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## THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

### EXTENSIVE ADDITIONS.

The tender of Messrs. Brown & Peel has been accepted for extensive additions to the Adelaide University, and the work of excavation has already begun. The building, which is to be finished by the time next year's classes begin, will be in general conformity with the main structure. It will be at the rear of the present stately pile, and will not be called upon to add to the architectural features of the university. It is to be constructed of plain stone. Mr. Naish is the architect. The want of increased accommodation has long been felt. Extra room is wanted for the art school, and for Professor Mitchell with his lectures on logic and psychology; Mr. Scott with all his training college students has to be provided for; and accommodation is required for Professor Douglas with the large classes on history and English literature. At present there are no rooms set apart for these classes. Professor Douglas, for instance, has been lecturing in a portion of the library. The work in the chemical laboratories and in the physical laboratory is now far more than can be satisfactorily done with the present accommodation. The physiological laboratory is also too small. Then provision is required for the lectures on French and German, and for the various courses that are undertaken by outside lecturers. At the present time they have, to put it colloquially, to fish for accommodation. The present chemical laboratory and lecture room will be devoted to the art-school. The physical laboratory will be extended to take in what is now the geological museum, and the pathological museum underneath it.

The new buildings will provide an entirely new set of chemical laboratories much larger than the present ones, and a new science theatre, which is necessary, because the present physics theatre is too small for the classes, which number well over 100. The physics students, including those on electrical engineering, total nearly 200; and last year the first-year class in physics contained more students than the lecture room could comfortably accommodate. When there has been anything in the shape of a popular lecture the theatre has been altogether too small. The hall will be used for both chemistry and physics whenever large classes are to be lectured to. The additions include extensions to the present physiological laboratory, a new pathological museum, a new lecture room and geological museum for Professor Tate, a lecture room, laboratory, and drawing room for the engineering students taking up the new mining course. Mr. Chapman's rooms include a large laboratory for engineering purposes, which will contain among other appliances a machine for testing the strength of samples of iron and steel and other materials, and will measure a compressive or tensile strain of 100,000 lb. The machine selected will be of the screw type, and will come from Philadelphia. It will be driven by an electric motor. A machine of this kind is the basis of all work in an engineering laboratory. The science theatre, which will be very fine indeed, is arranged on the semicircular plan, to seat 210 without any crowding. Many modern appliances will be placed in the theatre. There will be a projective apparatus, a balance blackboard, and other up-to-date improvements. Professor Bragg will get the old pathological museum, which will become the electrical engineering laboratory. A 4½ kilowatt dynamo of the rotary converter type is being built by Parkers, of Wolverhampton, and is to be specially arranged for scientific purposes. It is being constructed under the superintendence of Mr. O. Wylie, formerly a student of the Adelaide University, now in charge of the electricity works at Walsall. There are at present 60 students in this class, and better accommodation is urgently needed.

### UNIVERSITY DISTINCTIONS.

The Angas engineering scholarship of £200 annually, tenable for three years, at an English University, has been awarded as a result of the recent examination at the Adelaide University to Mr. Walter Geoffrey Duffield, B.Sc., eldest son of Mr. D. Walter Duffield, of Glenelg, and grandson of the late Hon. Walter Duffield, of Para Para, Gawler. Mr. Duffield was educated at Queen's school, North Adelaide, and at St. Peter's College, where he won the McCulloch scholarship. In 1898 he began his University career, entering the science course, and he won University scholarships in both his first and second years. At the close of the third year, Mr. Duffield gained his degree of bachelor of science with honors in mathematics, physics, and geology. The Angas engineering exhibition of £200 annually, tenable for three years, at the Adelaide University, has been awarded to Mr. J. R. Wilton, son of Mr. C. R. Wilton, of "The Advertiser" literary staff. Mr. J. R. Wilton, who will be 17 years old in May next, has been a student of Prince Alfred College for 9½ years. He began as the youngest boy in the school at the bottom of the lowest class, and he ended his connection with it as dux. In 1896 he was placed "excellent" in the practical geometry examination at the School of Design, and he passed the "preliminary" examination in the same year. In 1898 he passed the junior in the first class, gaining the third University prize; in 1899 he passed the senior in the first class, and was awarded an educational scholarship of £30, which he relinquished in order to continue at school; and in November, 1899, he passed the senior with seven credits out of eight subjects, being awarded an Education Department scholarship of £35. This he resigned on winning the Angas engineering exhibition. Mr. Wilton has also taken three scholarships at Prince Alfred College during his career at that institution.

