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LAND AND PRODUCER.

WAITE INSTITUTE.

CULTURAL EXPERIMENTS.

...port of the active work of the ...ultural Research Institute dur... ...ened at the University of Ade... ...today, it was stated that the ... the staff had been directed ... the preparation and equipment ... the area for field investigations, ...ment of the laboratories, and ... action of the programme of in... ...work already laid out. An ... area has been cleared and ... and prepared for field work. ... acres were laid down in per... ...mental plots, 12 acres of ... then followed the seeding addi... ...lots in 1920, and 10 acres have ... to permanent grass tests. Of ... acres comprise top-dressing ... pastures, whilst the rest ... has been fallowed for some ... seeded grass tests in 1921. ... made in the report to the ... made on the farm area, and ... ...ity of agricultural imple... ...resenting practically a com... ...ant to the institute. Two ... ...room of buildings have been ... into a laboratory for plant ... ...stigations. The main work ... has been the laying down ... ...riments to provide funda... ...ting to the cultivation and ... in crops, grasses and intro... ...nd fodder plants, and the ... post-culture investigations ... ...nements of the more im... ...ps and fodder plants. ... ...ield experiments 240 plots ... and the harvesting is now ... of the tests are in the ... ...sence of varying systems ... the yield of wheat ... ...fertility of the soil, and al... ...expected to provide valuable ... ...oratory work and in plant ... ...ology is proposed shall ... ...ections to the field tests, ...cereals to determine the ... ...of methods of cultivation ... ...evelopment, and the other ... ...ying fertilisers on the ... ...opment of seedled pas... ...tions of the newer ... ...s have taken up a con... ...of time, and in some ... ...equipment has been ... ...University workshop. ... ...clude the investigation ... ...ing phase in the soil ... ...ation, the following, and ... ...ms of crop rotation, ...into the question of ... ...with special refer... ...ose soils for lime.

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Applied Science.

...—Passed with credit ...rich—Brooke, Malcolm ...Fisher, George Read

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...SCHOLARSHIPS.

...University has made ...arship—the Lowrie ...owell Ralph Jacobs. ...Prize for Elementary ...gy and Ethnology— ...son Coats. The Lowrie ...is for post-graduate re... ...ge, and Mr. Jacobs has ...ject of research on "The ...of the Mount Lofty ...ation of the agricultural ...soil."

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...SCHOLARSHIPS.

The council of the University has made the following awards:—The Lowrie scholarship to Mr. Maxwell Ralph Jacobs, the James Gartrell prize for elementary comparative philology and ethnology to Mr. Claude Hampson Coats. In connection with the Lowrie scholarship, which is awarded for post graduate research work, Mr. Jacobs has chosen as the subject of his research "The natural vegetation of the Mount Lofty Ranges as an indication of the agricultural possibilities of the soil."

Adv. 15-12-25.

Among the passengers by the Orama which arrived at Fremantle yesterday from London, was the Chief Justice (Sir George Murray), who is attending his first holiday for 16 years.

Adv 15-12-25.

Mr. C. Harding Browne has been appointed to the lectureship in commercial practice at the University of Adelaide, which was rendered vacant by the retirement of Mr. R. M. Steele.

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DEATH OF MR. JAMES GARTRELL.

A PHILANTHROPIC MERCHANT.

After a short illness, the death occurred on Sunday of Mr. James Gartrell, one of the best-known business men of Adelaide. Mr. Gartrell, who celebrated his 70th birthday on December 1, recently underwent a serious operation, but although this was successful, he never recovered from its effects, and he was in hospital to the time of his death.

The name of Mr. Gartrell will long be remembered, not only because of his business association with the firm of G. Wood, Son & Co., but because of his open-handed generosity to the cause of the Methodist Church and many philanthropic institutions. Invariably his contributions were made without the slightest ostentation. Mr. Gartrell was

Mr. James Gartrell.

a successful merchant of the highest integrity, and his benefactions have been widely appreciated. Standing as a monument to his generosity is the Gartrell Memorial Church, which, together with a pipe organ, he presented to the Methodist denomination at Ross Park about 15 years ago. He had for many years been a generous supporter of the Kent Town Methodist Church. The trustees of that church acquired a site for a church at Ross Park, and in 1913, when plans were being discussed for the erection of a school hall there, Mr. Gartrell came forward with a munificent offer to present a beautiful building, which is an ornament to the district. Those in charge of the Methodist educational institutions, Minda, the Royal Institution for the Blind, the Children's Hospital, the Adelaide Benevolent and Strangers' Friend Societies, and other philanthropic undertakings, have reason to be grateful for his practical sympathy and support.

