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CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Classical Association was held at the University on Thursday evening. Professor Darnley Naylor presided over a satisfactory attendance. Officers elected:—Patron, the Chancellor (Sir George Murray); president, Professor Darnley Naylor; vice-presidents, Professor Mitchell (Vice-Chancellor), Professor Strong, the Revs. Bro. Purton and K. J. F. Bickerstaff, Messrs. D. H. Hollidge and W. R. Bayly; executive, the Rev. J. Rob-Johns, Messrs. J. Crampton and G. A. McMillan; treasurer, Miss C. Clark; secretary, Mr. G. M. Potts. The treasurer's statement showed a small credit balance. Professor Naylor spoke on Quintilian on Latin word order. He said Quintilian was a disappointing author. His criticism often showed acuteness and taste; he wrote sensibly on the teaching of children; he was an enthusiastic admirer of the Latin language. On the other hand, he repeatedly fell into an abyss of banality and utter silliness. He even thought it worth while to classify "howlers," of which schoolboy would scarcely be guilty. Frequently his observations were so common place as to hold him up to ridicule. The professor illustrated his remarks by examining a number of striking passages from the author's work.

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GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION.

One of Adelaide's distinguished graduates, Professor W. G. Duffield, will deliver a lecture on "The Investigation of Gravity Over Oceans" on Tuesday night next, in the Prince of Wales Theatre, Adelaide University. Members of the Graduates' Association are invited to bring their friends.

UNIVERSITY RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE.

The movement recently inaugurated for the establishment of a residential college in connection with the Adelaide University has a warm supporter in Professor W. G. Duffield, D.Sc., an old St. Peter's College and Adelaide University student, who is now on the professorial staff of University College, Reading, England. The professor, who is in Adelaide on leave, when asked by a representative of The Register to give expression to his ideas on the question of residential colleges being allied to the Adelaide University, replied:—"That is just what is wanted. Reading is one of the most modern of the young universities, and it is entirely residential. It is the only university institution outside of Oxford and Cambridge which has that feature, and it has been its making. The principle is now being copied by every provincial university in England. The success lies in the corporate life which the students enjoy, in the esprit de corps which it fosters, and in the splendid experience of living with one's fellows for at least three years. The result is that when the students leave and go out into the world it is known that they are men who have lived in amity and decently for three years, and have got on well enough with their fellows to be desirable companions. Therefore they are taken by commercial firms or are admitted into laboratories or schools ahead of those who have not experienced the residential advantages. If such colleges are large enough, they pay for themselves. At Reading we have four colleges for women and three for men. A large number of men have had to be put out into licensed lodgings, as at Oxford and Cambridge. It takes from 90 to 100 scholars to make a college pay. At one of our colleges there are more than 100, and 20 or 30 of the students are living in annexes. Of course, the difficulty here is that so many of the undergraduates have their homes in Adelaide. Even for them the system is the best one, and it would be an enormous advantage to those who come from the country. The residential life has a very great influence for good on the undergraduate."



MISS WINIFRED BERRY, M.A.,

who took a leading part in the movement for establishing the S.A. Teachers' Training Institute, which began its work in March of this year. The Institute aims at providing a thorough theoretical and practical training for teachers of private schools and colleges.

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UNIVERSITY LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Adelaide University Law Students' Society was held on Tuesday evening. There was a satisfactory attendance. The question for debate was as follows:—"Alice having been engaged to Harry for six months, and believing him to be a single man, goes through a form of marriage with him, all proper formalities being observed. She afterwards discovers that Harry was lawfully married to Mary two years before the engagement took place. Alice thereupon leaves Harry and sues him for £1,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage." Counsel for "Alice" were Mr. M. Bednall and with him was Mr. Grigg. The defendant was represented by Mr. Harry, with Mr. R. Kearnan. After able argument had been brought forward by counsel, the question was thrown open to discussion from the remaining members present. Speakers were:—For the plaintiff—Messrs. Tucker, B. Harford, J. C. McCarthy, C. C. Crump, and McLeay. For the defendant—Messrs. H. Leader and A. J. Korff. In delivering judgment, the adjudicator (Mr. W. A. Norman) said that although he did not know of any case quite on all fours with the present one, he considered that on grounds of public policy "Alice" (the plaintiff) was entitled to a substantial "solatium." He would advise the jury to grant the full amount asked. Judgment was entered accordingly.

NOTABLE VISITOR TO AUSTRALIA.

Professor Mackail's Lectures.

By Professor A. T. Strong.

Not often in her history has Australia had the opportunity of welcoming so distinguished a scholar, and man of letters as Professor J. W. Mackail, who is now on the ocean, and will reach Adelaide in the early days of June.

