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### HONOURING THE UNIVERSITY

A gratifying and unforgettable "special congregation," held in the Elder Hall, formed part of the jubilee celebrations of the University on Monday. Never before was such striking and pleasing testimony afforded to the high position attained by and the respect paid to our premier seat of learning, nor has there been before such a galaxy of scholars in the chief departments of learning gathered in South Australia's capital. Eminent representatives of the five other universities of Australia and several ancient universities of Great Britain, and many seats of higher education in the United States, South Africa, the Continent of Europe, and Asiatic countries freely paid their tributes of esteem and goodwill to South Australia's "powerhouse of the mind" (to use His Excellency's happy phrase). The occasion afforded a pleasing exhibition of the confraternity of learning—the desire of the world's savants to advance a cause they commonly have at heart by friendly intercourse and tokens of mutual regard. Adelaide and South Australia will be the more widely known in the best the most enviable sense of the word through these commemorative festivities. The accurate and comprehensive survey of the University's romantic origin and history contained in the address of the Chancellor (Sir George Murray) aroused justifiable pride in South Australians, and deeply impressed the large company of visitors. The records bore witness to the enlightened public spirit, as well as to the remarkable energy and business ability of the real-founders of the University. The graceful tribute of homage paid by the Chancellor to the self-denial and great-heartedness of the governing body of Union College, led by the Revs. James Lyall and James Jefferis, in inducing Capt. Walter Hughes to divert a proposed gift of £20,000 from the funds of the "Nonconformist" theological school to the founding of the University, formed an appropriate introduction to a fine narrative of voluntary private benefactions for the creation and upbuilding of a noble seminary of learning.

As Sir George emphasized, the formation of the University is not due to any one man, but is the result of co-operation by a very large number of persons, who understandingly, unselfishly, and harmoniously devoted time, thought and money to the undertaking. It was meet, indeed, that gratitude and admiration should be rekindled by the review of the work of high-minded citizens who, year in and year out, sought to enlarge the boundaries of our splendid teaching institution, and to ensure for it an exalted career of ever-advancing usefulness. Among the best friends of the University have been men and women who never had the advantages which this institution now offers to the youth of the State, and it is a source of satisfaction that their generous gifts have been wisely utilized and conserved, and that the University has become a mighty force for good. A feature of the oratory at the "congregation" was the stress laid upon the development by the University of character and the spirit of communal service; and His Excellency the Governor made a noteworthy point of the urgent need for cultured and trusty leaders of thought and action. "The establishment of a residential college is a great step forward," His Excellency proceeded. "It is impossible to over-rate the influence for good, both on character and culture, of residential college life." This sentiment is widely endorsed by experienced educators, and is fervently echoed by men whose lives have been enriched by the interchange of ideas, the opportunities for discus-

ion, and the enduring friendships incidental to residence and study in such colleges. It is highly desirable that St. Mark's College shall eventually be only one of several such homes for undergraduate students. Obviously, the foresight, enterprise, and business acumen which have characterized the disposal of gifts and bequests to the University have highly commended its Chancellors, Vice-Chancellors and authorities to the public, and thereby encouragements have been observable for the increase of the endowments. The announcements made of the most recent munificent gifts by Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir Joseph Verec, and Sir Josiah Symon, were heartily welcomed as indicative of the assured confidence of wealthy men and women in the excellent management of the University, and the growing public sense of the incalculable value of the University, with its staff of brilliant and devoted professors and lecturers, to the State and the Commonwealth.

Word has just been received that Dr. H. Whitridge Davies (eldest son of Professor Harold Davies) has been offered and has accepted, the appointment of Lecturer in Experimental Physiology and Pharmacology in the University of Leeds. Dr. Davies will resign the appointment he now holds in the University of Edinburgh, to take up his new work at Leeds where he will be entirely responsible for the teaching for human and applied physiology, with excellent opportunity for further research work. Since the end of the war, he has been entirely devoted to research—first at Oxford, then for one year at the Rockefeller Hospital in New York, where he held a fellowship, and subsequently at the Royal Infirmary at Edinburgh. While at Edinburgh, in co-operation with Professor Meakins, now of Montreal, Dr. Davies published an important book on the "Respiratory Function in Disease," in addition to which he has put out a good deal of other original work on metabolism. This opportunity of Dr. Davies forges another link between the University of Leeds and the University of Adelaide—Sir William Bragg having been appointed there after his resignation of the Chair of Physics in South Australia.