His Start in Life.

Mr. Gartrell was a Cornishman. He was born at Godolphin on December 1, 1846, and came to South Australia with his parents in the ship John Murray (the voyage taking five months) when he was only 17 months old. He was educated at Mr. Tattersall's Inspection Boarding school, and at the age of 16 he entered the office of Mr. Thomas Wood, Distinct Weaving. Three years later he came to the conclusion that he did not like legal work, and towards the end of his 20th year he left the firm. Then in 1866, 50 years ago, he entered the service of Mr. Gilbert Wood, the founder of the firm of G. Wood, Son & Co., merchants and importers, and had been associated with it ever since, rising to the position of chief man of directors of one of the largest mercantile houses in the State. When Mr. Gartrell first knew the business it was in Gouger-street, and was carried on in Rundle-street, but it grew with the State. During the first 10 years Mr. Gartrell worked for an average from 7 a.m. till 10 p.m. Then he became a partner in the business, and managed, in conjunction with Mr. Gilbert Wood and afterwards with his son (Mr. Peter Wood), a huge wholesale grocery business, ramifications extending throughout the Commonwealth. When Mr. Gartrell was taken into partnership he was an only child, and was the director's son, and he used to remark that the business in those days was conducted in a fashion compared with modern ideas of warehouses.

Through Trying Times.

Shortly after the death of Mr. Gilbert Wood in September, 1886, South Australia experienced some trying times financially, owing to the indifferent seasons, but chiefly to the closing of the doors of the Commercial Bank and the Union and Country Bank. That financial crash brought about the cessation of many old-established houses, and the difficulties of the Commercial Bank added difficulties to the two young men who had charge of the destinies of G. Wood, Son & Co. By strict attention to their business, however, and the burning of much midnight oil, they had the satisfaction of coming safely through the crisis. After that the business became increasingly prosperous, and the substantial premises on Northterrace were erected. Mr. Peter Wood and Mr. Gartrell thereupon entered into a bond with each other that they would each year give a percentage of the profits of the business to be expended on good works. They considered they held the money in trust for God. It was not a strictly legal bond of partnership, but it was carried out in the letter and spirit. The partners had to work hard and long, but they were generously rewarded. Mr. Gartrell was elected by the flourishing and extensive business of to-day.

Old Election Days.

Mr. Gartrell retained vivid recollections of his boyhood days. Soon after his arrival in South Australia his father worked at the Burra copper mines. The family went there in a block dray, taking a week on the journey, but after three years they returned to Adelaide, changing at Gawler from a block dray to a horse drawn vehicle. When Mr. Gartrell was only six years of age his father died, in a remarkably short time. Mr. Gartrell related his recollections of elections in the early days. "I remember as if it were yesterday," he said, "the famous election contest in which Sir James Hurtle Fisher and Mr. Anthony Forster figured. We boys knew that there was something going on down the street, and we were off like a shot. The open-voting system, of course, was in vogue, and partisans wore a rosette with the colors of the favorite. It used to be a fine joke to pin a pink-and-white rosette on to the back of a fellow who was sporting a blue-and-white one. Soon the shillelaghs began to fly in all directions, and blood was spilling. Then somebody took horse and went down to the barracks for Inspector Tolmer. He came down at the head of 12 troopers at the gallop, with swords drawn. Why, in five minutes order was restored! So much for the respect for the law in those days. It was one of the most stirring events of my boyhood."

Mr. Gartrell was always looked upon as an ideal employer, and in November, 1916, his employes met him and presented him with an address as a memento of his having completed 50 years of business life with the one concern. A few days later he received the congratulations of his many friends at the 70th anniversary of his birth. In making the presentation to Mr. Gartrell on behalf of the employes of Messrs. G. Wood, Son & Co., Mr. W. Bailey (now the manager of the Port Adelaide branch), who had been in the employ of the firm for more than 40 years, referred to the good feeling that had always existed between the staff and the principals, and wished the recipient continued good health and happiness. Mr. Gartrell, in returning thanks, expressed his appreciation of the spirit of goodwill that had prompted the presentation, and mentioned that during his long term of active service with the firm, both as employer and employee, his association with the staff had been of the most pleasant nature.

Outside Interests.

