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THE UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATION.

As usual the University Library was too small to hold the large gathering which assembled there to see the ceremony connected with the annual conferment of degrees which took place on Wednesday afternoon. Among those present were his Excellency the Governor and the Premier. The proceedings lasted about an hour and a half. Dr. Rogers was heartily congratulated by the Chancellor when admitting him to the ranks and privileges of a master of arts, and so was Miss Campbell, the first lady to take the degree of bachelor of music in Australia. The medical students who have recently completed their course at the Melbourne University, and who were admitted *ad eundem gradum*, were also given a hearty reception. The winner of the Stow scholarship, Mr. Frederick William Young, is the second holder of that distinction, to obtain which a student must gain the Stow prize three years running. Mr. F. L. Stow took the scholarship in 1892, and the late Mr. George Asb, who gained the Stow prize two years consecutively, nearly annexed the much-coveted honor. After the various degrees had been conferred and the prizetakers presented to the Chancellor that gentleman delivered an address, and Professor Bensley spoke on "The true aims of the University; and some of the needs of our own." Before declaring the commemoration ended, the Chancellor expressed the hope that on a future occasion there would be a larger hall for the accommodation of those desirous of witnessing the proceedings.

LIVELY STUDENTS.

"Whereas it is desirable that the tedium of the conventional ceremony arranged by the august council of the University should be alleviated by some musical diversion, the nucleus of the conservatorium of music—consisting of the University orchestra and students' choir—will be heard to advantage in selections from classical (?) authors during the proceedings." This was the announcement on the programme prepared and carried out by the students at the University commemoration held on Wednesday. The students were determined to enjoy themselves. They did. Unaffected by the solemnity of the occasion, unimpressed even by the sight of the Chancellor and other high dignitaries in all the glory of academic robes, regardless, too, of the almost suffocating state of the atmosphere in the crowded room, they sang and played with such effect that at times even the most solemn visage in that learned assemblage could not conceal a smile. As each candidate for honors was presented to the Chancellor a verse—at times full of humor—was sung with instrumental accompaniment, in which the big drum was specially prominent. For instance, when one aspirant for Æsculapian honors was on the platform, the following lines were dirged to the tune of the "Old Hundredth":—

Sick people that in bed do lie,
See Dr. — e'er you die;
And when he says he's done his best
Turn up your toes and go to rest.

All the verses were of course full of personalities, but the candidates seemed to take them in good part. The students had several bannerets with mischievous mottoes, and they had further added to the decoration of the hall by suspending over the Chancellor an inanimate quadruped with curly hair which bore the simple legend

"Frills." When the Chancellor made some remarks and a learned professor delivered an address the students at times were disposed to be noisy, but they were fairly, though reluctantly, obedient to the requests for silence, and their demonstration was not nearly so annoying as it might have been.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

COMMEMORATION DAY.

The commemoration of the University of Adelaide was held on Wednesday afternoon, December 15. The library of the University was filled to overflowing, and the temperature was oppressive. Admission was by ticket except to members of the Council and Senate. Ticket-holders were admitted up to 3 o'clock, when the doors were opened to the public. As usual, the undergraduates occupied the eastern end of the library, where they engaged themselves in musical and other exercises. The students had a printed programme of their proceedings, which, despite any interference on the part of the University authorities, they insisted in carrying through to the letter, with the aid of drum and musical instruments. The undergraduates provoked considerable amusement before the formal proceedings began. Their solemn starting of the National Anthem brought many of those present to their feet, but it was a false alarm. His Excellency the Governor had not arrived. Then the "Dead march" in "Saul" was begun, but not continued for very long. In academic costume proper to their respective degrees and offices the Chancellor, the Right Hon. S. J. Way, members of the Council, and Senate entered the library in procession soon after 3, accompanied by Sir Fowell Buxton. The Premier, the Right Hon. C. C. Kingston, was also present. The Chancellor presided, and with him on the platform were the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Barlow, the Warden of the Senate, Mr. F. Chapple, Professor Bensly, and the Registrar, Mr. C. R. Hodge. The Chancellor wore the robes of an LL.D. of Cambridge. Previously he had worn those of a D.C.L. of Oxford, and he proposes to clothe himself with these costumes alternately.

