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There was a small party of visitors to the University on Friday afternoon when a semi-private engagement took place. The Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way) was asked by Mr. Walter Bagot, on behalf of the grandchildren of the late Sir Henry Ayers, to unveil a memorial tablet upon the main stairs of the University. The ceremony was subsequently performed, and there now stands among the busts of Bishop Short, Sir Thomas Elder, Sir Walter Hughes, and ex-Governor Sir William Robinson, an unusually handsome memorial to Sir Henry Ayers. It is of bronze, backgrounded by marble. At its apex is a medallion of the late statesman, and the ornamentation is thoroughly artistic. The inscription states:—"In memory of Henry Ayers, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. Seven times Premier of South Australia. President of the Legislative Council, 1881-1893, and for many years Treasurer of this University. Born 1821. Died 1897. Erected by his grandchildren, *Auspicium melioris aevi.*" The Chancellor briefly outlined the career of his late friend and colleague upon the Council of the University. For more than half a century Sir Henry was one of the most prominent figures in the colony's social, financial, and political life. He was a colonist of 1840, and five years later received the appointment of secretary to the South Australian Mining Association, the fortunate possessor of the Burra Mine. All through his life Sir Henry maintained that position. He was a member of the Legislative Council for 36 years, 11 times a Minister of the Crown, and seven times Premier of South Australia. For 12 years he was President of the Legislative Council. He was at the head of great financial institutions—Chairman for 36 years, for instance, of the Savings Bank. For many years, too, he was Chairman of the Botanic Gardens. In 1870 he received the distinction of Commander of St. Michael and St. George. Two years later he became a Knight Commander of that order, and in 1894 a Knight Grand Cross—a rare distinction. The dominant features of Sir Henry Ayers's character were integrity, administrative capacity, dignity, and courtesy. Sir Henry's services to the University merited highest recognition. He was a member of its first council of 20, in 1874, and was for 12 years its invaluable treasurer.

SIR HENRY AYERS.
MEMORIAL TABLET AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Sir Henry Ayers, who died in 1897, took a deep interest in the University of Adelaide. He was for many years its treasurer and chief financial adviser, and the progress the institution has made is attributed in no small degree to the care he exercised. To perpetuate the memory of his connection with the University, and also of his great services to the State, the descendants of the Ayers family obtained permission recently from the University council to erect a memorial tablet within the building. This has been placed on the right-hand wall opposite the first landing of the broad staircase leading up to the library, and is a chaste and beautiful work of art.

On Friday afternoon the tablet was unveiled by the Chancellor of the University (Sir Samuel Way, Bart.) in the presence of relations of the deceased and professional staff. In responding to the invitation of Mr. Walter Bagot (a grandson) to draw aside the curtain over the tablet the Chancellor delivered a panegyric on the memory of the departed statesman. The late Sir Henry Ayers, he said, was one of his earliest friends. For more than half a century he had been one of the most prominent figures in the social, financial, and political life of South Australia, and the story of his career would fill some day a large place in the history of the State. He arrived in South Australia in 1840, and five years later was appointed secretary to the South Australian Mining Association, who were afterwards the fortunate possessors of the Burra copper mine. Sir Henry Ayers had been a member of the Legislative Council for 36 years, and for 12 years its president, and he was on 11 occasions a Minister of the Crown, and seven times Premier. In other walks of public life his career had been equally distinguished. He had been the head of many city financial institutions, for 36 years was chairman of the State Savings Bank, and also for a number of years chairman of the board of governors of the Botanical Gardens. His great and valued services to the State had been fittingly recognised. In 1870 he was made a C.M.G., in 1872 a K.C.M.G., and in 1891 his long and honorable career obtained for him at the hands of his Sovereign the Grand Cross of the order. He was one of the two men in South Australia upon whom this distinction had so far been conferred. Sir Samuel went on to speak of the confidence, affection, and reverence with which the late Sir Henry Ayers was regarded by those amongst whom he lived. The prominent feature of his character was integrity. The soundness of his justice and his magnificent capacity as an administrator had never quite been equalled. The dignity and courtesy with which he had directed the affairs of the Legislative Council would always be remembered, while the man's evenness of temper and magnanimity as a political opponent stood as an example to his fellows. His services to the University were worthy of everlasting commemoration. He had been a member of the first University Council, appointed in 1874, as well as their first treasurer, a position he held for 12 years. It was he who suggested the appointment of a permanent finance committee, and who was largely responsible for putting the University on a sound financial basis and freeing it from a heavy incubus of debt.

