

which is very costly, and has under the new order of things lost its peculiar significance and value excepting to those now in practice who will reap the easily-earned fruits of it. We do not dispute that for a young man wishing to start in legal business the practical experience he gains in a lawyer's office and the acquaintances he forms are well worth the premium he pays for his articles, and that when he has gone through them he will have an advantage over a young man who has not been articulated; but what we urge is that the articles should not be compulsory. The University is for the purpose, not of giving practical experience, but imparting knowledge and certifying to knowledge, and with these two last objects articles have no necessary connection.

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#### **UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.**

A number of candidates, bachelors of the University of Adelaide and graduates of other universities, whose applications had been approved by the council of the University, were admitted to their degrees at a meeting held at the University on Wednesday afternoon, April 4. There was a large attendance of members of the University and the general public. The Hon. S. J. Way (chancellor) presided, being supported by Sir Henry Ayers (treasurer of the University), and Dr. Gosse (warden of the senate). The Rev. W. R. Fletcher, M.A., introduced the various candidates to the chairman.

Mr. William Ernest Cooke was admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Arts, the Chancellor congratulating him on the admirable examination he had passed. Mr. Donald Alexander Kerr was also admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Arts; Mr. Thomas Eggleston Thomas, M.A., of the Melbourne University, was admitted to a similar degree here; Dr. James Dunlop Dunlop, B.M., of the Edinburgh University, was admitted to the Adelaide University; and a similar honor was conferred on Dr. Archibald Alexander Hamilton, B.M., of the Dublin University, and Dr. Benjamin Poulton, B.M., of the Melbourne University. The following gentlemen were admitted to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts:—Messrs. Andrew Scott, B.A., Melbourne University; Cecil John Sharp, B.A., Cambridge University; Joseph Tregilgas Sunter, Melbourne University; Aretas Young, Oxford University. Mr. Arthur Donaldson was introduced as the gentleman recommended to receive the South Australian scholarship. The CHANCELLOR said—I congratulate you, Mr. Donaldson, on having obtained the highest educational distinction which can be obtained in South Australia. I trust that in your career in England you will not only gain distinction for yourself, but for the University at which you have graduated. (Applause.) The winners of the University scholarships were Messrs. W. E. Tucker, W. J. Walker, and C. E. Robin, the latter of

whom was absent. The CHANCELLOR congratulated Masters Tucker and Walker, and wished them every success in their University career. The next presentation was that of Miss Edith Emily Dornwell and Miss Mary Adelaide McCullagh Knight, who were the winners of the prizes offered by Sir Thos. Elder for physiology. The CHANCELLOR said—I congratulate you sincerely on your having obtained the prizes for physiology which were offered by the University in consequence of the munificence of Sir Thos. Elder. The prizes I understand you have elected to take in the shape of microscopes, and they will shortly be presented to you.

This having concluded the presentations, the CHANCELLOR said—Ladies and gentlemen—The prizes which I have just had the pleasure of awarding mark a somewhat significant circumstance in the history of the first Australian University which has received Her Majesty's charter to grant degrees to women. (Applause.) One of the ladies, I understand, intends to prosecute her studies in some other university than this—I refer to Miss Knight. Miss Dornwell is not only in the first class in this matriculation, but she is also an undergraduate student of the University of Adelaide, who has addressed herself to obtain a degree in the faculty of science. (Applause.) There are one or two matters with respect to the progress of the University which I will take this opportunity of naming. The first is that in the future the principal examination for degrees takes place in December. The principal meeting also, for the purpose of awarding degrees when the work of the year is thus over, will be held in that month, and it will be known, not by the Cambridge name of commencement, but as the commemoration—the term used by the University of Oxford. There will also be held early in April or late in March a formal meeting for the purpose of admitting candidates to degrees. I may take this opportunity of expressing on behalf of His Excellency the Governor his regret that he is not able to be present on this occasion. His Excellency, as you are aware, has been engaged on official duty in the south-east, but like his predecessors, Sir Anthony Musgrave and Sir Wm. Jervois, Sir Wm. Robinson takes a warm and sincere interest in the success and welfare of this University, and it is his intention he informs me to attend our first commemoration in December next, when it will give great pleasure to him to deliver a suitable address. (Applause.) The acceptance of the resignation of the late Chancellor of the University, who has held an official connection with the University from its foundation, first as vice-chancellor, and afterwards by unanimous election twice as chancellor, has been accepted. I am sure I express the feelings of all the members of the University when I say that we have all been deeply sensible of the lustre which has been shed upon the University by the scholarship and the valuable character of the late chancellor, and that we are all deeply sensible of the value of his sagacious counsels and experience in forming the constitution of the University, as well as his zealous and ungrudging exertions on its behalf. (Applause.) I am sure it will be of satisfaction to all the members of the University to know that the portrait bust of his lordship, which was subscribed for by over 6,000 of his fellow-colonists, for the purpose of expressing their admiration of his career in this colony, is now being completed after the plaster model which was made by the late Marshall Wood, and will shortly find an appropriate resting-place in this hall. (Applause.) I am sure also that I express the feelings of every member of the University in saying that we all hope that his Lordship will long enjoy his well-earned repose from active life, and the satisfaction which must be derived from the contemplation of a long, a useful, and a distinguished career. (Applause.) The acceptance of the resignation of the late chancellor made it necessary for the members of the council to elect a successor, and the council unanimously did me the honor of electing me to the position. (Applause.) I am sure that while I do not