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Baa-Baas." In the centre of the cart was a pole, and at its top, visible to all, was an excellent and unmistakable caricature. Below were written the words, "Sammy up the pole." The cart was decorated with other caricatures of members of the University Council. The one labelled "Good old Jeff," could not be mistaken by anyone who was acquainted with one of the oldest councillors of that institution. Beneath others were written, "The fisherman," "Stirling's biscuits," and "The flight of ages." These "Jocular baa-baas" made vigorous onslaughts upon the onlookers with bladders, balloons, and sticks, and unlucky was the student whom they espied in the crowd.

The undergraduates always enjoy a sly poke at the University Council, and, besides the caricatures, there was an item in the procession which hit-off the trouble between the students and the council with excellent humor. A huge circus caravan, barred on one side, was labelled, "Students going to the commemoration." Within were a number of undergraduates, guarded by mock policemen and keepers, who were armed with revolvers, truncheons, and sticks.

A flash carriage, driven by a coachman, contained one boy dressed as an extravagantly appalled girl, and another as a similarly robed dude. On the back of the carriage was the label, "Why Men Don't Marry."

Another cart carried a diving party, and another a number of bottles and students promiscuously arranged. A reverend doctor of music drove a dilapidated buggy in the procession, and to it was attached an ancient motor car. An agricultural machine, driven by a student, drew the attention of everyone, by the help of placards, to the fact that the professors had made use of such a machine at the recent examinations. Apparently the students objected to being treated as arable land. A stout, largely-gowned, "bespectacled" individual, bearing the title of Professor of Physical Cult, presided over a number of students who, seated at desks upon a trolley, pretended to be sitting for an examination. In another broadly humorous portion of the procession was a large bath, below which was printed "Mixed Bathing." Two students, wearing bathing costumes, were seated in the tub, and they spent the time splashing one another and the laughing crowd.

The procession was marked by its artistic display. The students drew everything—from the caricatures and placards to carts and motor cars drawn along the streets.

The vehicles were attended by mock policemen, mounted troopers, highwaymen, and bushrangers.

The political views of the students seemed to be marked by variety rather than consistency. Perhaps the mixture of opinions was due to the choice of mottoes being uncontrolled by the committee. Some demanded the suffrage. Others carried representations entitled, "What Price Price?" and "Larry of Booleroo." One cart bore King Koola, the Kannibal Kandi-date. One carried placards upon which were printed such sentiments as "Substitute State for private enterprise and you will drive capital away," "The Labor Party as the Great Peacemaker," &c., &c.

A big dray, carrying a promiscuous party of Chinese, blacks, and various savages, was placarded, "Solomon's Northern Territory Mixture." In a similar vehicle were several students, who represented the Victorian non-flict between Mr. W. H. Judkins and the Premier of the sister State (Mr. T. Bent). These two champions were represented as pugilists, and the anti-gambling crusader was not, according to this version, the winner. He was knocked out, and boiled by cannibals in a huge cauldron at different places in the progress of the procession.

THE CONCERT.

The students gave a concert in the Tivoli Theatre in the evening. The undergraduates' programme had been well advertised, and there was a "packed" house. The entertainment proved a great success. Indeed, the triumph made one wonder whether some of the students had not missed their vocation—whether medicine, and law, and learning were not their vocations and vaudeville their true calling. The concert opened with a mock commemoration, in which sham degrees were conferred upon several students. "By virtue of the authority committed to me," said the pseudo-chancellor to the first, who was dressed as a convict, "I admit you to the ranks and privileges of the degree of Breaker of Laws." The students sang "In the shade of the old Varsity," while he added, "And I congratulate you." The next was honored with the degree of Bachelor of Mangling, while the boys sang the "Shriek of the medicals." A student who was got up as a tantalisingly pretty girl was given the

degree of the Science of Cookery, while the students gave the following to the tune of "A roving":—

The science course of late has been
Expanding more and more;
A. B.Sc. full soon will mean
That he who holds it may have been
A graduate in anything from med. to law,
Geology, biology,
Maths. cum Cranjology,
And engineering, overseeing, hundreds more.

Applied science soon will stretch
From A right down to Z;
The graduate in it, poor wretch,
Will have to carry and to fetch
A bit of every kind of knowledge in his head—
Astronomy, gastronomy,
(The Book of Deuteronomy),
Electrocution, elocution, enough said.

