

# MEMORABLE ROYAL VISIT TO S.A. TO CLOSE TODAY

## Demonstration By 10,000 School Children Fitting Farewell STATE DINNER NOTABLE EVENT Duke Prolongs Stay More Than Hour Beyond Intended Time BUSY DAY OF WIDE VARIETY OF GATHERINGS

One of the most stirring and remarkable functions in the history of the State Parliament marked the Duke of Gloucester's last evening in Adelaide. It was the State dinner held at the House of Assembly, which was attended by all State legislators and other distinguished guests, who sang rousing choruses, and joined hands with His Royal Highness to sing "Auld Lang Syne."

It was the first occasion on which His Royal Highness had made a speech in Adelaide, apart from formal replies to addresses of welcome, and in it he praised the beauty of Adelaide and its decorations, thanked the people for the warmth of their welcome, and congratulated them upon the manner in which they were facing difficult times.

So obviously did the Royal guest enjoy the proceedings that he remained more than an hour beyond the official time set for his departure, to find thousands of people still waiting in the wet streets to cheer him on his way back to Government House.

A memorable Royal visit will close today when His Royal Highness, at 6 p.m., will embark on the Sussex at Outer Harbor for Melbourne, where he will arrive on Thursday morning. His arrival will mark the beginning of Victoria's Centenary celebrations.

Before leaving he will witness, this afternoon, the school children's demonstration at the Adelaide Oval. It should be a fitting farewell to His Royal Highness, whose pleasing personality, tact, and charm of manner have gained, to an unsurpassed extent, the goodwill of all classes.

This was again amply revealed yesterday. The enthusiasm with which he was greeted at the University, where the Chancellor (Sir George Murray) conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, and, later in the morning, when he was welcomed by 6,000 returned sailors, soldiers, and nurses at the Jubilee Oval, and joined in some of the war-time choruses sung, was renewed when in the afternoon he attended the S.A.J.C. Derby meeting at Morphettville.

The Duke's first act, before beginning the day's engagements, was to pay a wreath of Flanders poppies, which he had brought with him from England, on the State War Memorial in North terrace. This tribute especially turned men and women who were awaiting him at the Jubilee Oval, and on his arrival he was given perhaps the most vociferous welcome he has since received in Australia. The spectacular nature of the demonstration was heightened by the presence of the Grenadier Guard Band which led the singing of old army songs.

At the dignified and impressive ceremony at which he received the highest degree which the University of Adelaide can confer, His Royal Highness spoke of the ideals of Cecil Rhodes, saying that he did not think it possible to over-estimate the value to the Empire of the great movement which Rhodes had been largely instrumental in creating. "It is to see these 'young men extended,'" he said, "and a flow of young men coming regularly from Great Britain to the Dominions as the University on having attained its diamond jubilee, and on the 'astonishing progress' which it had made since the visit of His Majesty the King in 1901.

At Morphettville His Royal Highness spent the greater part of the afternoon at Morphettville, where he saw the favorite, Alhura, win the Derby in record time. He was given a very warm welcome by crowds which lined the route to the course, and on his arrival, but the most spontaneous

reception was reserved for him until in the course of the afternoon he was seen strolling in the Derby enclosure. No sooner had he been recognized than he became the object of a cheering and cheering. This typically democratic gesture was keenly appreciated on all parts of the course.

It was characteristic of him, also, that on returning to Government House shortly after 4 p.m. he should have changed quickly into riding dress and left again in a few minutes for a game of polo at Birrkalla, where he played on Saturday. In spite of the rain he played three chukkas, leaving the ground only when the growing

darkness made further play impossible. At night he was the guest of the State at a banquet at Parliament House. After the reception was held at Government House. **Gleneig Visit Today** This morning His Royal Highness will be given a civic reception at Gleneig. Arriving at Colley terrace at 10.55 a.m., he will be met by the premier (Mr. Butler), the Mayor of Gleneig (Mr. W. Fisk), and the town clerk (Mr. F. A. Lewis), and escorted to the rotunda, where Mr. Fisk will deliver an address of welcome. The Duke will then inspect a guard of honor of returned men, and meet the officers in charge of the companies of Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, school children, and the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Further references to the Duke's activities yesterday, and today's programme, on Pages 15 and 16.

## DEGREE CONFERRED A UNIVERSITY Brilliant Gathering

There was a brilliant and distinguished gathering at Elder Hall, when His Royal Highness received from the Chancellor of the University (Sir George Murray) the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. The presence of nearly 1,000 graduates in their academic robes invested the ceremony with uncommon dignity and picturesqueness. The hall was crowded to the doors, and hundreds more were accommodated on the lawn in front of the entrance.

On his way to the University from Government House His Royal Highness was met by a large number of Flanders poppies on the War Memorial. At the entrance to Elder Hall he was received by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Winston Dugan), the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Mitchell), and escorted to the platform, where members of the Council of the Senate and the professional boards had previously assembled. He was preceded by Sir Douglas Macpherson, Dr. C. J. Madigan and the mace-bearer (Mr. J. A. Matiland). As His Royal Highness ascended the platform to take his seat on the right of the Chancellor the organ played the first few bars of the National Anthem. He then, on the left of the Chancellor, sat the graduates in their brightly colored gowns, representative of every profession and every university, including Oxford and Cambridge. At the foot of the platform were members of the State Ministry and the Council of the State. On the right and left of the Duke sat a similar degree during his visit to South Australia in 1927.

