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VIEWS AND COMMENTS.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

From "Mathematics".—"I am not surprised at 'Candidate's' complaint. Indeed, he might have gone further. The algebra, trigonometry, and geometry papers were too severe compared with the curriculum set. Co-ordinate geometry was given for the first time, yet one question was the hottest an examiner could have selected. Another point—Why not allow more time or reduce the length of the paper? Do examiners expect candidates to be equally expert with themselves? The lads, after hurriedly glancing over the paper, and recognising there is no margin for wasting one minute or re-examining their answers when completed, get into a feverish haste and do neither themselves nor their tutors justice. This has been a cause of complaint for years. Cannot our learned professors come down from the clouds and be more human?"

From "An Old Collegian and Not a Competitor":—"The annual University examinations are fast drawing to a close, and soon the examiners will inspect the papers and decide who has passed and who have failed. Scholars have suffered great inconvenience throughout the whole year as a result of this regrettable war, which has left the colleges and public schools with an alarming shortage of teachers to such an extent, in fact, that in some instances scholars have been without proper teachers for weeks at a time, which certainly has limited their chances at the exams. Then, again, the unsatisfactory changing of teachers does not by any means improve the scholars' chances of success at an examination such as that required by the University. It is to be hoped, therefore, that when the examiners are going through the papers they will make some allowance for the many set-backs the scholars have had, and thereby give some encouragement to those who have not only tried their best under the most unfavorable circumstances, but have also 'stewed' for some weeks in the endeavor to pass a most severe examination. The examiners should not be too severe when marking the papers to determine the results."

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HIGHER PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

From "Hopeful":—"As a candidate at the higher public examinations now being held I wish to call the attention of those responsible to at least one mistake which occurred in the algebra and trigonometry paper. In this paper part of the last question is misstated. I, like many others, I suppose, found that I was unable to do the question as stated, but trusted that the examiner had shown sufficient care to prevent the occurrence of any error, and therefore spent much valuable time trying to do the impossible. As many of us are competing for bursaries, which will entitle us to a full University course, it is obviously unfair that these bursaries should be awarded on the results of this paper since if they were other competitors taking different subjects would have a marked advantage. Besides this error, I have since discovered that the second part of number seven question is impossible, although I did not find this out in the examination itself. No doubt the Public Examinations Board, or, failing this, the Education Department (for it awards the bursaries), will take steps to have a fresh paper set; but it must be as soon as possible, for the 78th Infantry are to go into camp on November 27, and in this battalion there are many higher public candidates."

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NOVEMBER EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Applied ~~Examinations~~ (85).

Division II. (in order of merit).—Mougan, Horace John; Roach, John Carlyle; Symonds, George Burnett Lionel.

Practical Chemistry, Part I., B.Sc. Course (48). (Incomplete.)

Division I. (in order of merit).—Berry, Philip Alan; Samuel, Geoffrey.

Division II.—Crompton, Launcelot.

Division III. (in alphabetical order).—Holmes, Jessie Eileen; Jauncey, Keith.

Practical Chemistry, Agricultural Course (50).

Division III.—Dealy, Frank Henry.

Examination for the Degree of B.Sc. in Agriculture.

Stephens, Cyril Forster. Report on investigation under Reg. 14b of the B.Sc. degree approved by examiners.

Electrical Engineering II. (85).

Division I.—Hutchison, George Ian Dewart.

Division II.—Abbott, Geoffrey Joseph.

Division III (in alphabetical order).—Nicholson, Hugh John Gay; Smith, Raydon Berg.

Mining I.A. (101).

Division III.—Symonds, George Burnett Lionel.

Mineralogy, Part I. (55, e and f).

Division II. (in order of merit).—Stempel, Herbert Walter; Symonds, George Burnett Lionel.

Division III (in alphabetical order).—Dealy, Frank Henry; Jauncey, Keith.

Examination for the Diploma in Commerce.

Pass List (in alphabetical order).

Accountancy.—None passed.

Economics II. (20).

Division III. (in alphabetical order).—Blair, Frederick Alexander; Cant, Leonard George; Hains, Charles Ralph Alexander; Howie George Percival; Moyle, John Ewart; Sambell, Frederick James.

Commercial Geography.

Division II.—Cottrell, John Ledham; Parr, Harry Sidney; Rooney, Patrick William.

Division III.—Boykett, Kenneth Hebbert; Mitchell, Bruce; Shepley, William Allen; Vawzer, Leeson William; Whitridge, Gladstone Keith.

