

# CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

## The University Commemoration.

The time when Commemoration Day was regarded as a glorious opportunity for a students' "rag" has long since passed, and the conferring of degrees is no longer accompanied by riotous cheers, showers of rice and confetti, and the singing of songs more topical than complimentary. What the ceremony has lost in interest through the curtailment of these students' privileges, however, it has gained in dignity, and the annual commemoration of the Adelaide University, held yesterday afternoon at the Elder Hall, was most impressive.

The black gowns of the professors, with here and there a scarlet one by way of contrast, were lightened by the brilliant splashes of color of the hoods that in their arrangement and tint constitute as much a guide to the official status of their wearers as the badges and braid of the Army or Navy. The pretty frocks of the ladies who filled such a big proportion of the seating accommodation in the main hall, helped to make up a picture that was full of light and shade.

At 3 o'clock the Vice-Chancellor of the University (Professor W. Mitchell) took his seat in the Chancellor's chair, and associated with him were members of the Senate, council, and staff. Among the members of the council present were the Acting-Chief Justice (Hon. T. Slaney Poole, warden of the Senate), Mr. Justice Angus Parsons, Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir George Brookman, Sir Joseph Verco, the Rev. K. J. F. Bickersteth, Professor R. W. Chapman, Mr. W. G. T. Goodman, Dr. F. S. Hone, Mr. W. J. Isbister, Mr. W. T. McCoy, Mr. W. R. Bayly, Dr. Helen Mayo, Mr. W. J. Young, Mr. E. W. Holden, Mr. A. Grenfell Price, and the Registrar (Mr. F. W. Eardley). Professor Darnley Naylor was not well enough to attend, and Parliamentary members were occupied in the House.

The warden of the Senate met his Excellency the Governor, visitor of the University, who was accompanied by Lady Bridges and attended by Captain Brooke. His Excellency took his place on the platform and was an interested spectator of the ceremony.

It was evident that there is no antipathy to women entering University fields here, and the applause which greeted each feminine recipient of a degree was hearty and unstinted. A notable feature was the youth of many of those on whom degrees were conferred, and it was soon apparent that their comrades took a real pleasure in their success.

### Greetings to the Governor and Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the University, offered his Excellency the Governor and Lady Bridges hearty greetings on their return. The Chancellor (Sir George Murray) would not return till Friday. He had sent a message from Fremantle with cordial greetings to the council and the senate and warmest congratulations and good wishes to the new graduates. It had been a year of honors. First, Professor Wood Jones became a Fellow of the Royal Society; then Professor Strong became a Knight. They could only regret when two of the University lecturers were called to chairs—Dr. Heaton to Canada and Mr. Corbin to New Zealand. Next year they had to welcome three new professors—Professor Campbell, from Sydney, in law; Professor Hancock, Fellow of All Souls, from Oxford, in history; and Professor Joly, the University's first Rhodes scholar, who was to carry on the Federal School of Forestry. (Applause.)

### Gifts to the University.

It had become the custom of the Chancellor at this convocation to intimate the chief gifts that had been made to the University. This year had seen the distribution of the three great gifts of which he spoke last year. The Urbrae estate had been converted into an open-air laboratory for agriculture, and already a variety of problems were in course of solution. It showed the goodwill of those concerned in scientific farming, and their confidence in Professor Richardson, that gifts of all sorts had been made to the institute during the year which he valued at £1,230. In accordance with the conditions of his appointment as director he was now to proceed to South Africa, Europe, and America, in order to get in touch with the institutes there for corresponding research. The Marks bequest to the Medical School was to be devoted to medical education. The chair of pathology and a lectureship in clinical psychology were to take the name of George Marks, and the rest of the income was to go to the teaching of obstetrics and gynecology in a new maternity hospital which Government would build on Frome road. The Keith Sheridan bequest was for medical research. Early in the year a first appointment was made in the selection of Dr. Bickel, who had been

New Zealand. At the request of the Medical Research Council he was permitted to continue his work in Cambridge for a year, and to see how the work that was going on in Great Britain was being managed. When he arrived other developments would be made; and meantime the trustees, through whom the bequest had come, had intimated to the council their willingness to add a further sum in order to establish a prize in connection with the main purpose. Among the gifts of this year he had to mention that the Federal Health Department had given £500 to assist work that was being done on a problem of cancer research undertaken by Professor Robertson. A sum of £450 had been given to the University to establish a bursary for women students in memory of Miss Thornber. Mr. James Gartrell, whose death they were now deploring, gave a sum of £200 to establish a prize in ethnology. The two chief bequests had been to the departments of botany and philosophy. The first was a gift by Messrs. Hamilton and Wilcox of a block of land on their station at Koonamore for the purpose of establishing a reserve on which arid flora might be studied. The area contained about 1,500 acres, and had been enclosed with a vermin-proof fence at the expense of the donors. There Professor Osborn proposed to study the regeneration of the natural vegetation when removed from the retarding influence of the grazing of stock, and the depredations of rabbits. When the natural vegetation regenerated under the treatment, it was proposed to conduct experiments to determine the exact influence due to grazing by sheep. The value of the gift had been enhanced by the provision of a three-roomed hut adjacent to the reserve for use as a field laboratory; and they owed thanks to Miss Wilcox for her help in equipping it. The other gift was a bequest of £3,000, subject to a life interest, which Mrs. A. J. Raven gave for the purpose of establishing a lectureship in memory of her father, Mr. Gavin David Young. (Applause.) The income was to accumulate so that a lecturer might be invited every fifth year or so to give and publish a course of lectures on some topic on the confines of knowledge.

