

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

COMMEMORATION DAY.

THE STUDENTS AT PLAY.

The Elder Hall was full to overflowing on Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being the Commemoration Day in connection with the Adelaide University.

Soon after the doors were opened there burst forth the solemn strains of the "Dead march in Saul," and up the aisle of the hall came a procession, carrying a black coffin and headed by a red-haired policeman.

At intervals before the arrival of the Senate the students vented their exuberance of spirits by howling out songs and by giving blood-curdling shrieks and cat-calls.

Songs of Students.

The preface to their "Book of the words," issued by the undergraduates, and placed in the hands of each person attending the ceremony, ran thus:—

Candidates, bachelors, and spinsters of the University, and casuals from other universities will be admitted by degrees at the Commemoration to be held in the Elder Hall on Wednesday, December 14.

Whereas it is desirable that the tedium of the convention arranged by the august council of the University should be alleviated by some musical diversion, the nucleus of the Conservatorium of Music, consisting of the University students' choir, will be heard to advantage in selections from classical authors arranged by Briarson Treefern, R.S.V.P., P.P.C.

All ticketholders are requested to take their seats home—before 11 a.m., and to keep the strictest silence till 3 p.m., after which time they are at liberty to amuse themselves as they please.

The Chanticleer of the University has received orders to be present.

The members of the senate and council are requested to assemble, not earlier than 5.55 p.m., at the Zoo, in the basement of the hippopotamus' den, and to wear suitable and sufficient clothing.

The senate and council will march from the Zoo, keeping good time, and making no inopportune remarks. On no account must any member of the apow play a tin whistle. Cat calls, &c., are strictly barred.

All reporters and pressmen are requested to take their seats—together with the rest of the unemployed—outside the University grounds.

All ladies who are not absolutely bald or wearing wigs are requested to remove their hats. Any lady who neglects to do this will be considered to fall within the above category.

Children in or without arms not admitted.

The Students' Doxology.

As usual, the students' doxology was sung as a sort of grace before meeting. It is as follows:—

God bless our 'Varsity, This Alma Mater, we Cherish and grace; Long may her students stand United heart and hand, Powerful in this our land; God save the King!

The Degrees.

Just before 3 o'clock the Senate and Council, attired in the academic costumes of their respective degrees and Universities, entered and filed up to the platform in the following order:—The Senate.—The clerk of the Senate—1, Bachelors of Music; 2, Bachelors of Science; 3, Bachelors of Arts; 4, Bachelors of Medicine; 5, Bachelors of Laws; 6, Masters of Arts; 7, Doctors of Music; 8, Doctors of Science; 9, Doctors of Medicine; 10, Doctors of Laws; the warden of the Senate, the teachers of the Elder Conservatorium, the director, the lecturers of the University, the professors of the University, the registrar, the council, the vice-chancellor, the chancellor.

As his Excellency the Governor entered Mr. T. H. Jones, Mus. Bac., played the National Anthem on the grand organ.

The Dean of the Faculty of Laws (Professor Salmon) then presented James Leslie Gordon to the Chancellor to receive the degree of bachelor of laws. The students greeted the recipient with the following verse, rendered to the tune of "Maiden with the dreamy eyes":—

Have you ever heard of Leslie? He's a frightfully clever chap, But he's not a pretty sight to see; The law debate will miss him, but he doesn't care a rap. He's taking his degree; And whether there's a trouble brewing and your neighbor talks of suing, Go to J. E. (good) and keep renewing your acquaintance with Les G.

Herbert Kingsley Paine and Charles Augustus Edmunds were next presented for the same degree, and were accorded musical honors by the undergrads.

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine then presented Wm. Ramsay Smith, M.B. (University of Edinburgh) to be admitted ad eundem gradum. At once the students burst out with the following lines, sung to the air of "John Brown's Body":— A bit of Tommy Walker lies a-mouldering in the ground, A bit of Tommy Walker is nowhere to be found, The skull of Tommy Walker was once sent home-ward bound, But his soul goes marching on, Glory, glory to the Crown, The pious-minded, law-abiding Coronet, But, alas for any poor foreigner, Who pees out in S.A.

Dr. T. G. Wilson, M.D., University of Adelaide, was presented by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine as a fit and proper person to be admitted ad eundem gradum in the University of Adelaide. As soon as the Chancellor had shaken hands with him the undergrads, shouted to the tune of "A miller's daughter" the following lines:—

I'm Dr. T. G. Wilson, Immaculate am I, Shiny is my top hat, New are my gloves and tie, So gather round, ye patients, 'Tis seldom you do see such a multitude of virtues As are in this T.G.