Banking and Exchange.

Division I.—Cant, Leonard George.

Division II.—Cottrell, John Ledham; Painter, David.

Division III.—Adamson, Harold Stanley; Bayly, Ernest Edward; Dempsey, Joseph Andrew James; Vawzer, Leeson William.

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MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the University Council was held on Friday, 24th inst., at 3 p.m. Present—The chancellor, the vice-chancellor, the Hon. F. S. Wallis, Mr. Brookman, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chapple, Mr. Fowler, Rev. Dr. Jefferis, Mr. Bayly, Professors Rennie and Ennis, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Isbister, Dr. Poulton, Dr. Helen Mayor, and Mr. Talbot Smith.

The report of the warden of the senate on the re-election of Mr. F. Chapple, C.M.G., B.A., B.Sc., as warden and T. A. Caterer, B.A., as clerk, and of Messrs. G. Brookman, W. G. T. Goodman, W. J. Isbister, M. M. Maughan, and Professor Rennie as members of the council and also reporting that the statutes and regulations submitted by the council, were approved as read and received.

On the recommendation of the faculty of medicine Dr. A. C. Magarey was re-appointed demonstrator in anatomy for the year 1917. The several faculties and boards reported the election of deans for 1917 as under:—Faculty of arts, Professor Henderson; faculty of science, Professor Kerr Grant; faculty of medicine, Professor Stirling; board of commercial studies, Mr. J. R. Fowler; extension lectures committee, Professor Henderson.

Professor Jethro Brown, who has been appointed president of the Industrial Court, wrote resigning his position as professor of law. The resignation was accepted, and the question of arrangements for the year 1917 deferred for further consideration.

The report of the extension lectures committee in regard to operations for the year was received. The report showed that three courses of extension lectures had been given at the University during the year, namely, one course by Professor Henderson on "Shakespeareana," one course by Professor Chapman on "Big Guns," and one course by Professor Osborn on "Plants and Disease." During the year Professor Henderson also delivered a series of lectures on "The War at Sea" in aid of the Soldiers' Memorial Fund. A course of three lectures was given at the University and one lecture at each of 32 country centres.

The reports of the boards of examiners on the results of examinations and awards of prizes and scholarships were approved, and the following awards made:—Harr Smith prize for Greek and

Andrew Scott prize for Latin, to Dorothy C. Somerville; Roby Fletcher prize for logic and psychology, to David B. Purton; David Murray scholarship for classics, to Sesea L. Somerville; David Murray prize for essay on "The Appreciation of Literary Style," to Constance M. Davey, B.A.; David Murray scholarship for international law, to Leonard J. Burns; Stow prizes, to Ian Buttrose and Leonard J. Burns; Elder prizes in the M.B. course, first year P. F. L. Hussey, second year Carl L. Streich; public examinations (music) scholarship, to Melita Riedel; Elder scholarships, for composition Elsie F. Patrick, for violin Lewis L. Jones, for pianoforte Lillian G. Keen; special scholarship for tenor voice, Harold J. Gard; Brookman scholarship, Rita M. Coonan; the Robert Whinham prize for elocution, Sarah C. M. Robinson.

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RHODES SCHOLARSHIP.

A meeting of the Rhodes Scholarship committee was held at Government House on Tuesday morning. His Excellency the Governor presided, and there were also present Professors G. Henderson and Darnly Naylor, and Messrs. J. R. Fowler and C. R. Hodge (Secretary). The Chief Justice (Hon. G. J. R. Murray) was unable to be present, owing to judicial duties. Eight applications for the scholarship were received, and the meeting adjourned until Monday next, when the selection will be made.

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VICTORIA CROSS HERO.

Capt. Blackburn's Arrival.

