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ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

A special congregation was held in the Theatre of the Prince of Wales' Building of the University yesterday, when the Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way) conferred degrees on a number of successful candidates. The degree of doctor of science was conferred on John Raymond Wilton, M.A., B.Sc., who was absent in England. It was announced that he was the most distinguished student that had graduated at the University. He was an old Prince Alfred College Boy, and at that school he had won many scholarships and honors. His career through the Adelaide University had been most distinguished, and he had gone to Cambridge, where he had gained first-class honors in mathematics and physics and had become the fifth wrangler.

Sir Samuel Way said that it was with deep pride and admiration that he learned that Adelaide could produce such a distinguished scholar. With the exception of the case of Mr. J. Stuckey never before had a graduate of the Adelaide University received the distinction of fifth wrangler. In that case St. Peter's College obtained the great distinction, as he was an old scholar of that school. He was somewhat disappointed that Dr. Wilton was not to be a member of the science party visiting Australia. He had hoped to have conferred the degree upon him in person, and he would have experienced the warmth of admiration in which he was held by all those connected with the University.

Ronald George McKail was the first student who had been successful in securing the ordinary degree of bachelor of science in forestry, and the chancellor, in conferring the degree upon him, remarked that it had only recently been created in the University, and the State recognised that it would have a most important bearing on the welfare of the timber resources. He congratulated Mr. McKail on his attainment, and trusted that it would be an encouragement to other students.

Degrees were also conferred upon the following candidates:—For the degree of bachelor of laws—Robert Badger, John Brier Mills (in absentia). Honors degree of bachelor of arts.—Philosophy—Eleanor Alice Allen. Ordinary degree of bachelor of arts—Euphemia Theodosia Blair, Albert Edward Page, Edgar Percival Rowe, Isobel Weir, Louise Mary Gwythyr Payne (in absentia). Ordinary degree of bachelor of science—Ralph Williams (in absentia). Degree of bachelor of engineering—Albert Raymond Wight (in absentia). Arthur Cubitt Brown (in absentia) and John Stanley West (in absentia), in lieu of surrendered degree of bachelor of science. Diploma in applied science in electrical engineering—Arthur Cubitt Brown (in absentia).

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DR. MAWSON.

AUDIENCE WITH THE KING.

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Dr. Douglas Mawson, of Adelaide, the leader of the Australian Antarctic expedition, was granted an audience by his Majesty the King to-day.

PRESENTATION OF UNIVERSITY DEGREES.

An interesting ceremony was performed at the Prince of Wales Theatre of the Adelaide University on Wednesday, when Sir Samuel Way (Chancellor of the University) conferred degrees upon several candidates. Sir Samuel was supported by Dr. W. Barlow (Vice-Chancellor) and Mr. C. R. Hodge (registrar). The members of the senate and council were present in academic costume. The following candidates received their degrees:—

Bachelor of Laws—Robert Badger, John Brier Mills (in absentia).

Honors Degree of Bachelor of Arts.—Philosophy—Eleanor Alice Allen.

Ordinary Degree of Bachelor of Arts—Euphemia Theodosia Blair, Albert Edward Page, Edgar Percival Rowe, Isobel Weir, Louise Mary Gwythyr Payne (in absentia).

Doctor of Science—John Raymond Wilton, M.A., Bs. (in absentia).

Ordinary Degree of Bachelor of Science in Forestry—Ronald George McKail.

Ordinary Degree of Bachelor of Science—Ralph Williams (in absentia).

Bachelor of Engineering—Albert Raymond Wight (in absentia); Arthur Cubitt Brown (in absentia), John Stanley West (in absentia)—in lieu of surrendered Degree of Bachelor of Science.

Diploma in Applied Science in Electrical Engineering—Arthur Cubitt Brown (in absentia).

Referring to the degree of Bachelor of Laws, the Chancellor said that in future they would not have so many students graduating from Western Australia as they had had in the past. He made special reference to the further distinction gained by Mr. Wilton, which, he said, was a matter for rejoicing. He was the fifth wrangler in his year at Cambridge, and he had hoped that the conferring of the degree might have been postponed until the occasion of a visit to Adelaide by Mr. Wilton. Alluding to the honor obtained by Mr. McKail, the Chancellor said he was the first student in that University who had taken a degree in the forestry course, and it was an interesting incident in the history of the University. They were gradually extending the degrees which could be taken in science and other branches, and the school of forestry was the latest branch of study in which students could take honors of the kind. He hoped others would take up the important subject of forestry.

