their request. That was one step in the right direction for which they were sincerely grateful, but more was possible. The University must expand, and its expansion meant not merely greater service to the community, but the enhancement of the beauty of an already beautiful city. The occasion for helping the University had arisen, and the opportunity offered. He confidently pleaded for the co-operation and goodwill of the Government and the City Council towards the satisfying of their needs and the fulfilment of their aspirations. (Applause.)

Conferring of Degrees.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law (Professor A. L. Campbell) presented to the Chancellor the candidates for degrees in law:—For the degree of Bachelor of Laws—Jack Rodolph Cornish, Alice Mary Cummins, John Neil McEwin, Philip Brendon Angas Parsons. The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (Dr. W. Ray) presented for the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery—John Matthew Dwyer, Bertram Speakman Hanson, William Rex James, Patrick John Reilly, Bronte Creagh Smeaton, Aloysius Daly Vergilius Smith, Ronald Lister Verco, Bernard St. Patrick Gillett (in absentia), Philip Cornelius Hogan, (Everard scholar, in absentia), Patrick William Shanahan (in absentia). For the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery:—Ad eundem gradum—Harold Alexander McCoy, M.B., M.S. (Svd.). The Acting Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry presented for the degree of

Bachelor of Dental Surgery:—Ernest Stirling Chapman, Walter Alfred Wyke Evans, Charles Rex Forder, Harry Max Wilson.

The Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts (Professor J. R. Wilton) presented:—For the honors degree of Master of Arts—Leslie Frank Casson, B.A., Edna Lucy Holmes, B.A., LL.B., Francis Edgar Williams, B.A. (in absentia). For the ordinary degree of Master of Arts—Philip Browne, B.A., Norman George, Frank Greet, B.A. (in absentia). For the honors degree of Bachelor of Arts—English language and literature—Donald Dunstan Harris, Brian William Hone, Elsie Morriss. History—John Heywood Reynolds. Mathematics—Lloyd Alfred Grigg Symons. For the ordinary degree of Bachelor of Arts—Elsie Ray Ballantyne, Mary Leonora Burns, Alice Madge Burton, Ailsa Marjorie Clode, Marie Teresa Clare Coghlan, Hilda Constance George, Sophie Dora Harris, Mabel Gertrude Jenkin, Colin Leslie, Albert Eric McLean, Esther Mary Messent, Margaret Una Miller, Dorothy Nell Mills, Valerie Luella Mounster, William Bernard O'Connell, Frances Ada Rodgers, Ada Sellers, Barbara Kate Shorney, Adrian Lynda Tapp, Jean Fleming Thompson, Marie Beatrice Thredgold, Rosalie Irene Trengove, Frederick Arthur Vickery, Mildred Walker, Nelly Hooper Woods, Rose Adeline Hawkes (in absentia), Ellen Kelly (in absentia). For the degree of Master of Arts:—Ad eundem gradum—John Aloysius FitzHerbert, M.A. (Camb.). For the degree of Bachelor of Arts:—Ad eundem gradum—John Langdon Bonython, B.A. (Camb.), Trevor James Gartrell Heath, B.A. (Camb.). For the diploma in Economics and Political Science—Doris Russell Good, Hubert Harry Penny, B.A. For the diploma in Primary Education—Adrian Lynda Tapp. For the diploma in Secondary Education—Clifford Horace Kenneth Dunn Flower, B.Sc., Clarence Middleton Griggs, B.Sc., William Valentine Leach, M.A., Dip. Econ.

The Dean of the Faculty of Science (Professor Kerr Grant) presented:—For the degree of Master of Science—Arthur Richard Alderman, B.Sc., Mary Campbell Dawbarn, B.Sc., Clarence Sherwood Piper, B.Sc., Alfred Eric Scott, B.Sc., Ronald Gladstone Mitton, B.Sc. (in absentia). For the honors degree of Bachelor of Science—Chemistry—Alwyn Birchmore Cox, B.Sc., Gordon Rudolph Piper, B.Sc. Physics—Alexander Owen McPherson, B.Sc., Noel Harry Stuart, B.Sc. (in absentia). For the ordinary degree of Bachelor of Science—Hermann Peter Christian Gallus, James Oliver Garnet Clastonbury, Gordon Kingsley Hughes, Carl Frederick Koerner, B.E., Wallis Verco Ludbrook, Francis John Semmens, Alfred Oscar Platt Lawrence (in absentia). For the degree of Doctor of Science:—Ad eundem gradum—James Davidson, D.Sc. (Liv.), Alexander Killen Macbeth, D.Sc. (Belf.).

The Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science (Mr. E. V. Clark) presented:—For the degree of Master of Engineering—Maxwell Ernest Playford, B.E. For the degree of Bachelor of Engineering—William Colin Alexander, Sidney Herbert Boyce, William Allan McInnes Green, Frank Boyle Ide, John Hunter Leask, Martin James Maloney, Alfred Irwin Martin, Theodore Stansfield Rogers, Gordon Aubrey Cowling (in absentia), Johannes Ernst Kindler (in absentia), Noel Harry Stuart (in absentia). For the diploma in Applied Science—William Colin Alexander, Sidney Herbert Boyce, William Allan McInnes Green, Frank Boyle Ide, John Hunter Leask, Martin James Maloney, Alfred Irwin Martin, Theodore Stansfield Rogers, Gordon Aubrey Cowling (in absentia), Johannes Ernst Kindler (in absentia), Noel Harry Stuart (in absentia).

The Dean of the Faculty of Music (Dr. E. Harold Davies) presented for the degree of Bachelor of Music—Bernice Enid Harvey, Horace James Perkins.