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### University's Welcome

The assemblage stood while the Vice-Chancellor read the following address of welcome: "The University of Adelaide bids your Royal Highness a most cordial welcome. We welcome you as a member of the University, and we are bound by love and pride no less than by allegiance. And we welcome you as the special envoy of His Majesty the King to the important mission which has brought you to our shores. The names that stand at the head of the roll of the University of Adelaide are the names of His Majesty the King and His Royal Highness the Duke of York. It was in the hall of the University of Adelaide that conferred distinction on the University by receiving these degrees; and it is very gratifying to us that your Royal Highness should have returned here to confer still further honor upon us by accepting the same high degree as you hold from the University of Cambridge."

"Your Royal Highness's name will be mentioned by the graduates next to that of His Royal Highness the Duke of York and will ever be held in the highest regard and veneration not only on account of your exalted rank, but also for your splendid example of devotion to your profession, and your constant sympathy with the unfortunate and suffering. We hope that your Royal Highness will continue to be a constant reminder that you will convey to His Majesty from all members of this University our affection and admiration for him, and our constant devotion to the Throne."

### Chancellor Confers Degree

The Dean of the Faculty of Law (Professor A. L. Campbell) then presented His Royal Highness to the degree of doctor of laws in the following words: "The Chancellor, Mr. Vice-Chancellor, and members of the Council of the University of Adelaide have the honor to present to His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, who has been admitted to the degree of doctor of laws in the University of Cambridge, to the degree of doctor of laws in the University of Adelaide. The Chancellor conferred the degree with the usual formula:—"By virtue of the authority committed to me I admit your Royal Highness to the rank and privileges of a doctor of laws in the University of Adelaide."

He then addressed the Duke as follows: "We beg you to accept our most grateful thanks for the honor you have conferred upon us by accepting this degree. The University has received two other members of the Royal family, which have not been mentioned by the Vice-Chancellor. In 1881 Her Majesty Queen Victoria issued letters patent, under Her Royal Highness's name, giving the right to the University of Adelaide should have within the Empire the same rank and precedence as the University of Cambridge. It was granted by your Majesty in the United Kingdom, and in 1901, His Majesty the King, your father, then Duke of Cornwall, gave to the University the foundation-stone of one of our buildings, which he afterward allowed to be named "The Prince of Wales Building."

Since that visit of His Majesty the University has prospered amazingly. Two residential colleges have been established. Benefactions have been received to the value of more than £100,000. During the last 25 years over an area of 15 acres, the largest which is still in course of construction, being the Bonnyton Hall, the gift of Sir Laurance Bonnyton. The number of students has increased five-fold. The privileges of affiliation have been granted to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. And, proudest distinction of all, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and His Royal Highness the Duke of York have become members of our Senate.

"Such, in a few words, is the progress since the visit of your Majesty, when His Majesty was last here, of the foundation with which your Royal Highness are so graciously and joyfully consented to be connected, and which bids you a loyal, enthusiastic and affectionate welcome." (Applause.)

### Ideals of Cecil Rhodes

On rising to reply, His Royal Highness said: "I am very sincerely pleased, which was repeated when he had concluded his speech. I thank you all very sincerely for the honor which the Adelaide University has done me in conferring upon me a degree," said His Royal Highness, "and I am deeply sensible of the honor in that, having been an undergraduate of Cambridge, I feel that I have been treated with an imputed with respect for those who proceed to a degree and an well aware of the privileges attached to it."

"Oxford and Cambridge have for years past been strengthened and invigorated by the enrolment of students from all parts of the Empire, and movement largely inspired by the imagination of Cecil Rhodes."

He then said that it is possible to over-estimate the value to the Empire of experience gained in this way. The friends he formed, the sympathies he had formed, the friendships established, and the ideas exchanged between those who ought to be leaders of their respective peoples cannot fail to be of great value to the Empire of the future. I would like to see these pilgrimages extended, and a flow of young men coming regularly from Great Britain to the Dominions' seat of learning."

He then said that the University of Adelaide was founded in 1874, and I offer you my congratulations on the attainment of your diamond jubilee. It is a delight to be your guest at the astonishing progress made by the University since the visit of my father, and I extend to you my cordial wishes for a future of ever-widening influence." (Prolonged applause.)

The Chancellor's "Discussions have been a great success. The 'convocation' considered the emergency. On leaving the hall, the Duke walked to the main building, where he was met by the staff and one book. As he was taking leave of the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor and other high officers of the University on the steps of the building, he was enthusiastically cheered by the waiting crowd. Three more of the Duke's visits to the University were renewed as he entered his car to attend the returned sailors, soldiers and nurses welcomed him to the Jubilee Oval.

### Embarrassing Moments

Probably on account of a misunderstanding of the official directions, a few moments of embarrassment were caused on the arrival of the Royal party at the University. His car, on entering the University grounds, drew up in front of the main building. The Duke, who was about 90 yards on the western side of the Governor, who had arrived in the car, was seen to be looking at the Vice-Chancellor, were waiting in front of Elder Hall, where a considerable crowd of people had gathered. The main building was, of course, almost entirely deserted. One of the Duke's gentlemen, who was following the Royal car, was alerted and, entering the building, made enquiries of a University attendant as to the position of the Duke's car, that had been made and directed him to Elder Hall. The whole affair appeared possibly not more than 15 seconds, and only a few people were made aware of it until after the ceremony.