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GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON.

The annual luncheon of the Adelaide University Graduates' Association was held in the Botanic Park on Wednesday. The president, Mr. E. W. Holden, occupied the chair and delivered an address of welcome to the new graduates, who would, he hoped, all become members of the association. The long-desired site for the union building had been made available (Applause.) Tenders were being called for the erection of the Lady Symon block, for which they were deeply indebted to Sir Josiah Symon's generous gift of £10,000. The designs for the whole block had been completed, and tenders would probably be called soon for the erection of the refectory and portion of the cloisters. Next year the association would have the responsibility of initiating schemes for raising money for the building. There was already £7,000 in hand, for which they were indebted to the efforts of Professor Henderson. On that sum, they had been able to call for tenders for £10,000 or £11,000 worth of work. (Applause.) He was glad to be able to announce that Professor Henderson was now completely restored to health, and was engaged in research work in the Pacific, which would probably occupy him for the next ten years. The interest and help of members would be required for the raising of money for the union building early in the New Year.

The Right Hand of Fellowship.

The Lord Mayor (Mr. Wallace Bruce) congratulated the association on its president, whose work in connection with the industrial prosperity of the State was well known. It was an excellent idea that the members of the Graduates' Association should extend the right hand of fellowship to new graduates, as they were doing. Those graduating needed no encouragement from him to join the association. There were amongst the gathering graduates from all faculties, represented by arts, law, science, engineering, medicine, dentistry, commerce, and music. These professions covered a very wide field of learning and activities, and the influence of those present would be great, and should be used to increase the usefulness of the University. Graduates should not be unmindful of their obligations to the Adelaide seat of learning, and should always bear in mind the advantage and assistance they had received in their degrees and diplomas, and they should bear in mind that the granting of a degree and diploma was the obtaining of the franchise which would give them the privilege of having a voice in the election of some of those who in the future would control the destinies of the University. For this reason they should treat the University as a public institution, and be ever mindful of its welfare, and exercise their vote in such a manner as to permit it to carry on the splendid work it had achieved during the past 50 years. The world was hungry for the man and woman of brains, and there was a call by the professions and the commercial and industrial community for alert, well-trained men and women to play a responsible part in all walks of life, and none were better qualified to assume positions of responsibility than University graduates, who, by the very nature of their learning and training, should be qualified to take their part.

The Practical Side of Life.

The public too often thought of graduates as those living within college walls, who knew nothing of the practical side of life, but when one realised that University studies and lectures were interspersed with practical experience, this was quite a wrong idea. The medical graduate had already done much practical work in the hospitals. The engineering graduates had all enjoyed a year's practical work before they were granted their degree, and students in arts and science were in many cases school-teachers with many years' experience behind them. Amongst those who took the diploma in commerce were frequently those holding important commercial and governmental positions. The knowledge of the practical side of men and affairs amply fitted graduates for preferment to responsible positions. Though it was frankly admitted that a University training was an important asset to any man or woman. University graduates must not expect opportunities thrown at them because they car-

ried an official University degree. This was quite a wrong attitude to adopt, and one which usually brought disappointment to such a graduate. The value of a complete course of study at a University should not be the "tag" of letters that it gave a man or woman, but a deeper understanding of affairs, a greater mental agility, and a power of adaptability. These qualities would combine to give the graduate the opportunities and power to grasp them. If his studies had not given him these qualities, all the degrees in the world were of no value. The world was essentially a practical world, and it asked the University graduate, not what he learned, but what it had made of him. He complimented them, as president of the Chamber of Commerce, on the establishment of a Graduates' Employment Bureau, with which the president was so closely associated. In America it seemed that such agencies had done much to make the industrial and commercial community feel the advantage of University trained men. Unfortunately, in Australia, very little had been done in this direction, and the establishment of a bureau should prove a very useful field of work, both to the University graduate and the industrial and commercial community. He trusted that those who were graduating would not, in the busy lives opening up before them, forget the calls of public service. There was much work to be done, and a complaint from all quarters was that those who were most fitted for these duties very often did not come forward to perform them. The community spent much money upon the University, and it was not putting the case too strongly to say that a trust had been imposed upon every one who had reaped the benefit of this expenditure to become a sympathetic apostle of enlightenment to the members of the community less fortunate. (Applause.)

"Respectable Citizens."

