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A meeting of the council of the University of Adelaide was held on Friday afternoon. The members present were the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, the Rev. Dr. Paton, the Rev. Dr. Jefferis, Dr. Verco, Professor Rennie, Mr. F. Ayers, Dr. Lendon, Mr. Barr Smith, Mr. G. J. R. Murray, Mr. Symon, and Professor Mitchell.

The finance committee reported that they had elected the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Barlow) to be chairman of the committee for 1897.

The faculties of arts and science reported the election of Professor Bensly and Professor Bragg, dean of the faculty of arts and faculty of science, respectively, for 1897.

The education committee reported that they had elected the Chancellor chairman and the Vice-Chancellor deputy-chairman of the committee for 1897.

The board of musical studies reported that they had re-elected Professor Ives chairman of the board for 1897.

The reports of the faculties of medicine, arts, science, education committee, and board of musical studies on fees due to additional examiners, were approved.

The report of the education committee recommending the admission of Mr. W. H. Wall, Mus. Bac., Oxon., *ad undem gradum*, was adopted.

The reports of the education committee submitting draft of the annual report for 1897 was ordered to lie on the table till the next meeting, and report submitting programme for the commemoration was approved.

The following report of the education committee was adopted:—

The education committee have the honor to recommend that the following scale of marks be adopted for the Angas Engineering Exhibition Examination, and that they be inserted in the calendar.

Modern languages.—French 300, German 400.

Mathematics (pure and applied).—1,000.

Science.—Chemistry 400, physics 500, physical geography and geology 300.

Your committee also recommend that the following additions be made to the details of subjects for this examination in March, 1898:—

Physics.—Candidates will be asked to perform some simple experiments such as are described in Worthington's "First course of laboratory practice."

Chemistry.—Candidates will be asked to analyse simple salts, soluble in water or acid, containing not more than one acid and one base.

The reports of the boards of examiners submitting results of the LL.B., M.B., B.A., B.Sc., Mus. Bac., advanced course in music, practice of music, higher public, scholarships, and junior and senior public examinations, and recommending the award of prizes and scholarships were approved.

The council elected the undermentioned committees for 1897:—

Education Committee.—The Bishop of Adelaide, Dr. Jefferis, Rev. Dr. Paton, Dr. Stirling, Professor Rennie, Professor Mitchell, and Mr. G. J. R. Murray.

Finance Committee.—The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Sir Charles Todd, Mr. Barr Smith, Mr. Symon, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. G. J. R. Murray.

The Library Committee.—The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Stirling, Rev. Dr. Paton, Mr. Barr Smith, Dr. Verco, Mr. G. J. R. Murray, Mr. Symon, and Professor Mitchell.

The undermentioned members of the council were elected members of the various faculties for 1897:—

Faculty of Laws.—Mr. F. Ayers and Mr. G. J. R. Murray.

Faculty of Medicine.—Dr. Stirling, Dr. Lendon, and Professor Rennie.

Faculty of Arts.—The Bishop of Adelaide, Rev. Dr. Paton, and Mr. J. Henderson.

Faculty of Science.—Sir Charles Todd, Rev. Dr. Jefferis, and Professor Rennie.

Board of Musical Studies.—Rev. Dr. Paton, Dr. Verco, and Mr. F. Ayers.

Mr. T. N. Stephens was re-elected a member of the board of musical studies for 1897.

The certificates of degrees to be conferred at the commemoration were sealed in the presence and by direction of the council.

Warrants authorising the payments of sums amounting to £911 3s. 1d. were approved.



THE UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATION.

Admission

17/12/96

The annual granting of degrees yesterday presented no special features of interest, unless negative ones. The state of things which won for the library of the University the reputation of being the worst-ventilated hall in Adelaide has now been removed; otherwise it would go hard with the gathering which crowds the room to suffocation. Especially with ladies is the spectacle popular, and it really seems that arrangements will have to be made either to regulate the number admitted, or, preferably, to render possible the convenient reception of all-comers. Yesterday the seats humorously said to be "reserved for the Senate" were entirely filled by desperate late arrivals, to the confusion of those grave and reverend signiors when they marched in at the appointed time. And when the professors, the Council, and all that there is of dignified and distinguished in the University form their procession, it greatly detracts from the dignity of the proceedings that they have to press in single file along a lane made with difficulty through the standing crowd; further, owing to the plan of the hall, those standing must completely block the view of perhaps one-third of those seated. If a larger building cannot well be made use of, it will be advisable in future to regulate admission by ticket. The Governor was not present, and there were for once no graduates of other universities to be admitted to the same rank here, for there proved to be no foundation in the rumor of certain applications of this nature which might have given cause for a demonstration by the students. These last, again, were only moderately vivacious. The former foolish interruptions by alarm-clocks at uncertain intervals were fortunately wanting, and such ebullitions of undergraduate feeling as there were could be easily tolerated by the persons most concerned. Mr. F. L. Stow came in, and rightly, for a special demonstration when he received the only Stow medal in existence. Stow prizemen are frequent enough, but a medallist is another matter, and it is pleasant to find the distinction taken by a son of him in whose honor it was founded—the late Mr. Justice Stow, to whose ability the Chancellor of the University, his associate at the Bar and on the Bench, bore eloquent testimony. The triumph of the negative in yesterday's proceedings was the omission, owing to the absence of Professor Bensly, of the usual professorial address, a feature always much appreciated if not too severely technical. Not so long ago, a crowded assemblage applauded Professor Boulger's eloquent diction when he defined lyrical poetry as "that which plays upon the strings of the human heart," and broke into delighted laughter the next moment when he smote upon his breast, and said, "the lyre, Sir, is here." A similar brilliant gathering listened with reverent awe to Dr. Stir-