Although he was desired to enter public life as a legislator or municipalor, Mr. Gartrell could never be prevailed upon to do so. Nevertheless he always took a prominent part in the affairs of the Adelaide Chamber of Commerce, and was its president in 1901 and 1902. For many years he was trustee of the Kent Town Methodist Church, treasurer of the Methodist Ladies' College, a member of the committee of Prince Alfred College, vice-president of the Royal Institution for the Blind, and president of the Adelaide Benevolent and Strangers' Friend Society. He married in 1868 a daughter of Mr. Charles Lawrence, of Adelaide, and leaves a family of three—Mrs. Melior, of Burnside, and Mrs. C. Heath, of Ross Park, and two grandchildren. Mr. J. H. Gartrell, of South-terrace, is a brother.

Mr. Gartrell's remains will be buried in the West-terrace cemetery this afternoon, and prior to the cortège leaving the residence, "Tremlee," Burnside, the Rev. Brian Wibberley, Mus. Bac. will hold a short service. On Sunday morning next at "In Memoriam" services will be held at the Kent Town Methodist Church.

Tribute by Rev. J. Bullock.

The President of the Methodist Conference (Rev. J. Bullock), when informed of Mr. Gartrell's death on Sunday, said he was genuinely sorry at such a great loss to the church and to community as a whole. Methodist ministers, Mr. Gartrell was a prominent Wesleyan, and there as in other years, he had the profoundest admiration for the man, and was always assiduous in his attendance to church matters, and generous and thoughtful in his giving. He was a true great citizen, his home, his business, and his church, and he loved these with great affection. He was an outstanding character in the Methodist Church for over 50 years, and had been a generous giver to all Methodist institutions during that period, in addition to supporting many charitable organisations. Methodists had always regarded him as a man of unblemished integrity and a courteous gentleman, and his death was a distinct loss to the Church, and to its councils. The Methodist Ladies' College was his institution dear to his heart, and, as treasurer, he was most assiduous in his attention to any matter but affected its welfare. The duties of this office gave him an ex officio position on the Methodist Conference, where his advice was of great value. He was also greatly interested in the Memorial Hospital, and an active member of many committees. Methodists greatly mourned his death.

At the Unley Methodist Church on Sunday night, the Rev. Harold Marsh, chaplain of the Methodist Ladies' College, referring to Mr. Gartrell, said he knew him personally as an honorable Christian gentleman, who helped the Church, and the college. Its present prosperity was due to his generosity and his deep interest. His work for the Church, for Methodist education, and by scholarships and other endowments had assisted the good work that was being carried on. He was a great and worthy Christian that he was the affection and respect of business men and others. He took a deep interest in the Kent Town Methodist Church, and worshipped there to the last.

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UNIVERSITY GRADUATES.

Annual Commemoration.

Candidates of the Adelaide University and graduates of other universities will be admitted to degrees at the annual commemoration, which will be held at the Elder Hall, North terrace, next Wednesday afternoon, at His Excellency the Governor (Sir Tom Bridges) will be present. The Vice-Chancellor (Professor W. Mitchell) will preside. The annual address will be delivered by Professor Sir Douglas Mawson.

Law.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law (Mr. J. H. Labatt) will present to the Vice-Chancellor the candidates for degrees in laws:—For the Degree of Bachelor of Laws—Patrick Joseph Christie, Kenneth Churchill Duffield, Arthur Gordon Fischer, Bernard Griff, Clare Sparkes Harris, Geoffrey Courtnay Harry, Edward Percy Pickering, Penta Cecile Saunders, Laurence John Stanley, Harold Norman Tucker.

Medicine.

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (Dr. H. Swift) will present to the Vice-Chancellor the candidates for degrees in medicine and surgery:—For the Degree of Master of Surgery—Albert Ray Southwood, M.B., B.S. For the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery—Harold Henry Appleby, William Blackney, Harry Leonard Chester, Melville Francis Williams Cleland, Malcolm Turner Cockburn, Alfred Sydney de Bohun Cocks (Everard Scholar), John Francis Cullinan, Francis William England, Robert Owen Fox, Reginald Hemgill Hamilton, Francis Marian Hamp, Reginald Gordon Hawker (Everard Scholar), Leonard Ross Mallen, Frank Kenneth Mugford, John Ellison Porter, John William Rice, Ernest Stanley Wearing Smith, William Delano Walker, B.Sc., Harry Gordon Prest (in absentia). For Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, ad eundem gradum—Reginald Francis Matters, M.B., Ch.M. (Sydney).

Dentistry.

The Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry (Sir Joseph Verco) will present to the Vice-Chancellor the candidates for degrees in dentistry:—For the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery—Sydney Gordon Cocks, Cyril Grosvenor. For the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery, ad eundem gradum—Edgar Albert Meldrum, D.D.S. (Sydney), Leslie Sander Rogers, B.D.S.

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