The tablet, which is the work of an English art school, consists of a bronze plate upon a base of brown Australian marble. It is adorned at the head with a medallion bearing the image in profile of the deceased gentleman, while below is the following inscription:—"In memory of Henry Ayers, Knight Grand Cross of the most distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. Seven times Premier of South Australia, President of the Legislative Council 1881-1893, and for many years treasurer of the University. Born 1821; died 1897. Erected by his grandchildren." Below the inscription is a replica of the insignia of the order of knighthood, with its motto—"Auspicium melioris, aevi."

At a meeting of the Council of the University of Adelaide on Friday the Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way) welcomed Mr. E. V. Clark, B.Sc., lecturer on physics and electrical engineering, and Mr. H. W. Gartrell, B.A., B.Sc., lecturer on engineering and mathematics, as members of the University staff. On the recommendation of the faculty of medicine Dr. A. M. Morgan was appointed lecturer on ophthalmology. Mr. Clark was elected a member of the faculty of applied science. Dr. Schulz and Mr. D. H. Hollidge, M.A., were appointed members of the faculty of arts.

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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS IN MUSIC.
AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

Last year the University offered three scholarships in connection with the public examinations in music, two in South Australia and one in Western Australia. All candidates who passed with honours in grades 1 and 2 in theory and practice at the September examinations were eligible to compete for the scholarships, which were to be awarded on the results of a special examination held for the purpose. The special examination has just been held, and the University Council has made the following awards:—

- South Australia.—
 - Theory of Music.—Jeffery, Mary Winifred Magdalene.
 - Practice of Music.—McBride, Dorothy Evelyn.
 - Western Australia.—
 - Practice of Music.—Irvine, Lalla d'Arcy.
- Each scholarship is tenable, under certain conditions, for three years, and provides free tuition for the course for the degree of Bachelor of Music during that period.

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A UNIVERSITY EXHIBIT.

The engineering testing laboratory of the Adelaide University had a collection of specimens of various materials upon which tests of different kinds have been made. One interesting set consists of six reinforced concrete beams made for testing purposes by the S.A. Reinforced Concrete Company. These beams are all of the same size, and have been broken by being loaded at the centre while supported at the two ends. To the layman the effect of the addition of the iron bars to the concrete is strikingly shown by the fact that one of the beams with no reinforcement, being concrete only, carried only 3 lb., and then broke clean in halves, whilst all the reinforced beams hang together even when broken, and some of them carried over 40,000 lb. with the same span. The tests show the effects of bending the bars up over the supports, and of the use of vertical stirrups that are of interest to the builder. Another set of specimens show some of the results of an extended series of experiments that have been carried out with South Australian timbers. Most of our timbers of commercial value are represented, and the polished specimens show some of them to be exceedingly handsome woods. Tests have been made by subjecting samples to compression along the grain, to compression across the grain, to shearing, by determining the force required to pull out a mortice of a certain size, to a direct pull along the grain, and by measuring the strengths of beams of different sizes. The results of such tests are shown, and to make the exhibit more valuable, printed tables are attached, giving the average results of the tests for the different kinds of wood. These show that in strength, at any rate, our hardwoods are fully equal, indeed, superior, to most of the hardwoods of other countries. Other samples show the results of compression tests upon Glenelg sand bricks, carried out for the Glenelg Corporation. These bricks, which have been largely used for building purposes in seaside districts, were shown to gradually increase in strength until they become equal to a rather poor building stone after four or six months. The results of other tests upon wrought iron, mild steel, cast iron, cement, and Murray Bridge stone are also shown.

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At a meeting of the Senate of the University of Adelaide on Wednesday afternoon Mr. F. W. Young, LL.B., was elected to fill the vacancy in the council created through the death of Sir Charles Todd.