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WOODVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

On Wednesday evening the annual distribution of prizes and entertainment in connection with the Woodville High School took place in the Woodville Institute. There was a good attendance, and Mr. P. Sansom presided. He apologised for the absence of Mr. C. R. Morris (Mayor of Port Adelaide) who was officiating as chairman at another school gathering. He read a letter from Mr. Morris, who thanked Miss Kirby (the principal) for what she had accomplished for the children, and as that was her last appearance as principal wished her success in her new sphere of labor. The scholars successfully rendered the choruses "White sails," "The seasons," "The gleaners," and "The dirty boy." Club and staff exercises were given by the calisthenic classes under the direction of Herr Leschen, and were appreciated. A minuet and a gavotte were also nicely given by the senior members of the calisthenic class. Miss Parker sweetly sang "The happy land," pianoforte solos were played by Misses Darby, G. Ledger, L. Davies, and G. Stapledon, and Master H. Woolnough contributed a recitation. The CHAIRMAN in his remarks paid a tribute to the high qualities of the school, and considered that Miss Kirby was deserving of credit for the ability she had shown in the education of her pupils. He regretted that she was about to sever her connection with the school. Miss L. Whillas presented Miss Kirby, on behalf of the scholars, with a pretty electroplated butter dish as a token of their respect for her. The gift was acknowledged in fitting terms.

The principal, Miss M. M. Kirby, B.Sc., stated in her report that owing to her severance with the institution, Miss A. Kirby and Miss E. Martin would continue to conduct the school after Christmas.

PRIZE-LIST.

University Junior with credit in Botany and Physiology.—E. Darby (presented by P. Sansom, Esq.) University, F. Shaw (presented by P. Sansom, Esq.) Preliminary, L. Whillas, M. Godden. First grade freehand, D. Horton (excellent), E. Oldfield (pass).

Dux of school, F. Shaw. Intermediate division (A), H. Woolnough (dux), (presented by R. Woolnough, Esq.); J. Little (second). (B), L. Fletcher, year's marks; E. Morris, examination. Lower division, I. Jones.

Calisthenics (presented by Herr Leschen), F. Shaw, G. Ledger (equal), M. Kerr.

A meeting of the council of the University of Adelaide was held on Friday afternoon, December 10. The members present were the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Dr. Paton, Mr. D. Murray, Professor Rennie, Dr. Lendon, Dr. Stirling, Mr. G. J. R. Murray, Sir Charles Todd, and the Rev. Dr. Jefferis.

The report of the board of musical studies concerning the courses of study, and scholarships, &c., in the Conservatorium was considered and referred back to the board for completion, and with power to supply public information as soon as the details were complete.

On the recommendation of the education committee Frederic J. Chapple's application for admission *ad eundem gradum* to the M.B. degree was approved.

The education committee reported that as students in the second and third years of the B.A. and B.Sc. courses as a rule did not enter before the commencement of lectures a good deal of confusion was caused in arranging the time-table of lectures.

It was resolved to ask all students to name the subjects they intend to take up as early as possible, and to request the School of Mines, Education Department, Pharmaceutical Society, and other institutions sending in students to give early notice of entry.

The draft of the annual report for 1897 was presented, and consideration postponed till the next meeting.

On the recommendation of the faculty of medicine the council approved the application of Richard Sanders Rogers, M.D., for admission *ad eundem gradum*.

The council elected the undermentioned committees for 1898:—Education committee—the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Dr. Jefferis, Rev. Dr. Paton, Dr. Stirling, Professor Rennie, Professor Mitchell, Mr. G. J. R. Murray, Mr. F. Chapple; finance committee—the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Barr Smith, Sir Charles Todd, Mr. G. J. R. Murray, Mr. Symon, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. D. Murray; the library committee—the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Stirling, Rev. Dr. Paton, Mr. Barr Smith, Mr. G. J. R. Murray, Mr. Symon, Dr. Verco, and Professor Mitchell.

The undermentioned members of council were elected on the various faculties for 1898:—Faculty of laws—the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Symon, Mr. G. J. R. Murray; the faculty of medicine—the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Lendon, Dr. Stirling, and Dr. Way; the faculty of arts—the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Dr. Paton, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Chapple; the faculty of science—the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Charles Todd, Professor Rennie, and the Rev. Dr. Jefferis; the board of musical studies—the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Dr. Paton, Dr. Verco, and R. Barr Smith. Mr. T. N. Stephens and Herr Reimann were also elected members of the board.

Letters from Lodge St. Alban and Mr. B. T. Zwar, asking whether anything definite had yet been arranged concerning the completion of the medical curriculum, were read. To be informed that the council are doing all that is possible to arrange for the full five years' curriculum in time for 1898.

The undermentioned committees and faculties reported the election of chairman and deans for 1898 as mentioned below:—Education committee, the Chancellor; library committee, Rev. Dr. Paton; faculty of medicine, Dr. Lendon; faculty of arts, Mr. R. W. Chapman; faculty of science, Dr. Stirling; board of musical studies, Professor Ives.