The Chairman of the Board of Commercial Studies (Mr. S. Russell Booth) presented for the diploma in Commerce—Leslie Harris Barlow, Francis Charles Barter, Norman Frank Braunschthal, Frank Ford Harker Born, Alexander Bowness, Eustace James Collier, Vyvian Lancelot Daley, Samuel Bowcher, Denton, Lawrence Goodwin Green, Leslie Charles Jeffress (Fisher Medallist), Reginald William Mathews, Kenneth Fisher Newman, Dora Jane Padget, John Francis Rooney, John Tyndall Sheppard, Ezra Stephenson, Jack Thomas, Royal Johnston Woolcock, Vanda Dorothy Bailey (in absentia), Milton Judson Belcher (in absentia), Cyril Hewitt Cox (in absentia), Maude Evans McFarlane (in absentia), Henry Morris Smith (in absentia).

EXAMINATION SYSTEM.

Attacked and Defended.

Discussion in Sydney.

The Intermediate Certificate examination, as at present conducted by the Board of Examiners of New South Wales, was strongly criticised by Mr. Neil McQueen, principal of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Sydney, in his address at the college annual prizegiving. Mr. McQueen supported the proposal that the non-State secondary schools should break away from the public examination. While the date on which the examination was held was immaterial, he said, the intermediate course was so unsatisfactory that some such step as the one suggested was absolutely necessary. "The ordinary course followed by the majority of the thousands of candidates who sit for the examination is an appalling travesty of education," he declared. "There has been a great deal of dissatisfaction on all sides with the present arrangement. I recently sent out a questionnaire to the heads and assistants of the leading non-State secondary schools. The replies were illuminating. The majority were of the opinion that some certificate should be given at the intermediate stage. To the question whether they were of the opinion that the principal and staff of an approved school would be competent to award the certificate without external examination, one replied 'No,' two were doubtful, while 15 replied 'Yes.' To the question, 'Do you think that the general public attaches too much attention to the gaining of the Intermediate Certificate?' two were doubtful, three replied 'No,' and thirteen 'Yes.' The outstanding fact all through was that neither heads nor assistants were satisfied with the existing courses of study.

"To show how difficult it is to make any impression on the present board of examiners," continued Mr. McQueen, "I will give an instance. Last year I protested against the so-called 'Literature' paper set for the Leaving Certificate in Latin, as having no literary value, and being often definitely suggestive. The reply made by Mr. Smith, the chairman of the Board of Examiners, was that he preferred to keep to those things which had stood the test of time. Now, I suppose, suggestive literature will always find readers. But that is a strange attitude for the head of a great education department to adopt."

Mr. McQueen also protested against the "ridiculous practice" of setting questions in parsing and analysis in the Intermediate examination.

"I challenge Mr. Smith," he said, "to bring any evidence whatever of any scientific value to prove that parsing and analysis aids in the understanding or writing of English, or the appreciation of literature. He will probably reply that it has stood the test of time."

"Tell Me a Substitute."

Director's Statement.

"Tell me a substitute for examinations," said the Director of Education (Mr. Smith), addressing the pupils of Sydney Boys' High School on the occasion of their annual Speech Day. "None of us," he continued, "believe in them; we all recognise them as a necessary evil. Every education thinker in every civilized community, for many years past, has been endeavouring to find some means of determining mental ability, which would be preferable to the present examination system. It does not help the investigation very much for speakers to declare at speech days or in the press that they do not believe in examinations. What we want is some constructive criticism; some suggestions which will enable us to maintain the admitted advantages, and get rid of the very obvious defects in the present system.

"For many years they have tried a plan in America for certification of schools, but when I was in America last year I heard, at some of the leading universities, that it had been necessary to abandon this and revert to the examination system. What we want to know from the critics of the system is—How can we, in a fairer way than we do at present, decide the order of merit of the many thousands of applicants who compete each year for the 200 exhibitions at the University of Sydney? And, if we eliminate examinations, how can we fairly decide on the order of merit among the many thousands of children who compete for a share of the £35,000, which the Government of this State expends, annually upon bursaries."

"No Suitable Substitute."

The principal of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Goulburn (Brig.-Gen. W. R. McNicoll), in his annual report, stated that much had been written lately of the evil of examinations, of the unfairness to the nervous student, of their inadequacy as a true and complete test of a candidate's knowledge. Much of the criticism was well founded, but no constructive suggestions for suitable substitutes were forthcoming, and in the meantime the abused examination system survived.

RADIUM FOR CANCER

£6,000 for Half Gramme

In view of the anti-cancer campaign being conducted in South Australia special interest attaches to the announcement made recently in England that the Ministry of Health had approved the spending by the Edmonton Board of Guardians of £6,000 for half a gramme of radium for the treatment of cancer.

The Ministry intimated that the guardians might allow their infirmary—better known as the North Middlesex Hospital—to be used as a radium centre for the whole of the county of Middlesex, as well as for the Edmonton Union.

A cutting of a newspaper report of this announcement was received today from Dr. A. A. Lendon (chairman of the South Australian committee directing the campaign).

News of the decision of the Ministry was received with great satisfaction in the North London districts, the report stated, as delay had occurred, owing to the fact that a poor law authority might not legally spend its money on such an object. The death rate from cancer in the union last year was nearly 10 per cent.

Additional buildings will be erected, and special equipment provided for the custody of the half gramme, which will be kept in a safe of special steel 6 in. thick. Radium treatment will be brought within the range of the poor.

It was also announced recently that Westminster Hospital had decided to spend £20,000 on the immediate purchase of further supplies of radium. The amount procurable for that sum is less than one-fifteenth of an ounce, the usual price of radium being about £12,000 a gramme (.035 oz.).

Now that radium treatment is being applied with increasing success to malignant growths, ulcers, and skin diseases it is believed that the time has come when every hospital should have its own supply.