**PROFESSOR A. ANSTRUTHER LAWSON.**  
Sydney, who has brought greetings to the University of Adelaide from St. Andrew's, the oldest University in Scotland.

Professor J. R. Kay Moutat, M.B., B.Ch., M.Sc., M.A., D.P.H., of King Edward VII. School of Medicine, Singapore, on Monday informed a representative of The Register something of that interesting institution. The professor was formerly a demonstrator of physiology at Oxford University, and afterwards occupied a similar position at the Bristol University, at the same time acting as Professor of Pathology. Four years ago he accepted an appointment to Singapore as Assistant Principal of the school and Professor of Physiology. He said the college was very well situated, being generously financed by the Government, and, consequently, able to limit its membership to about 120. They were, therefore, able to choose out of the 200 or so applicants for

admission each year 30 of those best qualified to take advantage of the course of training the institution offered. In that respect it was totally unlike a public university, and there was no attempt to make it a paying concern from the fees of its students. Indeed, it was probable that the fees would hardly pay the salary of one of the professors, and the expenditure was therefore thousands of pounds more than the income each year. Three of the professorships had been established by the Rockefeller Foundation, and the college was therefore in a happy state financially. Speaking of the country generally, the professor said of course the climate was tropical, but not nearly as bad as it was often made out to be, and there was very little disease. Referring to the naval base, he said that great progress was being made with its construction, and already vast stores of oil had been laid in huge tanks provided for its storage. Professor Moutat will remain in Adelaide until Thursday.

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### MEN OF LEARNING

#### Distinguished Visitors Arrive

### UNIVERSITY CELEBRATIONS

Sir George Murray (Chancellor of the University of Adelaide), Prof. W. Mitchell (vice-chancellor), representatives of the Council and Senate, professors, and lecturers attended at Adelaide Railway Station today to welcome distinguished citizens and professors of universities who arrived by the express from Melbourne to participate in the jubilee celebrations of the University of Adelaide, which will begin tonight with a conversation. Noted among the passengers were:—

- Sir John MacFarland, M.A., LL.D. (Chancellor of Melbourne University, and representing the Queen's University of Belfast, Ireland); Rev. Prof. G. O'Neil, M.A., S.J. (Corpus Christi College, Werrisbee, Victoria); Prof. Alexander J. Gunn, M.A., B.Sc., M.D. (Professor of Sociology, Melbourne University, and representing Liverpool University); Prof. R. S. Wallace, M.A. (President of the Professorial Board, Melbourne University); Prof. A. J. Ewart, D.Sc., Ph.D., F.L.S., F.R.S. (Professor of Zoology and Botany, Melbourne University, and representing Birmingham University); Prof. J. B. Bridges, M.A. (Professor of Economics, Tasmania); Sir William Cullen, K.C.M.G., M.A., LL.D. (Chancellor of Sydney University); Sir Munro MacCallum, K.C.M.G., M.A., LL.D., D.Litt. (Vice-Chancellor of Sydney University); Prof. Sir Henry E. Barraclough, K.B.E., V.D., B.E., M.M.E. (Professor of Engineering Cornell University); Prof. J. R. Kay-Moutat, M.B., B.Ch., M.Sc., M.A., D.P.H. (Professor of Anthropology, King Edward VII. College of Medicine, Singapore); Sir Thomas R. Lyle, Kt., M.A., Sc.D., F.R.S. (representing Trinity College, Dublin); Prof. A. R. Radcliffe Brown, M.A. (representing Capetown University); Ven. Archdeacon Woodthorpe, M.A., F.B.S., F.R.E.S. (representing Otago, Dunedin, University).

#### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

You cannot demonstrate an emotion or prove an aspiration.—Morley.

Prof. H. C. Richards, D.Sc. (President of the Board of Faculties, Queensland University); Prof. J. L. Shellshear, D.Sc., M.B., Ch.M. (representing University of Hong Kong); Rev. W. E. Kaneen, M.A. (University of Ontario); Dr. H. L. Brose, M.A., D.Phil., B.Sc. (Lecturer in Physics, Sydney University and representing University College, Nottingham); Mr. W. Laurie Seaman, B.A. (Church of England Swartmore College).

