

ling's dissertation on ethnological research, learning incidentally the exact difference between dolico-cephalic and brachy-cephalic skulls, and allowing without a protest its own type to be labelled as Neander-thalian. Again, last year Professor Mitchell devoted himself largely to literature, but did not hesitate to plead in favor of philosophy, the less popular branch of study to which his Chair is devoted. He recognised and boldly accepted the chance of boring his hearers, yet he managed to avoid doing so. Thus there have been presented within three years an eloquent and persuasive presentment of the claims of literature upon the community; an earnest appeal for the spread of original research in a country that seems specially arranged to offer prizes to the seeker; and an uncompromising enquiry into the questions of philosophy and literature, as generally accepted in the colony, and as treated in the University, with hints as to their treatment under ideal conditions. Such addresses as these make for advancement and culture, and a break in their sequence is a matter for regret.

THE UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATION.

The members of the Senate and Council of the University held Commemoration in the usual way on Wednesday afternoon. The attendance was unusually large and far too great for the library to accommodate; indeed it seems probable that ere long the function will have to be held in some larger hall. The occasion is always a popular one with the ladies, who were present in large numbers, and their summer costumes and the gay robes of the professors and graduates made the scene quite lively. Owing to the close afternoon and the large attendance it was excessively hot, which may have had something to do with the action of the Chancellor in omitting his customary oration. The undergraduates were extremely noisy, and the Chancellor, in addressing the successful students, had on many occasions to pause to allow the tumult, made up of cheers, snatches of song, and interjections, to pass by. An address was to have been delivered by Professor Bensly, but owing to indisposition this did not come off. The eternal hospital trouble, however, cropped up in the usual inevitable way. The medical students had a black pall with the words "Medical school" in white letters, which they spread over a board and carried coffinwise in procession round the University, chanting the Dead March in "Saul." One of their number was dressed as an undertaker in pot hat and black gloves, and led the van. Another bore a black banner with skull and crossbones, and these symbols were brought up into the library and prominently displayed. In handing over the Stow medal to Mr. Francis Leslie Stow, LL.B., the Chancellor took occasion to congratulate the recipient on being the only winner of the medal, as he had held for three successive years the prize founded in memory of his honored father, the late Mr. Justice Stow.

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THE STOW MEDAL.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir--The Chancellor in his merited congratulations addressed to Mr. Stow on Commemoration Day, made a reference to me which I beg permission to explain. He is reported to have said—"Messrs. Hewitson and Ash gained the Stow Prize in two years, but failed to win it in the third." At the opening of the Law School permission was given to the students who had then partly completed their studies by passing the old intermediate law examination (which represented two years' preparation) to enrol as second-year students for the LL.B. degree. I, with all the others in a like position, took advantage of this concession, and as the course was then three years we had to pass two annual examinations only for the degree. At each of these I took the Stow Prize, and, therefore, it cannot with accuracy be said that I failed at an examination for which I did not sit. Under the conditions I could not win the medal.

I am, Sir, &c.,

C. HEWITSON.