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UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATION.—The Commemoration will be held at the University of Adelaide on Wednesday, when candidate Bachelors of this University, and graduates of other Universities will be admitted to degrees. Admission will be by ticket, except to members of the Council and Senate. Only members of the Council, Senate, and ticket-holders will be admitted up to 3 p.m., when the doors will be opened and the public admitted. His Excellency the Governor has signified his intention of being present. The Senate and Council will leave the Museum at 3 p.m., and proceed to the Library in the following order:—The Senate, the Clerk of the Senate, Bachelors of Music, Bachelors of Science, Bachelors of Arts, Bachelors of Medicine, Bachelors of Laws, Masters of Arts, Doctors of Science, Doctors of Medicine, Doctors of Laws, the Warden of the Senate, the Professorial Staff of the University, the Council, the Registrar of the University, the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor. The Deans of the Faculties will present the candidates in their respective faculties to the Chancellor, who will confer degrees on the undermentioned candidates:—Richard Sanders Rogers, M.A. degree; Frederick William Young, Herbert Angas Parsons, LL.B. degree; William Charles Annells, Albert Sydney Devenish, Ireton Elliot Giles, Edward Clyde Padman, B.A. degree; Charles Francis Stephens, B.Sc. degree; Florence Way Campbell, Mus. Bac. degree. Graduates of other Universities who are to be admitted *ad eundem gradum* are Frederick William Richards, LL.D., University of London; Richard Sanders Rogers, M.D., University of Edinburgh; Rev. Lionel Payne Crawford, M.A., University of Oxford; Rev. Arthur George Bainbridge West, M.A., University of Oxford; Rev. Alfred Wheeler, M.A., University of Cambridge; John William Salmond, LL.B., University of London; John Francis Souter, M.B., University of Aberdeen; Edward Angas Johnson, M.B. and Ch.B., Allan Elliott, Randell, M.B. and Ch.B., Violet May Plummer, M.B., Harold Maund Evans, Frederic John Chapple, M.B., University of Melbourne; Alexander Gosse Hay, B.A., University of Cambridge. There will be presented to the Chancellor the Stow prizeman, Frederick William Young (student in Laws of the fourth year); the Dr Davies Thomas Scholar, Arthur Geoffrey Owen (student in Medicine of the third year); the Stow Scholar, Frederick William Young; the John Howard Clark Scholar, Samuel Walter Goode; and the Roby Fletcher Scholar, Ethel Roby Holder. Professor Bensly will deliver the annual address.

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THE UNIVERSITY YEAR.

On Wednesday the University will hold its annual commemoration. In other words, it will call its friends around it and give to the community an account of its stewardship in the work of higher education for the year 1897. His Excellency the Governor has promised to be present, and the Chancellor will preside for the first time since the dignity of his Privy Councillorship has been bestowed upon him. The list of medical degrees to be conferred shows that, from this particular point of view, the University of Adelaide is for all apparent purposes wiped out of existence. Among the "graduates of other Universities who are to be admitted *ad eundem gradum*" are five Bachelors of Medicine—two of whom will also take the degree of Bachelor of Surgery—from the University of Melbourne; and these are our own Adelaide students who were sent into exile on account of the Ministry's introduction of political bias into the management of the Hospital. The bulk of the instruction imparted to these new practitioners was given by the Professors and lecturers in the University of Adelaide; and yet our neighbours in Melbourne officially receive the whole credit of their graduation. This fact indicates a bitter humiliation for the colony. It is pitiful that, after having so laboriously built up the structure of a University curriculum in medicine, the people of South Australia are obliged to send their students elsewhere to receive that final instruction, and the collegiate *imprimatur* which—almost entirely through the reckless stubbornness of one man, and the moral cowardice of those who should check him—can no longer be given here. The degree of LL.D. conferred *honoris causâ* upon Mr. Kingston while he was in England entitles him to take the same status in the University of Adelaide; and if he should avail himself of the opportunity the demonstrations of practical irony will have reached their climax. The Premier's reception by the students would naturally be embarrassing in its cordiality. University students appreciate a good joke.

Several years have passed since the new graduates in arts were comparatively so numerous as they are this year. In the Arts School four students are taking their Bachelors' degrees, and one his Master's degree. There is also one graduate in science. The fact is very noteworthy in the history of the University, because it marks the success of the liberal and enlightened policy adopted two or three years ago with the object of increasing the classes in pure learning in contrast to the education merely preparatory to an entrance upon professional careers. Lawyers and doctors take their

University courses as part of their apprenticeship to the businesses of their lives, but a true University should aim at something higher than imparting the kind of instruction and granting the classes of degrees and certificates which act as passports for the holders into the ranks of certain professions. It ought to minister also to the wants of those who seek education purely or mainly for its own sake, and who feel that culture of the mind brings its own reward, altogether apart from monetary considerations. We repeat that the increasing preponderance of the arts and science graduates' list is partly due to the adoption of a more liberal policy by the University itself. Under the scheme agreed to on the recommendation of a joint committee of the Council and of the Senate, fresh encouragement was given to students unable to attend the day classes. Evening

lectures were organized according to a plan suggested by several of the professors; so that, whether students attended by day or by night, they could generally complete their due courses in three or four years. At the same time scholarships were established with the idea of encouraging those who were handicapped by having to earn their living during the day, as well as those able to devote their whole time to their studies. This scheme has been specially appreciated by the teachers living within a moderate distance of the University, and its influence upon the work of earnest students will doubtless continue to widen in the future.

The first lady Bachelor of Music to win her degree in Australia is Miss Florence Way Campbell, daughter of the Hon. Dr. Campbell and niece of the Chancellor. The establishment of the proposed Conservatorium will probably result in a rapid increase of musical students able to add to their theoretical knowledge a sufficient degree of executant skill and originaive talent to permit them to complete the requirements for the degree. The professional lectures in music were begun in the early part of 1885, and it certainly seems somewhat disappointing to find that the School of Music should not have turned out more than three graduates in thirteen years. The main purpose of the Conservatorium should be to encourage and assist students in the really advanced stages of the musical art rather than to provide cheap music lessons for girls and boys. Particularly regarding pianoforte - playing there is urgent need for the presence of a maestro whose name will carry weight among authorities beyond the limits of the colony, if not also in England and on the Continent. The usual course of advertising in