Professor Mackail is coming to this country to deliver a series of lectures, under an arrangement made with the Universities of Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, and Queensland. Three of these lectures will be given in Adelaide, in the Brookman Hall at the School of Mines, on June 5, 8, and 12 next. Professor Mackail's subjects will probably be "The study of poetry," "Poetry in modern life," and either "Virgil" or "Keats." Every one who has any love or feeling for literature will gladly seize the opportunity of hearing Professor Mackail. Lecturing tours of this kind are frequent in America, which has welcomed one of England's most distinguished poets, scholars, and men of science, and has afforded them crowded audiences. Even India has not been behind hand in this respect, and a few years ago her universities secured a series of lectures from the eminent English critic, Professor Oliver Elton.

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Intellectual Stimulus.

Arrangements for a lecturing tour of this kind have not been without precedent in Australia. Some years ago the Universities of Sydney and Melbourne invited Sir Henry Jones, a philosopher and public lecturer of the first rank, to deliver a series of discourses in their cities. I attended two of those given in Melbourne. On each occasion the hall was packed, and each lecture was fully reported in the press, a splendid intellectual stimulus was given to the whole community. In the matter of literature, Adelaide has a high reputation to live up to, for she has been termed the City of Culture. I do not know whether she cares to be reminded that that title was originally conferred upon her by Sir John Foster Fraser. She may, perhaps feel an even more legitimate pride if it be confirmed by such a true critic, and thinker, as Professor Mackail. In any case, it is to be hoped that large audiences will welcome him in the city in which he makes his first public appearance in Australia. If they do, they may be sure of receiving the most lively intellectual pleasure and interest. And whatever the other cities may think, it will be gratifying to our own civic pride if we give the professor such a reception that he will regard the rest of his Australian tour as something of an anti-climax.

Chair of Poetry at Oxford.

Professor Mackail may well claim to speak with authority on literature, for he has held the Chair of Poetry at Oxford. That Chair, which is filled by its occupant for only a brief period of years, is conferred by the university upon none save her most distinguished sons. It was held at one period by Matthew Arnold, some of whose most famous critical essays and lectures were delivered during his tenure of it. In more recent years, it has been occupied by A. C. Bradley, one of the greatest critics whom England has ever produced. It was offered to William Morris, but declined by him, in all sincerity, because he thought himself imperfectly qualified to hold it. Other distinguished names associated with it are those of Dean Milman, John Keble, and Francis Palgrave. Truly Professor Mackail is one of the goodly company. The lectures which he delivered during his professorship have been published under the title, "Springs of Helicon." They deal with some of the greater English poets, and are models of insight, precision, and literary grace.

A Great Critic.

Professor Mackail's remaining publications are many. Among the most notable of them is his "Life of William Morris." Morris's best friend was the great painter, Edward Burne Jones, the father of Mrs. Mackail, who accompanies her husband to Australia. Readers of this fine biography will probably have been struck by the kinship between Mackail's mind and Morris's own, and especially by the eager response made by each to beauty, in whatever form of art it were manifest. It is this sense of beauty, no less than his profound learning, which has made Professor Mackail a great critic. It appears again in his short, but very complete, book on Latin Literature, in his verse translation of Homer's Odyssey, and in his prose translation of Virgil. Some of us who were once students of classical literature, and still like to keep in touch with it, owe him a special debt for his admirable little selection from the Greek Anthology, which for many years was my own habitual and almost inseparable companion. Professor Mackail has published several other books or essays dealing with English classical, and Italian literature. One of his great merits as a critic is his habit of drawing attention to neglected or forgotten qualities of his author. Shortly after Swinburne's death the Professor published an essay in which he emphasized the Latin quality of the poet's genius and form, and in a more recent essay he warns us not to forget the more romantic and beautiful aspects of Pope's poetry in our enthusiasm for his wit and satire. But Professor Mackail is no mere fancier of fine shades. Time and again, in his criticism, he pierces to the heart of things; and he is able to do this chiefly because he has the instinct and powers of a poet.

Balliol and Jowett.

He must be full of interesting memories for he was a Fellow of Balliol, and knew that college's great master, Jowett. In his Oxford days he was also the friend of Curzon, Milner, Spring-Rice, Beeching, and others who have since won fame. In his later manhood he was a prominent official in the English Education Department, and the experiences he gained there should make his counsel invaluable to our own educationalists. For every reason, he has strong claims on all who have the intellectual interests of Australia at heart.

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Misses Dorothy Venn and Claire Bayly, of Adelaide, have gained the Diploma of the Australian Massage Association.