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PRINCE AND 'VARSITY STUDENTS.

"It is Something I Value."

As an old student from Oxford the Prince of Wales always feels at home among the undergrads, and he showed his appreciation of their company after he had had the degree of Doctor of Laws conferred upon him at the Adelaide University on Friday. Much to their disappointment the large number of students were prevented from entering the Elder Hall, under an embargo issued by the University Council, so they had to wait outside until after the ceremony in order to pay their tribute to His Royal Highness. It was their laudable intention to formally declare the Prince an undergraduate first, and extract his fee of 30/, which would be an everlasting memento of the visit, but they were overruled by certain members of the council. The students, however, gave the Prince a great welcome before he entered the hall. The first thing he did when the dignified function in the hall had been concluded was to meet about 100 returned soldier graduates and students. He shook hands with each, and had an additional word to say to those wearing the Victoria, Military Crosses, or other decorations. As he walked towards his car a young woman touched him on the arm, and said, "God bless you, Prince." His Royal Highness momentarily turned round, and, saluting the fair interjector, exclaimed, "I thank you." The undergrads were in a merry and orderly mood, and enlivened the proceedings by singing a parody on the musical hall ditty of the moment, "Abe, my boy" (directed against their Registrar), and giving the University song and war cry. After the Prince had moved towards his car he was surrounded by students, and Capt. R. G. T. Goodman, in their behalf, asked him to accept the badge and band of the University Sports Association, and to keep the gift as a memento of his visit. The Prince was delighted, and, always ready to say the appropriate thing, remarked, "Thank you all so much indeed for this beautiful badge that you have given me. It is something I value still more than the very wonderful welcome you have given me. I wish you all the best of luck." The students then sang, with great gusto, "For he's a jolly good fellow," and scurried across the lawns to the sidewalk, and cheered the departing heir to the throne, who stood up in his motor car and waved his right hand good naturedly.

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Our most stately ceremony of the Prince's visit was the last engagement of his Royal Highness in the City of Adelaide, immediately prior to his departure by train for the Outer Harbor. This was the impressive act of conferring the honorary degree of a Doctor of Laws in the University of Adelaide, which took place in the Elder Hall on Friday morning. The Prince was in the best of spirits, and on his arrival looked very smart and debonair in his naval uniform. His Excellency the Governor (Sir Archibald Weir) reached the University first. The Prince was received at 11.30 o'clock by the Chancellor (Sir George Murray), the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Mitchell), the Council, Professors, and Deans of Faculties—who had previously met the Governor—and was conducted to the council room by the Chancellor, where he donned the scarlet robes of a Doctor of Civil Law in the University of Oxford. His Excellency was conducted to the council room by the Vice-Chancellor. While the Prince was robing the marshals (Professor Robertson and Sir Douglas Mawson) arranged the procession, in the following order:—
The Registrar (Mr. C. R. Hodge).

- The Professors.
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| Prof. Phillipson. | Prof. Cleland. |
| Prof. Wood-Jones | Prof. Wilton. |
| Prof. Robertson. | Prof. Davies. |
| Prof. Howchin. | Prof. Osborn. |
| Prof. Grant. | Prof. Chapman. |
| Prof. Darnley Naylor | Prof. Henderson. |
| Prof. Mitchell. | Prof. Rennie. |

- The Council.
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| Mr. W. R. Bayly. | Mr. M. M. Maughan. |
| Sir Langdon Bonython | Mr. H. Angus Parsons |
| Mr. T. A. Caterer | Mr. A. J. Perkins. |
| Prof. R. W. Chapman | Dr B. Poulton. |
| Mr. H. B. Crosby. | Prof. E. H. Rennie. |
| Mr. W. J. Denny. | Mr. T. H. Smeaton. |
| Mr. J. R. Fowler. | Mr. S. Talbot Smith |
| Mr. W. G. T. Good- | Sir Lancelot Stirling. |
| man. | Sir Joseph Verco. |
| Dr. W. T. Hayward | Hon. F. S. Wallis. |
| Mr. W. J. Isbister. | |

The Marshals.
The Governor Escorted by the Vice-Chancellor.
The Prince of Wales Escorted by the Chancellor.

and that you may return safely to the Motherland with memories of our attachment to His Majesty, to yourself, and the Royal Family, and with the knowledge that you have helped to strengthen those bonds which bind together the British Commonwealth of Nations." (Prolonged applause.)

—Conferring the Degree.—
The Dean of the Faculty of Laws (Mr. W. J. Isbister, K.C., O.B.E.), in presenting the Prince to the Chancellor, said:—"I present to you His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who has been admitted as a Doctor of Civil Law in the University of Oxford as a fit and proper person to be admitted to the rank and privileges of a Doctor of Laws in the University of Adelaide."

