

Jefferis regularly preached to congregations of 2,000. In his prime he was considered one of the best preachers the island continent had known. The first sermon recorded in the book was preached at Brentford in Essex in the year 1854, on a text from Leviticus xxii., 20. "I had forgotten," said Dr. Jefferis reflectively, "that I had ever preached from such a text." What patience he must have had during those 60 long years, and what method to put down particulars of every sermon, so that at a glance he can say upon what subject he preached on any Sunday since 1854. The record is complete except for a part that went down with the Gossamer, to which further reference will be made, for Dr. Jefferis has cause to know the perils of the sea. When asked by the pressman from what text he had preached at the opening of Maughan Church, he replied without hesitation, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." St. John xii., 32."

Does your memory carry you back so far? questioned the reporter in surprise.

"It would not have done so," replied Dr. Jefferis with a merry laugh, "had I not just been refreshing it from my ledger."

He would not even accept credit for having a good memory. His modesty is genuine, and it makes his nature all the more lovable.

How a Great Life was Threatened.

It is not generally known that Dr. Jefferis was a passenger on the Marion when it was wrecked on a reef near Althorpe Island, which has since been named after the ship. He was bound from Adelaide to Moonta, and went by sea because the road was too rough. "At night time," he said in relating the story of the wreck, "through some mistake of the mate, we ran ashore, and were in imminent danger of being drowned without hope of rescue. But the vessel stuck fast on the rocks until the passengers and crew were landed. No lives were lost, but the vessel was beaten to pieces as she hung there on the rocks. We sent the women and children first, and we remained expecting the vessel to break up every moment. We all were

removed, however, before the ship was submerged." The vessel in which Dr. Jefferis was to have come to South Australia on the second occasion was the Gossamer. "The Gossamer," he explained, "was a beautiful ship, the admiration of all the builders. I arranged to join her at Plymouth, but on the way round from the north she was wrecked. All my goods and books and gatherings from England and the Continent were lost." He recognises that what with the escapes from shipwreck and the successful struggle against an insidious disease, he has great cause for thankfulness that he has been spared to reach such a ripe old age. "The doctors all agreed it was phthisis I had—all except one of whom I shall tell you—and said that it was running its course. Undoubtedly the air of South Australia saved me. That is why I always have a good word for our climate. One of the most curious things, to me, is that my voice has been so well preserved. Although it is beginning to weaken in domestic life, yet when I speak in public it is almost as strong as ever. In Sydney I addressed a congregation of 2,000 every Sunday night—the newspapers used to say it was 2,500, but I fear that was an exaggeration. On special occasions the papers declared there were hundreds of people who could not get in the church, but were able to hear me. When in England the second time I consulted the ablest specialist in London on lung complaints. He said, 'I want to talk to you like a brother. You are a minister. Have you any possible means of living without preaching?' I explained that I had been offered the editorship of a daily paper just before leaving Australia, and I had little doubt I could do something in that line still. 'My strong advice,' he said, 'is never to enter a pulpit again and never to venture upon a platform as a speaker.' I went to see the next leading specialist, and his verdict was, 'There is nothing the matter with you.'"

Doctors disagreed, but in this case the patient did not die. He outlived all those who had given him up.

A Founder of the University

A good deal is known of his many excellent services to the public, included among them being his advocacy of Federation when the people were not yet enamored of the proposition, his activity in the matter of church lands in New South Wales, and the part he played in bringing about the establishment of the University of Adelaide. "Union College," he said, "was founded by the Congregationalists in 1873 or 1874. We had rooms in town, but I cannot now recollect just where. Later the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Bible Christian Churches joined us, and there were 30 or 40 students. There came to us a gift of £20,000 from Captain Hughes. I saw by that time it was not so much theological teaching the young men needed, as that could easily be provided. What we wanted in the ministers in futuro was that they should be grounded in science, logic, philosophy, and the classics. I succeeded in getting the board which controlled Union College to consent to divert that £20,000 towards the formation of a university. The Rev. James Lyall and I went to see Captain Hughes. He agreed to the proposal, and upon the Government promising a subsidy of interest at the rate of 6 per cent. upon a similar amount the university was launched into existence."

A Prescription to Relieve Old Age.

Dr. Jefferis, when asked how he prevented time dragging heavily in his retirement, said, "I was telling the University Council, as we sat at the board a little

while ago, that I considered old age the happiest time of life. I read regularly every day. I divide my days into half-hours, and to each half-hour I assign duties, or else I read. I always have four good books in reading at one time. I give only half an hour to each, but it is wonderful what reading one can get through in that way. The days pass very pleasantly. I think a great number of people die of ennui, but to me it seems the most horrible state one can get into. It can only be conquered by determining to do certain things at certain times." Dr. Jefferis has in this way been able to make his life perfectly happy. He has, to use his words, "been blessed with the best wife in the world." Their love, he said, became greater every day. The happy old couple have a family of 10 and 29 grandchildren. The tables in their home on Saturday were heavily laden with presents. "These young people," said Dr. Jefferis, merry as a schoolboy, "must not miss their Christmas gifts."