### THE UNIVERSITY SENATE.

It is a rather disappointing sign of the interest taken in the University of Adelaide by its graduates that the periodical meetings of the Senate are so poorly attended. This body is made up of all the graduates of the University, excepting a few of the most recent standing, but including all who have been admitted here to degrees of equal grade with academic distinctions earned elsewhere. And yet the meetings held three times a year, in accordance with the statutes, have an evident difficulty in getting together the moderate quorum of twenty required. A crowded hall is certain only when vacancies in the select body of the council have to be filled, or when some special subject of interest comes up for discussion—as came, a year or so back, the question of the retention of Greek in the Arts course. The poor attendance on ordinary occasions may perhaps be taken as showing the confidence felt by the graduates generally in the wise conduct of affairs by the Council. Certain it is that most points which come down for ratification to the "Lower House" have been thoroughly worked out in advance, and are accordingly accepted there without discussion. The meeting of yesterday, important as it was in at least one particular, furnished no exception to this rule. More time was spent in getting together a quorum than in the whole subsequent conduct of business. And yet the re-establishment of a Medical School in Adelaide might be considered an occasion worthy of some magnifying. For the most part the motions submitted were of a routine character. A prescribed fee was altered, or a regulation inadvertently omitted on a previous occasion was supplied. The matter of the Tennyson medals, to be given for the encouragement of English literature by his Excellency the Governor, was at last reasonably adjusted, by the obvious intention of the donor being expressed in plain language. A gold medal is to be awarded in the higher public examination each year, silver medals in the senior and junior. And they will be given in the principal, or November, examination, irrespective of the occasional examining of candidates at other times; also they will of course be restricted by an age limit—not being intended for the adults who are under certain conditions allowed to test their skill in the various subjects. The present position in the Conservatorium, whose acting director is not a member of the University Council, has induced the latter body to obtain leave to adjust matters. The Board of Musical Studies will now bring into closer touch with each other the Council and the practical musicians of the Conservatorium. But by far the most important piece of business done yesterday was the passing of fresh regulations for the medical course. They were received almost without comment, Dr. Lendon merely remarking in introducing them that the idea was to revert to the state of things existing prior to 1896. The study of anatomy has been a little cut down, that of therapeutics and of the diseases of children somewhat expanded. But the real vital point is that a long-standing sore has at last healed over; that medical students of the fourth and fifth years will not have to leave for Melbourne and Sydney to complete their course and obtain a degree.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

### THE ROYAL VISIT.

His Excellency the Governor has received a communication from the Governor-General of Australia containing a message from his Majesty King Edward VII., in which it is stated that "His Majesty is desirous that the people of Australia should have full opportunity of meeting their Royal Highnesses, but balls, race meetings, and public banquets, given either by Government or municipal authorities, are to be considered out of the question. There is, however, no objection to their being invited to concerts and receptions, in or out of doors." According to present arrangements, which, of course, will be subject to modification later on, it is expected that the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York will arrive in Adelaide on July 9, and after proceeding through the streets of the city, will return to Government House, where they will remain during their stay here. In the evening there will be a dinner or official reception at Government House. On July 10 there will be a presentation of addresses from various municipal bodies at the Town Hall in the morning, while the afternoon will be occupied by a review of the South Australian Military Forces. In the evening a State reception will be held at the Exhibition Building. On July 11 the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall will visit the University, the Elder Conservatorium of Music, and the public schools in the morning, and in the afternoon there will be a reception at Government House. On July 12 His Royal Highness will go for a shooting trip along the River Murray,

and on the same day the Duchess will visit the Adelaide Hospital and other public institutions. The Duke will return from the Murray trip on July 13, and will view an assemblage of State school children in the afternoon, while in the evening he, with the Duchess of Cornwall, will be present at a concert that will be given by the municipality of the City of Adelaide. On July 14 (Sunday), their Royal Highnesses will be present at the opening of the nave of St. Peter's Cathedral, and the next day they will leave Adelaide for Fremantle.