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### Signs of Growth.

But the first duty of the University was education, and especially to provide men of the highest quality for the professions. They congratulated the Education Department in having at last a building for a teachers' college that would be worthy of it. (Applause.) The rise of the new building for physics and engineering throughout the year had been the most gratifying sign of their own growth, and they intended to approach the Government and ask for a new building for chemistry to be erected on a site to the west of the

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### Conferring of Degrees.

The candidates for degrees were presented by the deans of their respective faculties, and the Vice-Chancellor shook hands with each after conferring the degrees. The Dean of the Faculty of Law (Mr. W. J. Isbister) presented to the Vice-Chancellor the candidates for degrees in law:—For the degree of Bachelor of Laws—Patrick Joseph Christie, Kenneth Churchill Duffield, Arthur Frederick Fischer, Bernard Griff, Clare Sparkes Harris, Geoffrey Courtney Harry, Edward Leo Haywood, Frederic Stephen Hodby, Joseph Reginald Kearnan, Martin Rudolf Chemnitz Kriewaldt, B.A., Arthur Lawrence Pickering, Pepita Cerda Saunders, Laurence John Stanley, Harold Norman Tucker.

**Dentistry.**  
The Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry (Sir Joseph Verco) presented the candidates for degrees in dentistry:—For the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery—Sydney Gordon Cocks, Cyril Grosvenor. For the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery, ad eundem gradum—Edgar Albert Meldrum, B.D.S. (Sydney), Leslie Sanders Rogers, B.D.S. (Melbourne).

**Arts.**  
The Dean of the Faculty of Arts (Professor J. McKellar Stewart) presented the candidates for degrees in arts:—For the Ordinary Degree of Master of Arts—Arthur Hammond Bell, B.A., Frederick Martin Burgess, B.A., Eric Gordon Kelly, B.A., Iris Esther Robertson, B.A., Edwin John Stribley, B.A. For the Honours Degrees of Bachelor of Arts—Leslie Frank Casson, Walter Russell Crocker, Phyllis Evelyn Lade. For the Ordinary Degree of Bachelor of Arts—Archibald Herbert Campbell, Thomas William Charlesworth, Gertrude Vera Gaetjens, Max Johann Gerlach, Marjory Harley, James McConnon, Colin McMurtrie, Dorothy Elizabeth Othams, Geoffrey Ernest Peters, Kathleen Naomi Powell, Gwendoline Marjorie Jean Snewin, Margaret Walter Sorrell, Ada Florence Stribling, William Lancelot Thomas, Edith Louise Tilley, Walter Tebble Westgarth. For the Degree of Master of Arts, ad eundem gradum—Albert Ernest Maldon Kirwood, M.A. (Melbourne).

**Music.**  
The Dean of the Faculty of Music (Professor E. Harold Davies) presented the candidates for degrees in music:—For the Degree of Bachelor of Music—Edward William Black, Faith Fairbank Harvey, Elsie Furneaux Patrick (in absentia).

**Science.**  
The Dean of the Faculty of Science (Professor T. Harvey Johnston) presented the candidates for the degrees in science:—For the Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science.—Geology—Paul Samuel Hossfeld, B.Sc. For the Ordinary Degree of Bachelor of Science.—Baldur Unwin Byles, Harold Norman England, Bruce Fleming Goode, George Henson Barrett Haskard, Maxwell Ralph Jacobs, Thomas Glen Luke, Lewis Arthur Newman, Gordon Rudolph Piper, Maurice Knight Pitcher, Thomas Lancelot Wilkinson, Irwin Topperwein, M.A. (in absentia).

The Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science (Mr. H. W. Gartrell) presented the candidates for degrees in engineering and for diplomas in applied science:—For the Degree of Master of Engineering.—John Ragless Brookman, B.E. For the Degree of Bachelor of Engineering.—Keith McQuarrie Bennett, Malcolm Archibald Brooke, James Douglas Chapman, Harold Stewart Elford, George Read Fisher, Humphrey Crayle Forgan, Lance Galbraith Johnston, Richard Henry Maclure Lea, Frederick William Tidemann, Reginald Clarence Walsh, Adrian Akhurst Anderson (in absentia). For the Diploma of Applied Science.—Alwyne Bowman Baker, B.E., Keith McQuarrie Bennett, Malcolm Archibald Brooke, James Douglas Chapman, Harold Stewart Elford, George Read Fisher, Humphrey Crayle Forgan, Lance Galbraith Johnston, Richard Henry Maclure Lea, Frederick William Tidemann, Reginald Clarence Walsh, Adrian Akhurst Anderson (in absentia).

