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# ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE.

CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING.



THE OPENING CEREMONY.

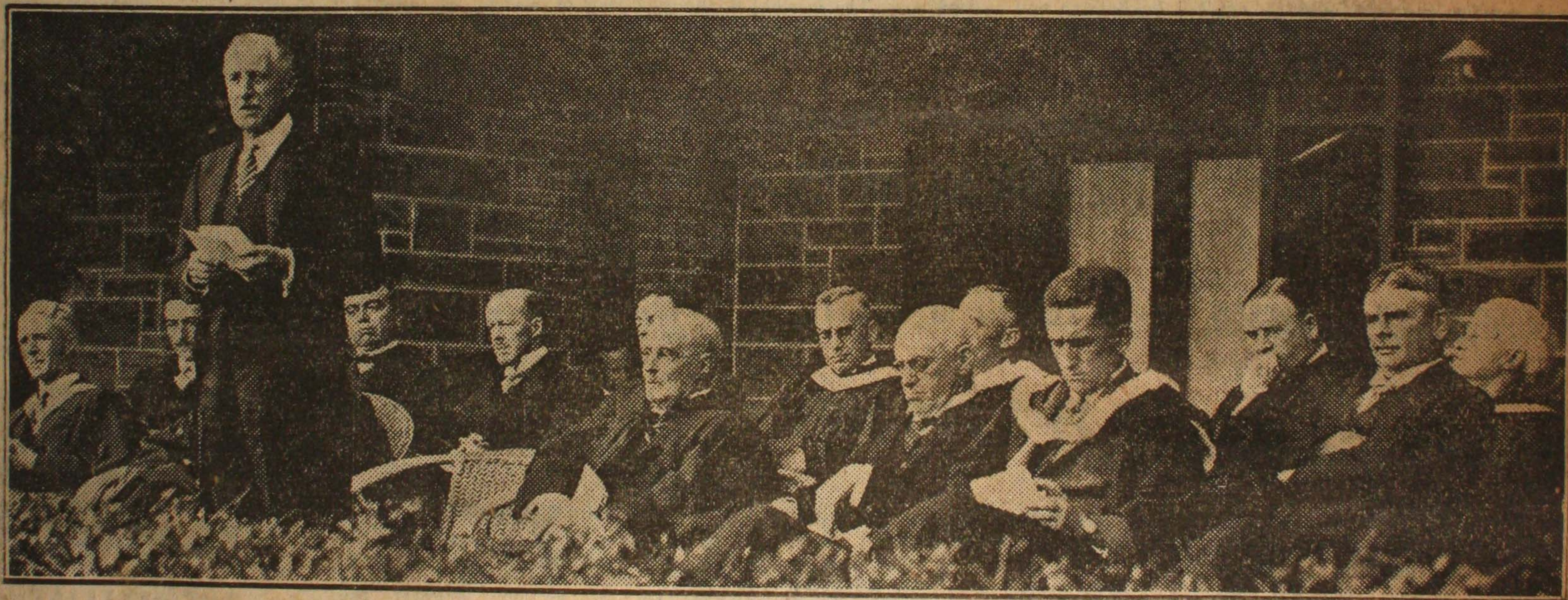
At the Classical Association's annual meeting held at the University on Friday night, Mr. D. H. Hollidge was in the chair. Officers elected:—Sir George Murray (patron), Mr. D. H. Hollidge (president), Sir William Mitchell Sir Archibald Strong, Professor McK. Stewart, Professor W. K. Hancock, Rev. K. J. F. Bickelsteth, and Mr. W. R. Bayly (vice-president), Miss P. Gillman, Messrs. J. Cramp-ton and G. A. McMillan (committee), Miss V. M. Grosvenor (treasurer), Mr. J. H. McIntosh (secretary). A letter was read from the English Classical Association cordially congratulating the Adelaide society upon the work done last year.

The principal of Parkin College (Rev. E. S. Kiek, M.A., B.D.) spoke informatively on the textual criticism of the New Testament. He stressed that though the original autographs had long since perished, we had hundreds of manuscripts in Greek, mostly dating from the fourth century. Numerous quotations from the New Testament were buried in the voluminous writings of the Greek and Latin Fathers, quotations in those of the ante-Nicene period being especially valuable. All these manuscripts and quotations had to be collated for purposes of comparison. Thus was secured a scientific arrangement of the available evidence called "a critical apparatus." The task of the textual critic was to secure from the collated readings a text corresponding as nearly as possible to the original. It was comforting to realize that no serious textual difficulties existed regarding any passage of the New Testament vitally bearing on fact or doctrine. Principal Kiek then dealt with the Codex Sinaiticus, discovered as recently as 1884, and the oldest known text, the Codex Vaticanus, dating from the fourth century. The British Museum had the Codex Alexandrinus, a fifth century production. With so many manuscripts available, and aided by the critical apparatus provided by modern research, much could be learned from to-day's textual criticism of the New Testament.

St. Andrew's College, Mitcham, which is affiliated with the University of Adelaide, was declared open by his Excellency the Governor yesterday afternoon. The college was founded in 1927 by the members of the family of Sir John Duncan and Dame Jean Duncan, in order to perpetuate their memory by transforming their former residence and grounds of 19 acres into a residential college, in affiliation with the University of Adelaide, and in connection with the Presbyterian Church of South Australia.

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THE GOVERNOR DELIVERING HIS SPEECH.

Those who appear in the photograph, from left to right, are:—Prof. J. McKeellar Stewart, Captain G. H. Vorney, A.D.C., his Excellency the Governor, Professor A. L. Campbell, Mr. J. T. Gordon, the Chairman of the College Council (Mr. W. J. Isbister, K.C.), the Rev. Dr. J. A. Seymour, the Chancellor of the University (Sir George Murray), the Master of St. Andrew's (Mr. R. R. P. Barbour), Mr. M. A. Fotheringham, the Hon. W. G. Duncan, and the Rev. Dr. George Davidson.