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DEGREES AT THE UNIVERSITY.

At a special congregation of the University of Adelaide at the Prince of Wales Theatre, North terrace, on Wednesday, the Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way) presided. The object of the assembly was the conferring of 15 degrees distributed between the faculties of laws, arts, and science. Among the candidates to whose academic distinctions marked allusion was made was Mr. J. R. Wilton, M.A., B.Sc., formerly a student of Prince Alfred College, and subsequently a fifth wrangler at Cambridge. Mr. Wilton was admitted (in absence) to the degree of doctor of laws. The Chancellor paid high tribute to Dr. Wilton's brilliance, and mentioned that the examiners held the view that he gave great promise of original work of a high order. Dr. Wilton is now a university lecturer in England. Other features of the congregation were the admission of the first woman student of Adelaide to the honours degree of Bachelor of Arts in philosophy (Miss Alice Eleanor Allen), and of Mr. Ronald George McKail as the first candidate to gain the degree of Bachelor of Science in Forestry.

WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE TO BE CALLED.

A meeting of the central council of the Workers' Educational Association was held at the Adelaide University on Wednesday evening. Mr. T. Ryan (president) occupied the chair. Professors Mitchell and Jethro Brown represented the University, and Sir Langdon Bonython and Mr. L. Grayson the School of Mines. Among others present were Dr. Gertrude Halley and Messrs. B. S. Roach, W. Ham, F. M. Reid, W. C. Melbourne, J. Burgess, a large number of delegates from the trades unions, and the assistant secretary (Mr. Victor Kroemer). Apologies were received from the Director of Education (Mr. M. M. Maughan), Hon. J. H. Vaughan, Mr. T. B. Merry, and Mr. A. J. Beresford.

Professor Meredith Atkinson, director of tutorial classes of the Sydney University, attended by invitation, and gave an address on tutorial classes and other activities of the Workers' Educational Association. He considered that the ideal standard of a three years' course in connection with the University tutorial classes should be maintained, and was strongly opposed to any relaxation of the conditions. In New South Wales the demand for classes was greatly in excess of the supply of tutors. Four classes of 30 students each was the utmost that any one tutor could safely manage, and after forming the first four classes he had had to draft the surplus applicants into study classes under competent young undergraduates. He did not think a three years' course too severe. The man who was prepared to devote himself wholeheartedly to the studies on the line indicated was the man they wanted. There were cases in which it was best to have shorter courses, but these shorter courses were not called university tutorial classes. The work of the shorter courses was invariably carried out by the Workers' Educational Association Council, but the University tutorial classes were conducted under the guidance of the University. The work of tutorial classes was usually conducted by a joint committee, consisting of an equal number of members of the University and the Workers' Educational Association Council.

Mr. Doley (Australian Society of Engineers) moved:—"That steps be immediately taken for the formation of a joint committee." This was carried, as also was the subsequent motion, "That the University be invited to co-operate with the Workers' Education Association Council in the formation of a joint committee for the government and control of the University tutorial classes."

Professor Jethro Brown moved that the committee consist of four delegates from each body. The motion was carried, and the following delegates were elected to represent the Workers' Educational Association on the joint committee:—Sir Langdon Bonython (School of Mines), Messrs. W. C. Melbourne and J. Burgess (vice-presidents W.E.A.), and V. E. Kroemer (assistant secretary).

Mr. Kavanagh (Port Adelaide W.E.A.) moved—"That a deputation from the council wait on the Minister of Education for the purpose of obtaining a grant." Professor Jethro Brown seconded, and the motion was carried. It was further decided that the deputation should consist of as many of the members of the council as would be able to attend on the date fixed. On the motion of Mr. Melbourne, seconded by Mr. Doley, it was agreed that the Government should be approached for the grant "for University tutorial classes and general extension work."

Professor M. Atkinson stated that a conference of representatives of the W.E.A. from all the States would be held in Adelaide shortly after the Congress of the British Science Association in August next. It was hoped that the conference would result in the formation of a federal council of the Workers' Educational Association.

Two Tutorial Classes Formed.

A meeting of intending students of the tutorial classes of the Workers' Educational Association was held at the Trades Hall on Thursday night. Professor Atkinson delivered an address on the working of the classes. Forty-nine names were handed in as members of the class on economics, and 29 for the class on industrial law. As 30 members were required for a class to study economics, two classes have already been formed.