Prof. H. S. Carslaw, D.Sc., F.R.S.E. (representing Cambridge University); Prof. A. Anstruther Lawson, D.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.S.E. (Professor of Botany, Sydney University, and representing St. Andrew's University); Dr. W. G. Duffield, D.Sc., B.A. (Cantab.) (representing the University of Reading); and Mr. J. P. Bainbridge (Registrar of Melbourne University).

#### Guest of Chancellor

Sir William Cullen, K.C.M.G. (Chancellor of the University of Sydney), who, with Lady Cullen, arrived in Adelaide by the express from Melbourne today to take part in the Jubilee Celebrations of the University of Adelaide, will be the guest of Sir George Murray, K.C.M.G. (Chancellor of the University) during his stay in the State. Other distinguished visitors will be entertained by the following:—Sir John

MacFarland, Mrs. H. H. Dutton, Kent Town; Rev. Prof. G. O'Neil, S.J., Manresa, Norwood; Archdeacon and Mrs. Woodthorpe, Dr. A. Nutter Thomas, at Bishop's Court, North Adelaide; Sir Thomas Lyle, Adelaide Club; Prof. J. L. Shellshear, Revs. W. E. Kaneen and A. Radcliffe Brown, and Mr. J. P. Bainbridge, St. Mark's College, North Adelaide; Prof. H. C. Richards, South Australian Hotel; Prof. Alexander J. Gunn, Mrs. Makin, Palmer place, North Adelaide; Prof. H. J. Carslaw, Prof. J. R. Wiltton, at Brighton.

#### Personal Notes

Prof. G. O'Neil, M.A., S.J., hails from Corpus Christi College, Werrisbee, Victoria. He will represent the National University of Ireland at the Jubilee Celebrations of the Adelaide University. The National University was formerly known as the Royal University. Prof. O'Neil was at that university for 25 years. He was met at the station by Father E. Corish (superior of the Jesuit Church of South Australia). Prof. O'Neil is an accomplished pianist. He had a special course of studies in various conservatoriums on the Continent.

Prof. J. B. Brigden, M.A. (Professor of Economics of the University of Tasmania), has been awarded the Pitt Cobbett research grant of £500. This is for research work into the relations between capital and labor, having in view the solving of the problem.

While in Adelaide he will devote much time interviewing business men and representatives of labor. He will also call on Dr. W. Jethro Brown (President of the South Australian Industrial Court) to inform his mind on industrial matters. He was a member of the commission which sat in Queensland two years ago to enquire into the productivity of industry, so that the basic wage could be assessed in relation to the productivity of Queensland.

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#### Educationist and Unionist

Trained for educational work, Mr. Reginald Arthur West is a worthy holder of one of the most influential positions in the State. As principal of Adelaide High School he controls the largest Government secondary school in Australia and exercises an influence over more than 1000 scholars.

Mr. West is a South Australian, and is a son of the late Mr. W. A. West, who was chief inspector of schools. He is president-elect of the South Australian Public Teachers' Union.

Winning an exhibition at Norwood School, Mr. West went to Prince Alfred College, and from there he went to the University and took the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. In 1902 he was awarded the Roby Fletcher prize in psychology and logic. When he had taken his Bachelor of Arts degree he joined the Education Department, and was sent to the Pupil Teachers' School, which



Mr. R. A. West

was in the building now occupied by Adelaide High School. There were then about 100 scholars.

In 1908 it was transformed into a high school, and from a roll of 300 it has grown to its present size, taking children from all parts of the State. Mr. West has remained at the school throughout his career, and received his present appointment in 1920, when Mr. W. J. Adey was made Superintendent of Secondary Education.

The prestige of the school has always been high. Seven Rhodes scholars have gone from its ranks, and it has always had an excellent record at examinations.

That Mr. West is held in high esteem by his colleagues is shown by the fact that he is president of the High School Male Teachers' Union and of the High School Head Masters' Association. For 18 months he has represented the high schools on the executive committee of the Public Teachers' Union. He is a keen follower of school sport.