There was a tumultuous outburst of cheering as the Prince stood up to receive the insignia of academic honour from the Chancellor.
—Best Evidence of Devotion.—
Sir George Murray said:—"By virtue of the authority committed to me, I admit you, your Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to the rank and the privileges of Doctor of Laws in the University of Adelaide. I need not add anything, sir, to the expressions of loyalty and welcome that have been conveyed to you in behalf of the University of Adelaide. The best evidence of our devotion you have already seen in Flanders, in France, and in Egypt, and you can see and hear to-day that the spirit that led our men to the war is not, and is never likely to be, changed. (Applause.) We deeply appreciate the honour that your Royal Highness has conferred upon us. By becoming a member of our body corporate you have associated yourself with us in the endeavour to promote the welfare and prosperity of this part of His Majesty's dominions. You have placed us under a debt of everlasting obligation, and we beg you to accept our most dutiful homage and our most grateful thanks." (Prolonged applause.)

The Prince of Wales shook hands with Sir George, amid a tremendous storm of applause, followed by three cheers from the audience, which His Royal Highness responded to with a graceful bow.

—"A Great Pleasure and Honour."—
The Prince, in acknowledging the bestowal of the degree, said:—"Mr. Chancellor—It is a very great pleasure for me to have been able to pay this visit to the University of Adelaide this morning. (Applause.) I look upon it as a great privilege to have been given the honour and dignity of Doctor of Laws, which my father was given about 20 years ago when he was here, and I am also interested to have been told that he laid the foundation stone of the science building, which is called the Prince of Wales' Theatre. (Applause.) I should like to take the opportunity of congratulating the University on the splendid services rendered in the great war. (Applause.) I know a great many of the staff and the undergraduates went, and I know a number of them will never return, and I would also like to offer the University of Adelaide and the relatives my deepest sympathy for the losses. I thank you for the very kind welcome which you have given me, and I assure you that I am very sorry indeed to think that this is my last day in Adelaide." (Prolonged applause.)

The Women's Choir sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales," the audience standing.
The Chancellor (in Latin)—"We dissolve this convocation."
A voice at the rear of the hall—"Three cheers for the Prince of Wales." The people responded right loyally.
As the procession, headed by the Chancellor escorting the Prince, left the hall the choir contributed "The Song of Australia."

The Prince requested that the war service men should be presented to him, and as they filed past outside the building and shook hands with him, he enquired regarding their fighting, and was quick to specially note those wearing military distinctions. The sports committee made an impromptu presentation to His Royal Highness, who thanked them. The final city function, aside from official good-byes, in a most memorable visit was concluded with ringing cheers, as the heir to the throne departed.

Meantime the undergraduates were having a delightful time in the University grounds preparing to greet the procession. They ragged everybody but the Prince. Even his Excellency the Governor did not altogether escape. The Prince of Wales they received with the greatest respect, and the warmest acclamation. The little ragging that the Governor met with was in no way discourteous, and his Excellency likewise was splendidly received. The tribute to the Prince was excellent and in good taste, notwithstanding that the students were disappointed at not having been admitted to the ceremonial in the Elder Hall.

Prior to the academic procession the members of the Senate formed in the corridors on the ground floor of the Conservatorium in the following order:—Bachelors of Arts, Bachelors of Medicine, Bachelors of Laws, Bachelors of Science, Bachelors of Engineering, Bachelors of Music, Masters of Arts, Masters of Engineering, Doctors of Medicine, Doctors of Laws, Doctors of Science, Doctors of Music, Lecturers of the University, Warden and Clerk, and proceeded to the hall, where they took their seats. The hall was filled to the limit of its capacity, among those present being Miss Murray, the Chief Secretary (Hon. J. G. Bice), the Commissioner of Public Works (Hon. W. Hague), Mrs. and Miss Hague, the Military Comandant (Brigadier-General Antll), and the Commissioner of Police (Brigadier-General Leane). Dr. E. Harold Davies (Director of the Elder Conservatorium of Music), gave an organ recital prior to the opening of the proceedings in the hall.

The procession entered the main building through the front porch, and moved through the central aisle to the platform. When the Prince had taken his place on the right of the Chancellor the choir led the singing of the first two verses of the National Anthem, the audience joining in with the utmost fervor. The Governor and the Premier (Hon. H. N. Barwell) were on the left of the Chancellor.

A most impressive silence was maintained by the great assemblage while Professor Darnley Naylor, with excellent expression and feeling, read in Latin the address of welcome to the Prince. The English version is as follows:—

Most heartily do we desire on this day to welcome your Royal Highness. Nineteen years ago, amid general rejoicing and acclaim, we greeted your father within these walls; and now in this same place and with no less enthusiasm we delight to welcome you.

Distant though we are from the centre of the Empire, the goodwill of his Majesty makes itself felt even in our far country, and to-day his goodwill becomes a living reality in that he has sent you, his son, over land and ocean, by us to be seen and heard.

What you have done in other parts of Australia is as well known to us as it is highly valued. Your conscientious performance of public duties has won our esteem; your gracious personality has endeared you to us; your energy in peace and courage in war have earned our admiration. But, above all, we of this University give you glad welcome because it has pleased you to accept at our hands an honor similar to that conferred upon you by the University of Oxford.

