

Adventures 17/12/96

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

COMMEMORATION DAY.

The commemoration of the University of Adelaide was held in the library on Wednesday afternoon, December 16, the Chancellor (His Honor the Chief Justice) presiding. There was a very large attendance, the doorway and passages and the adjoining classroom being crowded, and ladies were specially prominent. The students were present in force, the Medical School displaying a black banner with a skull and crossbones and a black pall labelled "Medical School." The Chancellor was supported on the platform by the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Barlow), and the Warden of the Senate (Mr. F. Chapple, B.A. B.Sc.). The professorial staff of the University, the members of the council, the Registrar of the University (Mr. C. R. Hodge), and numerous graduates were present.

CONFERMENT OF DEGREES.

The deans of the faculties presented the candidates to the Chancellor for the conferment of degrees.

Henry Gordon Liddon Simpson and Philip Mesmer Newland were presented by Mr. F. Ayers, M.A., and admitted to the LL.B. degree.

Henry Simpson Newland, Bronte Smeaton, Allan James Campbell, Archibald Way Campbell, Rupert Walter Hornabrook, and James Linklater Thomson Isbister were presented by Dr. Lendon and admitted to the M.B. and Ch.B. degrees.

William Reynolds Bayly, Sydney Chapman Lang, Lionel Joseph Robertson, and James Beith Wilson were presented by Professor Mitchell and admitted to the B.A. degree.

Thomas Alexander Thompson and Francis Seavington Stuckey were presented by Dr. Rennie and admitted to the B.Sc. degree.

Edward Harold Davies was presented by Professor Ives and admitted to the Mus. Bac. degree.

William Henry Wale, Mus. Bac., Oxford, was, in his absence, on the affirmation of Professor Ives, admitted *ad eundem gradum*.

THE STOW MEDALLIST.

The Stow medallist, Francis Leslie Stow, was then presented by Mr. F. Ayers, M.A.

The CHANCELLOR, in presenting the medal, said—This medal was won in 1892, but the presentation has been long delayed because at the time it was won there was no medal ready to present. There was also a difficulty as to the design, but this has been fortunately solved by Mr. Fred Ayers, the dean of the faculty of law, who undertook to make a design and had it executed at his own cost. The medal has thus an additional value in being a gift from the head of the faculty to which you belong. It has on one side a portrait of the distinguished judge in whose honor the scholarship was founded. In order to win the Stow scholarship and the medal it is necessary for a candidate to obtain the Stow prize three years in succession. That distinguished honor has

been won once only since the scholarship was founded eight years ago, and you are the only Stow medallist. (Cheers.) Two men, Mr. Hewitson and Mr. Ash, have taken the Stow prize two years in succession, but they failed to win it in the third. The scholarship was founded in memory of your honored father, with whom I was for many years associated in practice at the bar, and I never had a more worthy competitor or antagonist. Afterwards we spent three happy years together on the bench of the Supreme Court of South Australia. During the whole of my career, and in all my experience in England, America, and on the Continent of Europe I have never met an advocate with more surprising gifts than were possessed by the late Mr. Stow. I have known no one with the same rare combination of gifts and qualifications for the high

office of advocate. He was no less distinguished as a judge, and to his friends it seems a singularly fortunate circumstance that the only holder of this honor should be the son of the late Mr. Justice Stow, and that his son's name will always stand first in the honorable list of Stow scholarships in the University of Adelaide as long as this University endures. Mr. Stow, I can wish you no greater good fortune than that your career may remind us of your father's distinguished qualities. (Cheers.)

PRESENTATIONS.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law then presented to the Chancellor the Stow prizemen—Alfred Burton Hardy (student in laws of the second year), Frederick William Young (student in laws of the third year), Henry Gordon Liddon Simpson (student in laws of the fourth year).

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine presented to the Chancellor the winners of Sir Thomas Elder's prizes for physiology—Francis Josiah Bonnin (student in medicine of the first year), Arthur Geoffrey Owen (student in medicine of the second year); also the Dr. Davies Thomas scholars—Julian Augustus Romaine Smith (student in medicine of the third year), Allan Elliott Randell (student in medicine of the fourth year).

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine presented to the Chancellor the Everard scholars—Henry Simpson Newland, Bronte Smeaton (equal).

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts presented to the Chancellor the John Howard Clark scholar, Edward Clyde Padman; and the Roby Fletcher scholar, James Watson Brown.

The CHANCELLOR then declared the commemoration closed.

JUNIOR MUSICAL EXAM.

Advers TO THE EDITOR. 4/12/96

Sir—As a teacher of many years' standing I was somewhat surprised to find that the majority of the pupils I sent up this year failed, and I can attribute it to no other cause than the professor raising the standard. This I consider grossly unfair to teachers, as they were not informed that such a course was to be taken. Another matter. It would be much more satisfactory if the results of the exams. could be obtained by the teacher, so that they could see in which particular branch they were weak, and thus rectify their deficiency at a future exam. But you pay a guinea for what? Twenty minutes, and in some cases only 10 minutes, spent in playing a piece, reading at sight, examination in elements, scales, &c. In the course of a few days you get the report published in the papers, pass or otherwise; nothing to guide you as to the percentage of marks for the different subjects examined in. Another thing I find fault with is the professor asking junior candidates senior questions. For instance, contrary motion in scales, scales in thirds and sixths, also questions on intervals, I consider too far in elements of music for juniors.—I am, &c.,

DISSATISFIED.

THE ELDER SCHOLAR.—A letter has been received at the Adelaide University from Sir Hubert Parry, Principal of the London College of Music, stating that the College authorities have decided to extend the scholarship to Mr. H. M. W. Kennedy, the last Elder Scholar, for another year, as he appears to be making such good progress.

Mr. H. M. Wallage Kennedy made his debut before a Richmond audience last week, with Mr. Playford as one of the audience. In the ordinary course Mr. Kennedy's scholarship ends next Easter, but the Board of Directors have been kind enough to allow him an extension of a year.