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**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS.**

The extent to which Western Australian students make use of the tests offered by the examinations of the University of Adelaide is shown in the general honor-list of the higher public examination which were published in "The Advertiser" on Saturday. The standard of the examination in the various subjects is about equal to that required for the same subjects in the first year of the arts and science course at the University. There were only 20 names on the general honors list, and of these 12 were of Western Australian students. Of the others four were Prince Alfred College boys, three were St. Peter's College students, and one was from the Adelaide High School. The top place was taken by Mr. K. E. D. Brockman, of Perth, who won the Tennyson medal for English at the same examination last year, being then 7th on the general honors table. The student second on the list, Mr. H. W. Sanders, of St. Peter's College, also took the examination last year, when he was 13th. The third and fourth places are both taken by Western Australian boys, and for the fifth place a St. Peter's and a Prince Alfred boy are bracketed. The latter (Mr. F. L. Wall) in the same examination last year tied with a Western Australian for ninth place. Last year there were 15 names on the general honors list, the proportions then being—Western Australia six students, Prince Alfred College six students, St. Peter's College two students, and the Sacred Heart College, Largs Bay, one student.

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.**

**EXAMINATION FOR THE DIPLOMA IN COMMERCE.**

—Pass List—

Bayly, Edward Benjamin; Bayly, William Lawes; Dobson, Alfred James; Harris, Howie Palmer; \*Howie, George Percival; Milne, Alexander; Neuenkirchen, Herman Adolph Heinrich; \*Wanchope, James George Neilson; Wheeler, Horace Roseby; \*Wood, Alfred Evelyn. \*An asterisk denotes that the candidate passed with credit.

**RHODES SCHOLAR.**

**MR. HARRY THOMSON SELECTED.**

The Rhodes Selection Committee has resolved to recommend the appointment of Mr. Harry Thomson as the Rhodes scholar for 1910. Five candidates presented themselves for this scholarship. The successful candidate has qualified for admission to the LL.B. degree, which will be conferred upon him on Monday next. He also won a Stow prize at the LL.B. examinations in November. Mr. Thomson, who has had a consistently distinguished career at St. Peter's College and the University of Adelaide, was 21 years of age last February, and is the only son of the late Mr. George Thomson, who began literary work on The Register reporting staff in the eighties, and was afterwards connected with the daily press in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, and Perth. In 1901 the son won a Government open exhibition for three years at St. Peter's College, and was first on the list. The following year he took honours in the junior public examination, obtaining six credits, with three first places, and was proxime accessit for the Tennyson medal. He also carried off the senior public with honours in 1903, and won the Farrell scholarship of £50 a year for three years, given to the best scholar at his college under 16 years. In 1904 he passed the higher public with credit and first place in chemistry, was dux of St. Peter's College, and won the Young exhibition of £40 for the best scholar. The next year he passed the higher public with honours, won the Government University scholarship of £30 a year for three years, awarded on the results of the higher. This, however, he resigned. He was again dux of his college, and won the Old Collegians' scholarship of £50 a year for three years, and captured the prizes in French, Latin, mathematics, divinity, and the Smith history prize. The next year he began his LL.B. course at the University, and in that year passed in Latin (first on the list), logic, psychology, and law of contracts. Last November he won the Stow prize, taking the only first class given in evidence and procedure, placed second on the list in the first class for Roman law, and was first class in theory of law. In athletics Mr. Thomson's record is also creditable. He tied for the College Cup in the inter-collegiate sports in 1905. In University sports this year he was a member of the law school team (which won the inter-schools' race), was first in the 150 yards flat race and in the 440 yards flat race. In St. Peter's College sports he was second in the 120 yards flat (old scholars), and in the intercollegiate sports was a member of St. Peter's College old scholars' team, third in 100 yards championship, and third in 440 yards flat race. He has also taken an active interest in tennis and lacrosse, football and gymnastics. He has been sergeant in the Unley School Cadet Corps and in St. Peter's College Cadet Corps. In 1906 he was elected to represent Stow Literary Society in Union Parliament, and was reporter of the proceedings of that body. In 1907 he was appointed secretary of Stow Literary Society, and a member of the general committee of the South Australian Literary Societies' Union. He was also a member of the debating team which won the championship of the South Australian Literary Societies' Union, and has been secretary of the University Law Society, and this year won the Law Society debate prize.

**QUEENSLAND'S NEW UNIVERSITY.**

Professor Stirling returned from Queensland on Saturday, having represented the University of Adelaide in connection with the inauguration of the University at Brisbane. When seen by a reporter of The Register Professor Stirling commented upon the celebrations thus:—"The Chancellor was invited to represent our University here, but his judicial duties prevented him from journeying to Brisbane, and since the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Barlow) was unable to go, the representation devolved upon me as senior professor. The ceremony was the inauguration of the new University of Queensland, and the dedication, as part of its buildings, of the present Government House and its domains. It was an impressive ceremonial—Friday, December 10—at which there were present many hundreds of people. Professor David represented the University of Sydney. I was impressed with the evident fact that the University was being started with great enthusiasm and good will, both on the part of the people and of the Government, through its Premier (Mr. Kidston). The Government has made very liberal provisions for its carrying on. It has voted £50,000 for building and other initial expenses, and it will give a grant of £10,000 annually, besides making provision for some 60 scholarships. One of these will be a research scholarship worth £100 a year. The Government and people are clearly determined to make the new University one that shall be a credit to Australia. It is intended to begin with four professorships—classics, mathematics and physics, chemistry, and engineering. I understand that the Technical School is to be a neighbour of the University, and that the two institutions shall work, as far as practicable, together. The government of the University will be in the entirely controlling hands of a senate of 20 members, appointed in the first place by the Government. When the graduates reach a certain number they are to appoint half the senate, the equivalent number of Government nominees falling out."

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Mr. E. V. Clark has accepted the position of lecturer on physics and electrical engineering at the Adelaide University.

The following deans of faculties and chairmen of committees have been appointed for 1910 by the Adelaide University council:—Dean of the faculty of arts, Professor Darnley Naylor; dean of the faculty of laws, Professor W. Jethro Brown; dean of the faculty of medicine, Professor E. C. Stirling; dean of the faculty of music, Professor J. M. Ennis; dean of the faculty of science, Professor R. W. Chapman; chairman of finance committee, Mr. S. J. Jacobs; chairman of board of commercial studies, Mr. J. R. Fowler; chairman of board of musical studies, Professor J. M. Ennis.

Professor Marshall, of Dunedin, and Professor David, of Sydney, examiners of a thesis submitted by Mr. Douglas Mawson for the D.Sc. degree, have reported approving of the thesis. The council of the Adelaide University, at its last meeting, resolved that the degree of doctor of science be conferred upon Mr. Mawson.

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**UNIVERSITY SPORTS GROUND.**

The University Sports Council has provided a splendid recreation ground in the park lands, near the corporation nursery. An application has now been made by that body to the City Council to construct a road between the ground and Avenue road. The parks committee has recommended that the work be carried out, and that the site be determined by the Chairman (Cr. Pullin), the Town Clerk, and City Engineer. The council endorsed the recommendation.