James Leslie Gordon, Herbert Kingsley Paine, and Marmion Matthews Bray were presented as the Stow prizemen.

James Leslie Gordon again came forward as the Stow scholar, and had to stand beside the table while the wild men of the 'Varsity sweetly rendered to the air of "Maiden with the dreamy eyes":— There are those who stow, there are loafers too, But of scholars like Les. Gordon there are few, And we surmise, with his fourth Stow Prize, He will not ignore a judgeship, nor a few bob rise.

This musical item interrupted the dean, and the Chancellor then said:—"I venture to make a suggestion to my musical friends at the other end of the room. If you would kindly allow the dean to finish his presentation we could then hear the whole of the music before I confer the degree."

This compromise was accepted with good grace by the undergrads, who yelled in chorus, "Good boy, Sammy."

In conferring the Stow scholarship on James Leslie Gordon, the Chancellor said the Stow scholarship had been awarded only three times previously within the last 20 years, and had never hitherto been won with such distinction as on this, the fourth occasion. The regulations of the Stow scholarship required that the winner should be the Stow prizeman in three successive years. Mr. Gordon had fulfilled those conditions a year ago, and for the first time in the history of the University the scholarship would be held by one who had been Stow prizeman for four successive years. (Cheers.) His Excellency, whom they were all glad to welcome there that afternoon, had kindly consented to present the gold medal which had been so deservedly won. (Cheers.)

His Excellency, in presenting the medal, told Mr. Gordon that he realised the great honor that he had gained.

The Chancellor said he had omitted to mention that Mr. Paine had taken the Stow prize in two years of his undergraduate course. (Cheers.)

Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery were then conferred on Constance May Cooper, Malcolm Leslie Scott, Renfrey Gershom Burnard, Rupert

Eric Magarey, Alfred Francis Stokes, and Phoebe Chapple, B.Sc.

Henry Kenneth Fry (student in medicine of the second year) was presented as the winner of the Elder prize, and congratulated.

The Dr. Thomas Davies' scholars—William Ray (third year) and William Moragh Hunn (fourth year)—were presented and congratulated.

Constance May Cooper was presented as the Everard scholar.

An ad eundem gradum degree was conferred on the Rev. Alfred Wheeler, M.A. (Cantab.), in the candidate's absence.

Annie Lane, B.A., was presented by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts (Professor Mitchell), and received the degree of M.A., the Chancellor congratulating her on the distinction with which she had acquitted herself.

Emily Milvain Good (first class), Annie Millicent Clark (second class), Clara Helen Padman (third class), received the honors degree of B.A. in classics, and the honors degree in mathematics was conferred on Herbert James Priest, B.Sc. (first class), and Frederick William Wheatley, B.Sc. (third class).

Harry Billingham, Albert Joseph Brooks, William Henderson, Milton Moss Maughan, Vida Alice Wilks, and Gertrude Mary Walton, received the pass degree of Bachelor of Arts. The Chancellor said it gave him greater pleasure to confer a degree on Mr. Maughan than on any other candidate. Mr. Maughan was one of the University's first students nearly 30 years ago. Illness then prevented him from taking his degree, which he had now obtained in the midst of the anxieties of his high office as inspector of schools.

Mary Lillecrapp Langman was presented as the John Howard Clark scholar, and Stella Mary Churchward and Sophia Ellen Holder were presented as the winners of the Roby Fletcher prize.

The Dean of the Faculty of Science (Professor Bragg) presented Walter George Woolnough, D.Sc. (Sydney), for the ad eundem gradum degree of D.Sc., and the degree was conferred in the absence of the candidate, to whom the Chancellor referred as an accomplished, skilful, and zealous teacher.

William Ramsay Smith, M.B., B.Sc., also received the degree of D.Sc.

Ernest Chapple, B.Sc., Andrew Fairweather, B.Sc., Beauchamp Lennox Gardiner, B.Sc., Adolph Ernest Paton, B.Sc., and Roy Lister Robinson, B.Sc., were presented as diploma candidates, who were entitled to fellowships of the School of Mines.

Walter James McCarthy, B.A., (second class), received the honors degree of B.Sc. in mathematics.

Andrew Ferguson (first class) received the honors degree of B.Sc. in geology and paleontology.