Our earnest prayer is that your sojourn in South Australia may be attended by nothing but happiness, that you may throughout enjoy the best of health, and that you may return safely to the motherland with memories of our attachment to his Majesty, to yourself, and the Royal Family, and with the knowledge that you have helped to strengthen those bonds which bind together the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The Dean of the Faculty of Laws (Mr. W. J. Isbister, K.C.), stepped forward and addressing the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and members of the Council and Senate, said:—"I present to you his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who has been admitted to the degree of Doctor of Civil Law in the University of Oxford, as a fit and proper person to be admitted to the rank and privileges of a Doctor of Laws in the University of Adelaide. (Cheers.)"

The Chancellor then, addressing his Royal Highness, who was standing beside him, said:—"By virtue of the authority committed to me I admit you, your Royal Highness, Prince of Wales, to the rank and privileges of Doctor of Laws in the University of Adelaide. I need not add anything, sir, to the expressions of loyalty and welcome that have been conveyed to you on behalf of the University of Adelaide. The past evidence of our devotion you have already seen in Flanders, in France, and in Egypt, and you can see here to-day that the spirit that led our men to the war has not and is never likely to be changed. (Cheers.) We deeply appreciate the honor that your Royal Highness has conferred upon us by becoming a member of our body corporate. You have associated yourself with us in the endeavor to promote the welfare and prosperity of this part of his Majesty's dominions. You have placed us under a debt of everlasting obligation, and we beg you to accept our most dutiful homage and our most grateful thanks.

Amid the cheers of the congregation the Chancellor shook hands with the Prince.

Sorry to Leave Adelaide.
His Royal Highness, speaking without notes, said:—"Mr. Chancellor, it is a very great pleasure for me to be able to pay this visit to the University of Adelaide this morning. (Cheers.) I look upon it as a great privilege to be given the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, which was conferred also upon my father about 20 years ago, when he was here. (Cheers.) I have been much interested to learn that his Majesty then laid the foundation-stone of the Science Buildings, which are named after the Prince of Wales. I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the University upon the splendid service rendered in the great war. I know a great many of the staff and undergraduates went, and I know also that a number of them will never return. I would offer the University and the relatives of those men my deepest sympathy. I thank you all for the very kind welcome you have given me this morning, and I assure you that I am very sorry indeed to think that this is my last day in Adelaide, to which I am saying good-bye with genuine regret. I should like to have prolonged my first visit to this lovely capital, which I shall remember with pleasure all my life. (Loud cheers.)"

The Chancellor then formally dissolved the convocation, speaking in Latin.
A ladies' choir of students at the Conservatorium, under Professor Davies, sang "God save the Prince of Wales," and the congregation joined in the refrain. The National Anthem was then led by the choir and cheers were given for the Prince. As the procession left the hall, headed by the Prince and the Chancellor, the "Song of Australia" was sung.

STUDENTS AND THE PRINCE.
AN UNREHEARSED CEREMONY.
After leaving the hall his Royal Highness, who had expressed a desire to meet members of the staff, graduates, and students who had gone to the war, received them as they filed past, shook hands with each, spoke to all of them, and carried on many pleasant conversations, recalling former comradeship at the front. He questioned the soldiers about their sphere of service and their fortune in the war, and endeared himself to them all. The unaffected graciousness which has characterized him throughout his tour, and which is clearly quite a part of his nature, was particularly evident, and it was very pleasing to see how confidently the returned men comported themselves in his presence. This was one of the most charming incidents of the visit. His Royal Highness, on preparing to enter his motor car, was besieged by the members of the University Sports Association with every possible courtesy, but in a manner which suggested that the students would be deeply pained if a moment were not spared to them. Whilst the proceedings were in progress in the hall the "rag" outside had been continued. The students shouted in strident tones their various "tigers." To the tune of "Abe, my boy," they sang—

"Never too late, never too soon,
All the undergrads keep on asking you,
Which day, what day, Hodgy, my boy,
What are you waiting for now?"

This was part of the "rag," and was a shaft good-naturedly launched at Mr. Hodge (the Registrar). Mr. Hodge was by no means singled out for their attentions, however.

The Prince showed no disinclination to halt, and Captain Ray Goodman, on behalf of the Sports Association, presented the distinguished visitor with a sports badge which carries with it membership of the association. He said—"May I informally present, on behalf of the Sports Association, to your Royal Highness the badge of the association? We trust that you will keep it as a memento of your visit to Adelaide, and as an expression of our loyal regard."

The Prince graciously accepted the gift, and addressing the students said—"I wish to thank you very much for this presentation and for the warm welcome which you have accorded to me. I wish you all the best of luck."

The nicely turned reply was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and the Prince was cheered to the echo, the students joining in singing lustily and with great sincerity, "For he's a jolly good fellow." The Prince entered his car and drove off acclaimed by all.

Disappointed Undergraduates.
The undergraduates of the University were greatly disappointed because they were not admitted to the hall during the ceremony, and their annoyance was the more acute when they learned that graduates and their friends were to be admitted. However, the students were allowed into the University grounds, and they gave the Royal visitor an enthusiastic greeting when he arrived. The students explained that they made every endeavor to induce the authorities to admit them to the