The South Australian hero and Victoria Cross winner, Capt. Arthur Blackburn, returned to Adelaide on Sunday morning. In company with a large detachment of wounded and sick soldiers, he arrived by transport in Melbourne on Friday, and came on to Adelaide by the special train carrying the South Australian quota which left the Victorian capital on Saturday. The train was scheduled to arrive at the North Terrace Station at 10.30 a.m., but long before 10 o'clock, the station and the quadrangle at the rear were thronged with an eager crowd. The platform was kept clear by a military guard drawn from the 8th Reinforcements of the 50th Battalion, under Lieut. Ditchburn, and the spectators were not allowed within the close precincts of the platform entrance. The fact that they were kept at this distance, however, did not lessen their enthusiasm, and a crowd which rapidly grew larger as the time of arrival drew nearer, waited patiently to give Capt. Blackburn and the other returning warriors a fitting welcome. The absence of tram and train services made it difficult for many people to reach the city. Vehicles of all kinds were pressed into service, although the crowd did not equal, in proportions, that which welcomed a previous V.C.—Lieut. Throssel. The college boys were not present as they were on that memorable occasion, but it should be mentioned that in connection with Capt. Blackburn's return, a formal welcome at St. Peter's College has been arranged, and compelled to wait by the absence of travelling facilities, the college boys are doubtless keeping their spirits bottled up for this ceremony.

—A Hearty Welcome.—

There was a gathering of representative citizens awaiting Capt. Blackburn's and the other soldiers' arrival. The Premier (Hon. C. Vaughan) represented the Government, the State Military Commandant (Brig.-Gen. G. H. Irving) the Department of Defence, and the Mayor of Adelaide (Mr. I. Isaacs), and other civic authorities attended in behalf of the city. Others present were:—Lieut. H. R. d'Belanger, representing His Excellency the Governor, Lieut.-Col. R. S. Rogers, Sen. Chaplain Metters, Capt. Doyle (Assistant D.A.A.G.), and Provost-Marshal Capt. Roche, Messrs. H. C. H. Denton, H. P. Moore, and A. E. H. Evans, representing the Board of Governors of the St. Peter's College, and Mr. R. H. Wallmann, the Old Collegiate



CAPT. BLACKBURN, V.C.

Association. The train drew in shortly after 10.30, and Capt. Blackburn, who is known for conspicuous modesty, was being forced to the front of the platform by his comrades as his coach swept into the station. He was quickly identified by the Commandant, who saluted as the train was brought to a standstill, and before the crowd had had an opportunity to recognize the hero, he had stepped into the midst of a circle of friends, and was being heartily shaken by the hand by intimate admirers. Finally the Mayor espied him in the centre of the group, and at his suggestion three hearty cheers were given, and three more for the other returned men.

—A Brave Man.—

Capt. Blackburn is of slight stature. He is a little below the average height, of very light build, and by no means conforms to the generally accepted type of the stalwart Australian soldier. He is quick and agile, however, and his very deportment suggests enterprise and vivacity. His eyes are of that fiery blue quality which support the appearance of intense energy and determination in his bearing. Glancing at him after reading of his exploits at Pozieres on July 23, when he captured and held 370 yards of German trench with a handful of men, one is quite convinced that he is just the type of man who could do such a thing. There is something about him which readily reveals the power to lead, and make men follow in confidence, and while his is a face full of human kindness and invariably lit up with open smiles, in repose there is striking evidence of that indomitable pluck and perseverance which won him the Victoria Cross while one after another his supporters were shot down around him.

—A Retiring Disposition.—

Capt. Blackburn was congratulated on all sides immediately after his arrival, but he accepted the tributes of his friends with quiet modesty, and although questioned concerning his experiences, showed no desire to talk about them. "I don't know that I have had any experiences I could talk about," was his reply to the newsmen when they sought an interview. When this remark has been quoted there is nothing more to be said about his retiring disposition. Although pressed for an interview, Capt. Blackburn pointed out that he was still a military officer, and must be guided by regulation. Consequently he would not like to make a statement until he had had time to realize what his position was. On reaching the outskirts of the crowd waiting in the quadrangle the captain was vociferously cheered, and when he subsequently took his seat in a motor car and was driven through the throng, it was the signal for a continuous outpouring of plaudits. The V.C. winner was cheered until he turned the corner and was out of sight.

—A Promising Career.—

Capt. Blackburn is only 24 years of age. His father was the late Rev. Canon Blackburn, who was a noted South Australian entomologist, and for many years rector of Woodville Church. He was born in Adelaide, was educated at St. Peter's College, and after a distinguished career there studied law at the Adelaide University. He served his articles with Messrs. Fenn and Hardy, solicitors, graduated in 1913, and joined the firm of Messrs. Nesbit and Nesbit, with which he was associated when war broke out. While at the University and also after leaving it he was a prominent lacrosseur and tennis player, and also showed his bent for matters military by joining the South Australian Scottish regiment. He had three years' training with that corps. His next-of-kin are Dr. J. B. Blackburn, of Sydney, and Miss Margaret Blackburn, Wagin, Western Aus-