Brian Brock Bayly, Stella Mary Churchward, William Lander Cleland, Augustus Heseltine, Charles William Hooper, Victor Garfield Martin, George Douglas Moore, Henry Ernest Pearson, Gordon Roy West, and James Shaw received the pass degree of B.Sc.

Herbert Bissetow was presented as the Tate medallist.

The Chairman of the Board of Musical Studies (Dr. Ennis, Mus. Doc.) presented Susan Ann Winwood for the degree of Mus. Bac., and the Chancellor congratulated Miss Winwood on having taken her degree while engaged in the laborious profession of teaching.

The Chairman of the Board of Commercial Studies (Mr. J. R. Fowler, M.A.) presented William James Coffey, Alfred Richard Hopben, Annie Brice McMichael, and John George Robertson as winners of the advanced commercial certificate, and John George Robertson as the Joseph Fisher medallist.

The Chancellor, in presenting the certificates, remarked that the establishment of the commercial course was largely due to the enthusiasm of the Vice-Chancellor. The course was framed in conjunction with the advice of members of the Chamber of Commerce and other mercantile gentlemen in the city, who attached such value to the course that in many cases the entrance fees were paid by the employers of the candidates.

The Chancellor having declared the convocation at an end, the proceedings closed.

THE UNIVERSITY DINNER.

The annual University dinner took place at the South Australian Hotel on Wednesday evening. Professor Stirling, C.M.G., presided, and amongst those present were his Excellency the Governor, the Premier, the Treasurer, and the Mayor of Adelaide.

The Chairman proposed the toast of "The King," which was heartily honored.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the Governor, said wherever his Excellency had gone in the State he had met with a warm welcome, and he deserved it, for his tactful and sympathetic interest in all that went on in the community, was unflinching. General satisfaction was expressed when it was known that his Excellency was to be one of the committee to select the Rhodes scholar, and no aspersion had been cast on the committee's selection. He hoped the committee would be as fortunate in their selection of future Rhodes scholars. (Cheers.)

His Excellency said he valued very highly his connection with the University and the fact that he was the link between the Universities of Adelaide and Cambridge. He also esteemed very highly his appointment to the Rhodes scholarship committee. It was a great honor for South Australia that their first Rhodes scholar had attained to the blue riband of Oxford—had been admitted into Balliol College. He was pleased to note the growing union between the Education Department and the University. He hoped that his connection with the University, both official and academical, would result in advantage mutually. (Cheers.)

The Premier proposed "The University of Adelaide." He thought the University should turn out practical agricultural and commercial men as well as professional men, and he was pleased that in the last few years the University had taken cognisance in its curriculum of other callings besides the "learned" professions. Without wishing to depreciate University education, one could not help seeing that there were unsuccessful University men, whose knowledge was practically of no use to the community, because they felt that their higher education debarred them from entering other callings.

That was to be regretted, for education should not hinder a man from making himself useful in the world. But everyone recognised the immense value the Adelaide University had been to South Australia, and he trusted that its influence would be extended in the coming years.

Professor Bragg, in responding, said they hoped that for many years Mr. Jenkins would be present at their University dinner. The Adelaide University had tried to gather into their body all that was best in the State in the way of thought and action. They wished to inculcate in their students a spirit of research. They should not be content with what was in their textbooks, but should apply themselves to the study of the unknown. (Cheers.)

The Rev. G. H. Girdlestone submitted "The guests."

The Mayor, in responding, said South Australia, from its inception had been very fortunate in its educational establishments, which were pre-eminent among similar institutions in Australia. Never since the Pilgrim Fathers left England for America had there been a finer class of emigrants from the old country than those who left in the 30's and 40's for South Australia. With pioneers like Angases, Morphett, and others, the education of South Australia was placed on a firm basis. Founders like Sir Thomas Elder and Sir Walter Watson Hughes were co-equal with the men whose names were revered in the old English universities. (Cheers.)

Mr. T. Ainslie Caterer, the hon. secretary of the committee, is to be congratulated on the success of the dinner. The committee consisted of Professors Bragg, Mitchell, Henderson, and Ennis, Dr. J. B. Gunson, Dr. Cudmore, and Messrs. J. G. R. Murray, J. Henderson, W. R. Bayly, and R. W. Bennett.

During the evening Mr. Maurice Chenoweth rendered "The message" (Blumenthal) and "Trust and be true" (Blumenthal). Mr. Eugene Alderman contributed a violin solo, Signor Setaro's string orchestra rendered a number of bright selections.