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A meeting of the council was held on Friday afternoon. Present—The Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Justice Murray, Drs. Poulton and Jefferis, Professors Stirling, Rennie, Mitchell, and Emis, and Messrs. G. Brookman, W. J. Leister, W. G. T. Goodman, Talbot Smith, and F. Chapple, and Dr. Helen Mayo. The programme for commemoration, to be held on December 16, was approved. Sir Harry Allen, K.B., and Dr. W. T. Bayward were included in the programme for admission ad eundem gradum. Applications from candidates for degrees for admission in absentia and from students for supplementary examinations were approved. The Rev. Garnet Portus wrote, thanking the council for their letter of appreciation of his work during the current year as Acting Professor of History in the English language and literature. The report of the board of commercial studies and the results of the examinations for the diploma in commerce was received, and the Joseph Fisher Medal awarded to G. W. G. Ponder. The council elected the various committees and members of faculties for the year 1915. The council authorized the University to be closed for three weeks from December 19 to January 11.

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.

The annual commemoration of the Adelaide University will be held to-morrow afternoon, when the following candidates will be presented for degrees:—

Doctor of Laws.

Ad Eundem Gradum—Hayward, William Thornborough, LL.D. (University of Aberdeen), Allen, Sir Henry Brookes, Kt., LL.D. (University of Edinburgh).

Bachelor of Laws.

Abbott, Charles Arthur Lillas Lempriere, B.A.; Kerr, Donald (Stow prizeman); Moulden, Arnold Meredith (David Murray scholar in private international law and Stow prizeman); Piper, Harold Bayard; Ross, Dudley Bruce (Stow prizeman); Waterhouse, Louis David.

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery.

Beard, Jack Roland Stanley Grose; Cockburn, Patrick; Gardner, John Forrest; George, Mildred May; Godfrey, Kirke Charles; Guymier, Ernest Albert; Haste, Reginald Arthur, B.Sc.; Hayward, Lancelot Alfred; Smith, Walter Leonard; Steele, Kenneth Nugent; Strachan, James Charles Power; Wall, Frederick Lawrence; Wibberley, Brian William, B.Sc.; Williams, Arthur Evan; Turner, Charles Trevor (in absentia).

Ordinary Degree of Master of Arts.

Bartlett, William John, B.A.; Hannan, Albert James, B.A., LL.B.; Jackson, Sarah Elizabeth, B.A.; Reimann, Valesca Leonore Olive, B.A.

Honors Degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Classics.—Priece, Walter John; Tassie, Jean Reid; Williams, Francis Edgar (David Murray scholar); Stewart, Colin Gore (in absentia).

Ordinary Degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Baker, Arthur James Kendall; Bartholomaeus, Edmund Stanley; Davies, William Laurence; Hardy, Mabel Phyllis; Hill, Albert Charles; Hurley, Leonard Joseph Bernard; Martin, William Thomas; Moyle, Sidney; Oldham, Wilfrid (Tinline scholar in history); Richards, Eva Gertrude; Sharman, Florence Mary; Wilkinson, Herbert John; Blackburn, John Stewart (in absentia).

Bachelor of Science.

Ad Eundem Gradum—Ray, William, M.B., B.S., B.Sc. (University of Oxford).

Honors Degree of Bachelor of Science.

Chemistry—Baxter, Reginald Robert (in absentia).

Ordinary Degree of Bachelor of Science.

Gault, Estelle Ruth; Reid, Frederick William; Tilley, Cecil Edgar.

Ordinary Degree of Bachelor of Science in Forestry.

Cole, Cyril Richard.

Degree of Bachelor of Engineering.

Goode, Kenneth Burden; Motteram, Philip; Snow, Wilfrid Rippon.

In lieu of surrendered Degree of Bachelor of Science.

Laybourne-Smith, Louis.

Diploma in Applied Science.

Dart, Ralph John (electrical engineering); Goode, Kenneth Burden (metallurgy); Motteram, Philip (mechanical engineering); Snow, Wilfrid Rippon (metallurgy).

Diploma in Forestry.

Pinches, Alfred Leslie; Schedlich, Alfred Karl.

Diploma in Commerce.

Pouder, Gilbert Walter Graham (Joseph Fisher medallist); Winter, Claude Howard Stanley; Hendry, Campbell Alexander (in absentia).

Scholars and Prizemen for 1914.

Faculty of Arts.—Barr Smith prize (Greek)—Sesca L. Somerville. Andrew Scott prize (Latin)—Leonard J. Burns; prox. acc., Sesca L. Somerville. John Howard Clark prize (English language and literature)—Gertrude I. Mann. Roby Fletcher prize (logic and psychology)—Edward M. Bagot and Frederick M. Burges, equal; prox. acc., Margery R. Godlee. David Murray scholarship—Classics, Francis E. Williams; essay, Sarah Elizabeth Jackson, B.A. Tinline scholarship (history)—Wilfred Oldham.

Faculty of Science.—David Murray Scholarship (chemistry)—Eric Goyne Stephens. The John Bagot Scholarship and medal (botany)—Marjorie F. Smith.

Faculty of Laws.—Stow Prizes—Donald Kerr, Arnold M. Moulden, Dudley B. Ross. David Murray Scholarship (international law)—Arnold M. Moulden.

Faculty of Medicine.—Elder Prizes—1st year, William A. Pryor; 2nd year, John B. Gillen. Davies Thomas Scholarships—3rd year, Oscar A. Plotz and Albert R. Southwood, equal; 4th year, Ivan B. Jose and Patrick W. Rice, equal. Everard Scholarship not awarded.

Board of Commercial Studies.—The Joseph Fisher Medal of Commerce—Gilbert W. G. Pouder.