Marmaduke Mortimer Marmalade, Duke of Dry Creek, was made a Bachelor of Arts. During the interval one of the students stepped upon the platform in order to make an announcement to his fellow-undergraduates in the gallery. This gave the latter a chance to indulge in the baiting they so much love, and it took the student several minutes and a great deal of energy to deliver his one sentence in an audible voice. The second portion of the programme was a vaudeville entertainment, opening with the following new and pertinent chorus:—

Talk about the Russian and Japanese war,
Or about the cricket and the latest score;
All the franchise question appears Tommyrot,
What matters it if we have it or not?
Students are no more allowed into Commem.,
That's the only question that interests them;
All South Australia and its public too
Just want to know what the Council will do-o-o.

Come, come, come give support to us,
Poor injured students are we;
What! What! What does it matter if
Tramcars are drawn by a gee?
Continental railways no more do concern us,
We've red herrings that beat all them;
Will, will, will the council ever get
Students back into Commem.

The success of the evening was mainly due to the efforts of the two students who acted as corner men—Messrs J. S. K. McLennan and G. C. Campbell. Their by-play was a long way superior to the average low comedy of variety entertainments, both in the freshness and the spontaneity of their humor. Splendid by-play was also provided by a mock policeman and the dude who figured in the morning procession. No more varied or remarkable costumes than those worn by the chorus have ever been seen on the Adelaide stage. Prior to the opening of the programme, and during the entertainment, the boys amused themselves by hoisting boxes of confetti above the audience and then spilling them. The programme included an excellent recitation of the ghost scene in "Hamlet" by Messrs. W. H. Hould, B. Strange, Shepley, and S. Jackson. It was a difficult piece to give in the midst of a vaudeville entertainment, but so well was it done that even the hilarious students in the gallery uttered not a single note of interruption. Dr. Burnard sang, Signor Demodena played the mandolin, and Mr. Hepper gave several popular comic songs. Other items on the programme, given partly by the students, were descriptive songs by Mr. Coory, songs by Mr. L. W. Gill, humorous songs by Mr. T. A. Saunders, coon songs by Mr. G. Sparkes, humorous song by Mr. C. C. Tucker, a recital by Mr. H. R. Gelston, a comic song by Mr. P. Myhill, and a duel by Messrs. Campbell and McLennan.

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SENIOR EXAMINATION RESULTS.

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JUNIOR TENNYSON MEDAL.

This medal has been awarded to Dorothea Foster Black. The statement that it had been awarded to a junior commercial candidate is erroneous, as the candidate referred to is over age. This fact was overlooked owing to the sudden and serious illness of the secretary to the board.

THE STUDENTS' PROCESSION.

To the Editor.

Sir—When unchecked youthful exuberance is pitted against experienced wisdom the latter can expect no recognition, and of this Monday's allegedly "humorous" procession is certainly a striking example. By permitting the streets of Adelaide to be the showground for an exhibition of inanity, second to none, the civic authorities openly flouted the Chancellor and other officials of our highest seat of learning. This lunatic procession should certainly have been stopped, if not on the grounds of indecency, at least by some official of the S.P.C.A., as some of the animals used by their asinine relations were surely more dead than alive, and as such deserved commiseration, but when utilised by our learned (sic.) students were hailed with shrieks of laughter. These antics of our future lawmakers, scientists, &c., certainly do not tend to assure a bright future to our glorious Commonwealth.—I am, &c.,

M.M.

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS.

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The following letter has been received in Adelaide from Mr. Franklin Taylor, of the Royal College of Music, London, S.W.:—"November 10.—I am pleased to say that Brewster Jones is doing very well indeed. He has a great deal of natural gift for pianoforte-playing, and, besides being very intelligent, he is industrious and conscientious in his work. On the whole, I have high hopes for his future." Mr. Brewster Jones intends spending Christmas Day in London with Mr. Harold Parsons and friends.

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Miss Dorothea Forster Black, who won the Tennyson medal at the junior examination at the Adelaide University, is a daughter of Mr. A. Barham Black, and a niece of Mr. J. M. Black, formerly of "The Advertiser" literary staff. Miss Black is a granddaughter of the late Mr. John Howard Clark, well known in Adelaide literary circles a quarter of a century ago as "Geoffrey Crabhorn."

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Among the members of the University Senate who attended the commemoration on Monday afternoon was Mr. L. H. Nicholls, B.A., of Busselton, Western Australia. Mr. Nicholls took his degree in 1893, and after teaching at Way College for six months joined the Education Department in Western Australia in 1894. He has been head teacher successively of the Newcastle, Victoria Park, and Busselton Schools, and is now on three months' long service leave, in addition to his Christmas holidays, which he is spending with his relatives in this State. Mr. Nicholls is accompanied by his wife and son. They intend to return to Western Australia early in February.