**Commerce.**  
The Chairman of the Board of Commercial Studies (Mr. S. Russell Booth) presented candidates for the Diploma in Commerce:—John Parr Harding Biddle, James Marshall Biggs, James Beaton Blair, Harold Duncan Campbell, Eric Ambrose Gibson, Charles Edgeworth Horrocks, Bessie Lillywhite, James Cobbett Lyon, Phillip Bernard Alphonse McCarron, Arthur William Mack, Colin Walter Martin, Eric James Mortess, Mary Margaret Mullin, Ronald Stewart Pontifex, Helene Raifelt (Fisher medallist), Ernest Walter Joseph Reynolds, Jessie Jeanette Topperwien, Kenelm Sinclair Tuckwell, Jack Turner, Frank Derwent Vawser, Albert Bruce Wauchope Williams, Winifred Annie Phelps (in absentia).

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts (Professor J. McKellar Stewart) presented the candidates for the Diploma in Economics and Political Science:—Norman Ashby Cottrell, Harold George Oliphant, William Valentine Leach, M.A., John W. Smith.

**Arts—Scholars and Prizemen.**  
—by Fletcher Prize (Logic and Psychology)—Clara Gaetjens. John Howard Clark Prize—Dorothy Aileen Bleby. Tinline Scholarship—Keith Sydney Isles. Prox. Acc.—John Heywood Reynolds. Jeffries Medal (Philosophy)—Edna Lucy Holmes, B.A., LL.B. Barr Smith Prize (Greek)—Harold Burls Wilson. Andrew Scott Prize (Latin)—Frederick Stephen Hodby. Bunday Prize (for English verse)—Elsie Morriss. Tormore Prize (for Essays in English Literature)—Barbara Kate Shorney.

**Science.—John L. Young (for Research)**  
—Paul Samuel Hossfeld, B.Sc. The David Murray Scholarship—Harold Norman England. The John Bagot Botany Scholarship and Medal—Dorothy Mary Fyfe. The Lowrie Scholarship—Maxwell Ralph Jacobs.

**Laws.—David Murray Scholarship (for Roman Law)—Kenneth Churchill Duffield. Stow Prize—Kenneth Churchill Duffield. Medicine—Elder Prize—First examination, Brian Gilmore Macgrath, Dr. Davies Thomas Prize—Second examination, Philip Cornelius Hogan; third examination, Herbert George Letcher, and Alastair Campbell McEachern (equal). Everard Prize—Final examination, Alfred Sydney de Bohun Cocks and Reginald Denys Hornabrook (equal). Commercial Studies.—Fisher Medal—Helene Raifelt.**

Professor Sir Douglas Mawson delivered the annual address on "Some forestry

their station at Koonamore for the purpose of establishing a reserve on which arid flora may be studied. The area contained about 1,500 acres, and had been enclosed with a vermin-proof fence at the expense of the donors. There Professor Osborn proposed to study the regeneration of the natural vegetation when removed from the retarding influence of the grazing of stock, and the depredations of rabbits. When the natural vegetation regenerated under the treatment, it was proposed to conduct experiments to determine the exact influence due to grazing by sheep. The value of the gift had been enhanced by the provision of a three-roomed hut adjacent to the reserve for use as a field laboratory; and they owed thanks to Miss Wilcox for her help in equipping it. The other gift was a bequest of £3,000, subject to a life interest, which Mrs. A. J. Raven gave for the purpose of establishing a lectureship in memory of her father, Mr. Gavin David Young. (Applause.) The income was to accumulate so that a lecturer might be invited every fifth year or so to give and publish a course of lectures on some topic on the confines of knowledge. They welcomed these private benefactions the more that they were not for the first function of the University, which was education or the spread of knowledge, but for the second, the creation of knowledge. It was the duty of every university to undertake such work, and especially their duty to the resources of the State; but here they had two reasons besides. Living 500 miles from anywhere, and in a country where the conditions of life were so pleasant it was easy to be satisfied with a low level, and even to think it a high one. Also, whatever it may be on lower grades of education, it was certain that within a university by far the best influence was example. The visits of distinguished men, always a stimulus, had been especially important this year. They had had botanists from Holland and Harvard, two visits from American anthropologists, and they had had Sir Ernest Rutherford. The last visit had been from Professor Embree (Director of Scientific Studies at the Rockefeller Institute). He had come to see what facilities were offered in South Australia for the study of anthropology, and whether the institute should make a grant. He had received a farewell letter from the professor last week, in which he had said, "The University quite swept us off our feet. We were not prepared to find such a fine group of men engaged in such splendid scientific work."

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### Medicine.

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