The reports of the boards of examiners on the results of the various examinations were received. The report of the examiners recommending that the compositions submitted by Miss F. W. Campbell and Mr. W. M. Hole be approved for the Mus. Bac. degree, was adopted. The undermentioned recommendations for awards of scholarships were approved:—The Dr. Davies-Thomas Scholarship, Arthur Geoffrey Owen; the Roby Fletcher Scholarship, Ethel Roby Holder.

The arrangement made by representatives of the University and School of Mines as to the diploma for the advanced course in mining and metallurgy was approved by the council.

ANNUAL SPEECH DAY.

The sixth annual speech day of Way College was held at the Victoria Hall, Gawler-place, on Thursday evening. The Chief Justice (Right Hon. S. J. Way) presided over a large attendance. Lady Victoria Buxton, who was accompanied by Major Guise, was present. The proceedings were opened by the singing of "Hark, the herald angels sing" by the school from the platform at the back of the hall. The President of the Bible Christian Conference (the Rev. W. H. Cann) offered prayer, and Messrs. G. A. Randle, B. Sharpe, and M. Goode played Smith's "Rustic dance" as a piano trio.

The PRINCIPAL (Dr. Torr) then read the annual report, which was as follows:—

THE PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Lady Victoria, the Right Hon. the Chief Justice, Ladies and Gentlemen, and "Our Boys" Past and Present—

The sixth annual report of Way College reminds me that we are growing out of the babyhood of our corporate existence and are making a decided step towards running unaided. And yet we have probably never had greater cause for gratitude than during the past year.

Financially it has been one of the most cheering. Besides hoping to pay off a few hundreds of the debt on the college we have received the announcement of the very handsome donation of £2,000 free from legacy duty from the executors of the late Sir Thomas Elder. This munificent bequest has placed the college in an excellent financial condition, and has proved a very great relief to the members of the house committee as well as the principal and masters of the college. It has also placed it within our power to give considerable assistance in the cases of really clever and deserving boys, who but for the help derived from endowments of this kind would be unable to attend college. In this respect we have granted—

For 1897—Scholarships of 20, 12, 6, and 5 guineas each.

For 1898—Two scholarships of 30, and two of 12 guineas each.

We have been very careful to help boys whose parents have not been able to pay, as we think it very undesirable to give such scholarships in cases where parents are well able to contribute to their sons' education. In some of the older institutions of England the scholarships originally designed for clever sons of poor parents have been almost entirely absorbed by sons of wealthy men who have been able to employ better tutors and keep boys longer at their studies than their poorer neighbors. It is true of the colleges of Australia as it was of the school where on a speech-day like the present Charles Dickens said:—"Ladies and gentlemen, this little labor of love of mine is now done. I most heartily wish that I could charm you now not to see me, not to think of me, not to hear me. I most heartily wish that I could make you see in my stead the numbers of innocent children who are looking towards these schools and entreating with uplifted hands to be let in." The munificence of the late Sir Thomas Elder, and other gentlemen, is rendering this possible to many of the clever and deserving lads of South Australia.

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL.

Under the superintendence of Mr. Hollidge this school has been doing excellent work. The preliminary class, which is now treated as the preparatory class to both the Practical and University schools, has achieved its highest success, and we have to congratulate Mr. Russack on the progress it has made. The gradual advance made in the number of students may be judged by the following results at the preliminary examination at the University of Adelaide:—1892, 8 passes; 1893, 15; 1894, 16; 1895, 16; 1896, 26; 1897, 40. A total of 121 passes in the first six years of the existence of the college.

It is very satisfactory for us to learn that this is probably the highest number of passes obtained by any secondary school in the colony during the year 1897.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR EXAMINATIONS.

The boys who enter our University classes often wish to enter one of the professions as early as possible, and with that object devote themselves to those subjects which are compulsory for those desiring to qualify for medicine or law. The consequence of this is that our boys more often reach the pass standard in Latin, Greek, or French than take honors in the vastly easier subjects such as physical geography and geology, botany, or physiology. The University class lists are apt to be misleading. We think it a greater distinction to pass in Latin, Greek, French, and mathematics than to secure a place in the first class by virtue of a credit in easier subjects. This year six boys entered for Latin in the senior and five in the junior, and all passed; four entered in the senior French, and all passed; one was recommended for Greek and passed; six for mathematics, and all were successful; while six out of seven passed the junior in mathematics, and nine out of eleven in chemistry, thanks to our science master's (Mr. Trudinger) ability. Melville Birks, though too old to be classified, by obtaining a credit in two subjects and a pass in three others, qualified for a first class. Wiedenbach was placed second in the honors list in senior German. This is the second year in succession that all our candidates we entered for the senior examination have passed. This year twice as many passed the senior as last year; and more passed the junior than