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Mr. H. J. Priest, B.A., B.Sc., is visiting Adelaide for the Christmas vacation, and is staying with his relatives at Forestville. Mr. Priest, who had a brilliant career at the Adelaide University, subsequently interested himself in science, and, when Professor Bragg went away, was selected as one of the acting professors in his place. About 12 years ago Mr. Priest visited Europe and gained a wider experience of his work, but the call of the homeland brought him to Australia again. At Perth he was induced to spend a few months in the capacity of lecturer to their university, and then accepted an appointment to lecture upon mathematics at the University of Queensland. Mr. Priest previously combined physics with mathematics, but found so much to cover in the wide sphere of the latter subject, that he gave himself to it entirely. The Queensland University is a young institution, for its tenth anniversary was celebrated this year. Excellent results are being obtained, and there are now about 300 students enrolled. An external department has been introduced for the purpose of facilitating an educational course for dwellers in places remote from the metropolitan centre. Two special correspondents attend the various lectures, and a précis of them is compiled, and thus isolated students may keep in touch with the university course. Later on, it is hoped to further cater for country dwellers by establishing university colleges in centres beyond the confines of the city. Mr. Priest spoke in high terms of the standard maintained in learning at the university. He also praised the climate of Brisbane, and said he could personally attest to its health-giving properties. Chatting about his native city, the visitor referred to the steady progress which he could observe upon every return home. Mr. Priest dwelt upon Adelaide's reputation in the other States for consistent advancement and business stability. He spoke, with pleasure, of noting the handsome buildings that were gradually replacing some of the more primitive structures, and considered that there was an atmosphere of briskness and alertness everywhere that presaged an auspicious future for this most southerly capital of the Commonwealth, and which, he considered, justified its title of the City of Culture.

**THE DENTAL BOARD.**  
On Tuesday the registrar of the Dental Board of South Australia, who acted as returning-officer, received nominations of candidates to serve on the board for the two years' term, commencing on January 10. Drs. H. S. Newland and Bronte Smeaton were elected unopposed as medical members, and Dr. E. J. Coulter and Mr. F. M. Swan were elected unopposed as dental members.

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**DENTISTS AND DENTISTS.**  
Five hundred dentists are leaving the British Dental Association and forming a new organization, to be called the British Society of Dental Surgeons. They claim that the Dental Association has admitted members who have no medical training, and the new society will make specialized training and hospital experience a condition of membership.

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## THE UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATION.

Between the clamor of political contention, mingling with the echoes of industrial strife, and the stir and excitement among the rising generation as the primary and secondary schools and the higher seats of learning go into recess after taking stock of their twelve-months' work, the closing month of the year presents a curious contrast. Christmas is at hand, the season dedicated to the sentiments of peace and goodwill among men; but those who are in the world of politics and business know, and those who have been preparing for the serious duties of life can see, if willing to spare a moment from their immediate interests, that while the influence of religion may ameliorate and moralise, it cannot abolish the elements of rivalry and struggle which must be counted among the stern realities of an active and ever-progressive civilisation. Never more than in the present age of increasing population, and especially in young countries, like Australia, which lack the accumulated means for the support of a leisured class, has there been a clearer recognition of the importance of education as an equipment for doing most efficiently what must be done in order that both the individual and the State may hold their own in a universal contest. Naturally, therefore, a kind of bias in favor of what are called the bread-and-butter studies, whether they prepare for an industrial or a professional career, is observable in all our teaching institutions. It is, of course, particularly prominent in the School of Mines and Industries, which last week held its annual demonstration, but, though in another way, the University illustrates the same tendency to give to education a utilitarian bent. The large number of degrees awarded at the commemoration yesterday in law, medicine, science, and engineering points to the need of the majority of students to associate with the pursuit of general culture the acquisition of the special knowledge required to qualify them for the professions in which they propose to earn their livelihood. Even the arts course is to a growing extent utilised as a training for scholastic duty.

The interesting ceremonies over which the Chancellor presided at the Elder Hall in the afternoon, and at which his Excellency the Governor was present in his capacity of Visitor of the University, was preceded by a luncheon tendered to the new graduates by the Graduates' Association, when Mr. W. A. Magarey improved the occasion by reminding those who have gained their degrees of the difficulties and responsibilities that lie