Replying on behalf of the women graduates, Miss Ida Dorsch said the occasion reminded one that one was no longer a more or less carefree undergraduate but was supposed to be a respectable citizen, ready to shoulder civic responsibilities. (Laughter.) Up to the present, they had left the thinking to their professors, but were now thrown on their own resources. The cosmopolitan life of a university had undoubtedly given them a better perspective of life than they had had on leaving school.

On behalf of the men graduates Mr. R. G. Mitton, the South Australian Rhodes scholar, said much of the benefit of a student's life was derived from association with the clubs in connection with the University. He regretted that these associations usually ceased on graduation, but they were fortunate in having a live Graduates' Association in Adelaide. (Applause.)

Dr. C. S. Hicks, Professor of Human Physiology and Pharmacology, replied on behalf of those receiving ad eundem degrees. He would like to see such functions as the luncheon leave an echo in the hearts of the members, who should take their parts in fulfilling the objects of the association, instead of merely piously agreeing with them. The University consisted of undergraduates, graduates, professors, and lecturers, the latter being largely graduate retained for instructional purposes. It could not be expected, therefore, that the development of the University could come from them alone. This was the task of the student body as a whole.

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At the University commemoration on Wednesday afternoon a graduate admitted to the degree of LL.B. was Mr. William Donnithorne, who was more than 40 years of age when he started for the law course. After a successful business career in Adelaide he devoted his time to painting in oils, and visited Rome, Paris, London, Florence, and New York. Returning, Mr. Donnithorne enlisted for active service. His travels had encouraged him to cultivate literature, and, acting on the advice of Mr. G. G. Newman, B.A., he decided to matriculate with a view to studying law. By sheer hard work and determination he passed at first attempt in Latin, French, English history, and physiology. His University career has been highly successful, as in the course of four years he has passed in 11 subjects. Mr. Donnithorne served his articles for the law course with Mr. R. F. Newman. That he has not been completely absorbed in his studies is shown by the fact that he was Secretary and President of the Cornish Association, and has been a member of the Johnian Club for five years, this year having been elected a Vice-President.

THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

Conferring Degrees.

Address by the Chancellor.

Many candidates of the Adelaide University and graduates of other Universities were admitted to degrees at the annual commemoration in Elder Hall yesterday, when the Chancellor (Sir George Murray) opened the proceedings with a report on the affairs of the institution, and Professor T. Brailsford Robertson delivered an address on "The External In-

fluence of the University on the World." The degrees for which students at the Adelaide University qualified at the recent examinations, together with honors bestowed on graduates from other Universities, were conferred at the annual commemoration in Elder Hall on Wednesday afternoon, when there was a large attendance of members of the Senate and Council, professors, lecturers, and relatives and friends of the new graduates. Those entitled to wear them were attired in the robes proper to their respective degrees and offices, and in that way an air of dignity was imparted to the proceedings. Absolute decorum prevailed, as the day is long past when the undergraduates almost took the control of the proceedings out of the hands of the authorities. Members of the Senate and Council took their places on the platform. The Chancellor (Sir George Murray) presided, and among the members of the Council present were the Vice-Chancellor (Professor W. Mitchell), Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir Joseph Verco, Professors R. W. Chapman, E. H. Rennie, and McKellar Stewart, the Rev. K. J. F. Bickersteth, Drs. Helen Mayo and W. Ray, and Messrs. W. J. Isbister, K.C., W. T. McCoy, W. R. Bayly, A. Grenfell Price, E. W. Holden, and E. Anthony, M.P., and the Registrar (Mr. F. W. Eardley). When all were seated his Excellency the Governor, the Visitor to the University, was met at the entrance and escorted to the dais by the Vice-Chancellor. His Excellency, who was attired in scarlet robes, was accompanied by Lady Bridges and attended by Mr. L. Winser (private secretary), and he took his seat to the accompaniment of the National Anthem, played on the organ by Professor Harold Davies.

The Governor Thanked.

The Chancellor, in opening the proceedings, thanked his Excellency for being present. He said a remark made by Lady Bridges at the Presbyterian Girls' College prize-giving on Monday evening reminded them that they might not have another opportunity of welcoming his Excellency as visitor to the University. Should that unfortunately be the case, he must accept their assurances of sincere regret now, and their best wishes for his future happiness and prosperity. (Applause.) A bond that would remain had been forged between them by his Excellency's admission to an ad eundem degree. They hoped it would be as much a source of pleasure to him as it was an honor to them. (Applause.) The outstanding event of the year had been the celebration of the jubilee of the University. The programme arranged for that occasion was carried out with complete success.