The Chancellor conferred degrees on the undermentioned candidates:—

M.A. Degree—Richard Sanders Rogers.

LL.B. Degree—Frederick William Young and Herbert Angas Parsons.

B.A. Degree—William Charles Annells, Albert Sydney Devenish, Ireton Elliot Giles, and Edward Clyde Padman.

B.Sc. Degree—Charles Francis Stephens.

Mus. Bac. Degree—Florence Way Campbell.

The following graduates of other Universities were admitted *ad eundem gradum*:—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; 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., University of Melbourne; Violet May Plummer, M.B., University of Melbourne; and Alexander Gosse Hay, B.A., University of Cambridge. Harold Maund Evans, M.B., University of Melbourne, was admitted in his absence.

The following were presented to the Chancellor:—

The Stow Prizeman—Frederick William Young, student in laws of the fourth year.

The Elder Prizemen—Percy Lewis Broadbent, Stanley Arthur Malin, students in medicine of the first year; Henry Harper Fornby, student in medicine of the second 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.

The Roby Fletcher Scholar—Ethel Roby Holder.

In admitting Dr. Rogers the CHANCELLOR said—I congratulate you that, in spite of the claims of a laborious profession, you have found time to pursue the study of *literæ humaniores* and that you are taking an advanced degree in your *Alma Mater*.

To Mr. Annells the CHANCELLOR remarked—“I congratulate you on having in your third year passed in the first class in classics and in mental and moral philosophy.”

When addressing Miss Campbell the CHANCELLOR said—“Perhaps I may be allowed—(applause and laughter by students)—with the permission of our undergraduates—(Yes)—at the end of the room—if they will allow me the courtesy of silence for two or three minutes—(Yes)—to express a little of avuncular as well as cancellarian pride in the fact that you, Miss Campbell, have maintained the honour of your family as well as of your sex in having passed each successive year of your undergraduate course in the first class, and that you are the first woman who has taken the degree of Bachelor of Music in Australia.” (Cheers.) His Excellency shook hands with the lady as she left the platform.

Dr. LENDON, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, in presenting Messrs. Johnson and Randell, observed with respect to Mr. Randell—“I may say that in his first year he took the Elder prize, in the second year he also took the Elder prize, and last year he was awarded the Dr. Davies Thomas Scholarship.” The CHANCELLOR—“I congratulate you, Mr. Randell, on your past successes in this University, and I congratulate you both also on having given good evidence of the excellence of the teaching you received within this University—(cheers)—in your recent examinations in the University of Melbourne.”

In introducing Miss Plummer to the Chancellor the DEAN of the FACULTY of MEDICINE said—“Miss Plummer is already a Bachelor of Science in this University, and she passed her examination each year with first-class honours.” The CHANCELLOR said—“Miss Plummer, I have heard from other sources of the highly successful examination which you passed for your degree this year in the University of Melbourne. I congratulate you on your continued academic successes, which do great credit to this University.” (Cheers.)

To Mr. Formby the CHANCELLOR said—The name of the Elder prize man does not appear on the programme. But the University Council at a meeting held this afternoon determined that they would not allow the Elder prize, which in physiology has appeared upon our proceedings for the last fifteen or sixteen years, to disappear from the programme, notwithstanding the lamented decease of the honoured benefactor who provided the funds for that prize. I congratulate you, Mr. Formby, upon your success in obtaining it.

Upon the presentation of the Stow scholar the CHANCELLOR stated:—Mr. Young, I congratulate you most heartily on your having completed your undergraduate course with so much distinction. The Stow Scholarship is the greatest distinction in laws which this University has to confer. (Cheers.) To obtain it the Stow scholar must have been the first man of the law students in each of the three years of his undergraduate course. This great achievement has only been attained once before in the history of the University of Adelaide. Mr. Francis Stow, a son of the distinguished Judge after whom this scholarship was named, was the first student of this University to attain it. It was very narrowly missed by a distinguished student whose memory is dear to many of us, the late Mr. George Ash. I congratulate you again, Mr. Young, most heartily on your being the second student in laws in the University of Adelaide to obtain this great distinction. I