before them. So hard to win are these academic distinctions, so protracted and laborious the studies imposed on the students by the high standards of the University, that it would be excusable if some made, if only momentarily, the mistake of supposing that the degrees are ends in themselves. In reality they are, of course, only means to an end, and this is equally true, whether culture has been sought for its own sake, for the enrichment of the mind and the disciplining of the intellectual powers, or to provide the necessary equipment for the practice of a profession. The new graduate has not "arrived;" he has only completed an essential part of the journey. Education, in fact, whether technical or other, may rightly be regarded as a tool, for the accomplishment of the work which, as Mr. Magarey cheerfully reminded the new graduates, will, if done in the right spirit, bring the coveted success in life. The University, as the Chancellor's speech at the commemoration showed, fills in the life of the community a larger space than ever. Thanks to liberal support by the Government, and the generous donations and bequests of private benefactors, it has greatly widened the circle of its activities in recent years, and yesterday additional gifts were announced which will enable it to minister even more successfully to the educational needs of the community. Mrs. Marks, the deceased widow of Mr. G. R. Marks, of Hindmarsh, has bequeathed a sum of £30,000, and the late Mrs. A. M. Simpson and Miss A. F. Keith-Sheridan, sisters of the late Mr. J. B. Sheridan, formerly a leading member of the Adelaide Bar, have left to the University an estate which is estimated to be worth about £20,000. With these welcome additions to the financial resources of the institution, and the splendid gifts of the late Mr. Peter Waite now available for use, it may be expected that the University will be able to develop its educational policy in more than one direction. A new phase of its work likely to prove of much value to the State will be the further contribution to the cause of agricultural education and research rendered possible by the Waite bequest.

The University is on a democratic basis in harmony with the institutions of the State and the requirements of its people. In the growing extent to which advantage is taken of the facilities it offers for higher education may be seen evidence that the service it renders meets with increasing popular appreciation. Doubtless the future will witness many new developments, heightening its value as an instrument of broad and liberal culture, and a centre of research in every branch of knowledge. The time may not be distant when the movement, already started, for the establishment of residential colleges, will reach its first objective, and begin to provide that academic "atmosphere" which has been found so beneficial to students at older and more wealthy seats of learning. Though, in its early days, the University has, from the pressure of public need, bestowed special attention on the courses of instruction which fit the students for professional careers, it has never neglected the literae humaniores, and the means at its command for giving the broad and liberal education which would fulfil Matthew Arnold's ideal of "sweetness and light" are being continually extended. The fine address of Professor Darnley Naylor yesterday on "The Evolution of Language" was an illustration of the ripe scholarship which the University can place at the disposal of the student who desires not only an equipment for the practical tasks of life in a community dependent on material achievement for its existence, but also an acquaintance with those branches of learning which are valuable for their own sake, as inexhaustible sources of intellectual interest and enlightenment.

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Professor R. W. Chapman, M.A., B.Sc., and Messrs. L. C. Cornish, R. L. E. Bosworth, B.Sc., and G. D. Moore, B.Sc., have been re-appointed to be the Board of Examiners for Surveyors.

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# THE UNIVERSITY.

## TWO SPLENDID LEGACIES. IN FURTHERANCE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE.

The University of Adelaide has received a legacy of £30,000 under the will of Mrs. Jane Marks, of Hindmarsh West, to be devoted to the interests of the medical school; also a gift of property valued at £20,000, from the estate jointly owned by the late Mrs. A. M. Simpson and her sister, Miss A. F. Keith-Sheridan, intended for the advancement of medical research.

In announcing the receipt of these benefactions at the annual commemoration on Wednesday, the Chancellor (Sir George Murray) said much of the present prosperity of the University was due to the generous aid given to it from time to time by Parliament, and more especially by the Parliament now in session; but the University owed its origin to private liberality, and it was satisfactory to note that the springs of private beneficence had not dried up. Instances freshest in their memory were the splendid gifts of Mr. Peter Waite, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mrs. Charles Jury, and the family of the late Mr. John Darling. He had now to announce two others, which were entitled to rank with these. The first was a legacy of £30,000, free of duty, under the will of Mrs. Jane Marks, of Grange-road, Hindmarsh West, who died recently, for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of her late husband, Mr. George Richard Marks, and herself, and for the better endowment of the medical school. The income of the legacy was to be applied either in founding a professorship or scholarships to bear the name of Marks, or in such other manner as the council of the University might from time to time think best in the interests of the medical school. (Applause.) The second was a gift of property, which was owned jointly by the late Mrs. A. M. Simpson and her sister, Miss A. F. Keith-Sheridan during their lives, which by arrangement between them was to be devised by the survivor to the University for the advancement of medical research. The value of these gifts was estimated by the executors at about £20,000. (Applause.) By these bounteous endowments, which appeared to him to be so wisely placed, the prestige to the medical school of the



Mrs. Marks.

University, now very high, could not fail to be vastly increased. (Applause.)

Mrs. Marks, who died on December 5, at the age of 80 years, was the widow of Mr. George R. Marks, who died about three years ago. In the early days he conducted a pottery works at Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, and when the sewerage system at Adelaide created a demand for pipes, he established works at Hindmarsh, where he was the first manufacturer in South Australia to turn out the pipes by machinery. Mr. Marks, who was most successful in his business, did not take an active part in public affairs, but in his quiet life he was very highly respected. Both he and Mrs. Marks made many friends, and they assisted charities to a large extent. Mrs. Marks had been an invalid for some years prior to her death. She had no family.