Losses and Gains.

The pending resignation of Professor Darnley Naylor and Professor Wood-Jones would create vacancies which would be difficult to fill. The loss they would suffer would be shared by the whole State. Never were they more fortunate than when Professors Naylor and Jones came to them, and never more unhappy than when they had announced their intention to depart. Professor Naylor was returning to England, and Professor Wood-Jones would go to Honolulu. Both would be heard of again, and they would always be proud to remember that once they were professors in the University of Adelaide. Cytoclesia might not be strong enough to draw them back, but the pull would be in their hearts nevertheless. (Applause.) Until the resignation of Professor Naylor took effect the Chair of Classics would be occupied by Dr. T. G. Tucker, Emeritus professor of classical philology in the University of Melbourne. Professor Tucker, who was the most distinguished classical scholar in Australia, had kindly consented to render this service in response to an invitation sent to him. Happily, it was not of losses alone that he had to speak. They had made important gains. Professor W. R. Han-

cock, a Fellow of All Souls, Oxford, and former Rhodes scholar, arrived during the year to take up his duties as professor of history in succession to Professor Henderson. Professor A. L. Campbell, of Sydney, who was appointed to the Chair of Law last year, entered upon his duties at the beginning of the academic year. Dr. C. S. Hicks, of Otago University, and Trinity College, Cambridge, who was appointed lecturer in human physiology and Sheridan Research Fellow, arrived in August. In recognition of his singular merits and attainments and in order to afford some relief to Professor T. Brailsford Robertson, they had created a new Chair of Human Physiology and Pharmacology, and conferred it upon Dr. Hicks. The Sheridan research fellowship would be held with the chair.

Benefactions Appreciated.

The benefactions received during the year had been of great value and importance. The first was the endowment of the Chair of Law by Sir Langdon Bonython, the University's greatest living benefactor, with the magnificent sum of £20,000. The gift enhanced the dignity of the School of Law within the University, and set free a portion of the revenue of the University, which was previously applied to the maintenance of the chair. The whole of that money would not be diverted to other purposes, but the efficiency of the school would be kept up and increased as occasion required. It was proposed to establish a separate lectureship in jurisprudence, and instruction in additional subjects was in contemplation. By a resolution of the council that chair would henceforth bear the title of "The Bonython Professorship of Law." This further proof of Sir Langdon's benevolence was deeply appreciated by the whole University and made doubly welcome the bronze bust of him by Mr. Alfred Drury, R.A., which had been generously presented by his son-in-law, Mr. Justice Angus Parsons. The next two gifts were publicly announced by him (the Chancellor) at the jubilee congregation, and he would only make passing reference to them. Sir Josiah Symon's splendid offer of £10,000 for the erection of the women's portion of the University Union, to bear the name of "The Lady Symon Building," had advanced the movement so far as to enable plans to be finally approved of, and the site to be fixed. At the last meeting of the council it was decided that tenders should be called for immediately. Sir Joseph Verco's generous gift of £5,000 for the endowment of research in the medical sciences had been devoted, in compliance with Sir Joseph's wishes, to the support of "The Australian Journal of Experimental Biology and Medical Science," which was managed for the University by the Medical Science Club of South Australia. The far-reaching effect of these benefactions would become more and more apparent as time went by. Mr. J. T. Mortlock had shown his interest in the work of the Waite Agricultural Institute by giving £2,000 for the erection of buildings or the equipment of a laboratory as the council might determine. By that act of liberality Mr. Mortlock had set an example which might be commended to all who hoped to derive benefit from the work of the institute. On behalf of the University he tendered him their grateful thanks. At the request of the Education Department the delivery of lectures at night in many subjects of the arts and science courses had been arranged. These lectures would be in addition to those given in the day time, and would be undertaken by a separate staff. The extra cost to the University would be met by an increase in the Government subsidy of £3,000. To the Government they were further indebted for the new physics engineering laboratory, which was opened by the former Premier (the Hon. J. Gunn) during the Jubilee celebration in August. That splendid addition to their buildings, the first that had been erected