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ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION. FAREWELLS TO THE GOVERNOR AND PROFESSOR BRAGG.

There was a large gathering of students of the Adelaide University and their friends in the Elder Hall on Wednesday afternoon, when the annual commemoration was held. The chair was occupied by the Chancellor (Sir Samuel Way), and on the platform were the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Barlow), Director of Education (Mr. A. Williams), and members of the council and senate and the staff. The graduates attended in academic robes. His Excellency the Governor (Sir George Le Hunte) was on the platform for the last time prior to his departure from South Australia. He was received by the Vice-Chancellor, and conducted to the platform during the playing of the National Anthem by Mr. T. H. Jones, Mus. Bac. Among those in the audience were Lady Le Hunte, Lady Way, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Adelaide.

—Bachelors of Laws.—

The Dean of the Faculty of Law (Professor Jethro Brown) presented to the Chancellor, the following for the degree of Bachelor of Laws:—Adrian Akhurst, Thomas John Browne, Leslie Horrocks Haslam, William Henderson, Samuel Richard Hestline, John Homburg, and Earnest Phillips.

—Stow Prizemen.—

Messrs. Browne, LL.B., and George Coultts Ligertwood, were presented as the Stow Prizemen.

—Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery.—

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (Professor E. C. Stirling) presented to the Chancellor, for the degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery, ad eundem gradum, Bernhard Trauzott Zwar, M.D., M.S., University of Melbourne (in absentia). The degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery was conferred upon John Walter Browne, M.B., B.S., Royal University of Ireland; the degree of Doctor of Medicine upon Eric Henry Lewis, M.B., B.S.; and the degree of Master of Surgery upon Julian Augustus Romaine Smith, M.D., B.Sc. (in absentia). The Chancellor expressed his pleasure in having the privilege of admitting to another degree so brilliant a student as Dr. Smith, who had distinguished himself in Melbourne as well as in the University of Adelaide.

—Bachelors of Medicine and Surgery.—

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine also presented to the Chancellor for conferring the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery—Percival Thomas Spower Cherry, Darcy Rivers Warren Cowan, William Alfred Vernon Drew, Matthias Erichsen, Ernest John Frayne, Henry Kenneth Fry, B.Sc.; Hubert Melville Jay, John Robb Muirhead, Milo Weeks Sprod, Gordon Roy West, B.Sc.

—Winners of the Elder Prize.—

Glen Howard Burnell (student of the first year), John Le Messurier Kneebone (student of the second year).

—Dr. Davies Thomas Scholars.—

Edmund Britten Jones (third year), Ronald Trudinger, B.Sc. (fourth year).

—The Everard Scholar.—

Henry Kenneth Fry, B.Sc. The Chancellor congratulated the scholar upon having followed his graduation in the science course by his splendid work in medicine. His was a record in the course—one of the most distinguished performances in the history of the University.

—Arts Degrees.—

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts (Professor Henderson) presented the candidates for degrees in arts, and the successful prize and scholarship winners as follows:—

For the degree of Master of Arts, ad eundem gradum—Wilfred Harris, M.A., University of Durham; James Joseph Fitzgerald, M.A., University of Melbourne.

For the degree of Bachelor of Arts—Jane Elizabeth Walker, B.A., University of Wales.

For the honours degree of Master of Arts, classics—John Frederick Ward, B.A.

For the honours degree of Bachelor of Arts, classics—Edith Ulrica Hubbe, Mathematics—William Lawrence Bragg.

The Chancellor congratulated both candidates on their success. Mr. Bragg was one of the youngest students who had graduated at the University. But he supposed this was only an instance of the son following in his father's footsteps.

Bachelor of Arts—Joseph Thomas Barnes, Arthur Hammond Bell, Jessie Campbell, Robert John Miller Clucas, Hilda Marion Driscoll, Lizzie Ann Hales, Hilda Mary Hill, Herbert Clifton Hosking, Eric Marfleet Ingamells, Lionel Harry Jefferies, Carl Wilhelm August Kuchek, George Coultts Ligertwood, Mabel Riley, and James Henry Williams.

Tinline Scholar—Alexander Clifford Vernon Melbourne.

John Howard Clark Scholar—Susan Frances Gwendoline Stevens.

Roby Fletcher Prizemen—Adrian Akhurst and James Leonard Rossiter (equal).

Winner of Barr Smith prize for Greek, and the Andrew Scott memorial prize for Latin—Gilbert MacDonald Potts.

Science.
Doctor of Science (ad eundem gradum)—Walter Geoffrey Duffield, D.Sc., University of Manchester.

The Chancellor, in conferring the degree, said—This is not the first occasion on which we have met on this platform, Dr. Duffield. I share in the pride which is generally felt regarding the distinction you have achieved in your researches on the other side of the world.

Doctor of Science—Richard Daniel Kleeman B.Sc. (in absentia), Thorburn Braulford Robertson, B.Sc. (in absentia).

The Chancellor said he had, in their absence, to congratulate both the candidates. They all recognised in Dr. Kleeman one of their most distinguished graduates, while Dr. Robertson was one of the most brilliant scholars who had ever passed through the physiological department of the University. He regretted that they could not be present that day to hear how much the University appreciated the honor they had brought to the State by their work in other parts of the world.

Honors Degree of Bachelor of Science—Chemistry, Lancelot Salisbury Bagster, Physics, Joseph Leslie Glasson, Physiology, Jacob Jona.

The Chancellor heartily congratulated all three candidates on the distinction with which they had graduated.

Bachelor of Science (ordinary degree)—Leslie Frank Burgess, Lancelot Waring Gill, William Holland Lang, Frank Edgar Rosman, Clara Trudinger, and Stanley Simpson Addison (in absentia).

Bachelor of Science (with agriculture)—Arthur Tarlton Jefferis and Arnold Edwin Victor Richardson, B.A.

Diploma in Applied Science—Frank Ellis, B.Sc. (electrical engineering), Joseph Gilbert, B.Sc. (electrical engineering), William Holland Lang (electrical engineering), and Louis Laybourne Smith (mechanical engineering).

Winner of Tate Medal—Stanley Richard Evan.

Music.

Bachelor of Music—Jeannie Ridgway, Frances Sophia Walker.

Commercial Course.

Diploma in Commerce.—Herbert Edward Annells, Clifford Samuel Bray, Robert Harold Cotton, William Frank Harrison, David Kirkman, Frank Herman Menkens, Albert Edward Messent, Carl Wilhelm Ludwig Muecke, George Oliver Robertson, Robert Moore Steele, and Harold Clarke Thomas.

Farewell Speeches.

After all the degrees had been conferred the Chancellor remarked that it was a good many years since he had ventured to inflict a speech upon an audience on Commemoration Day. But on this occasion there were one or two things which he could not pass over in silence. For the last five years they had had with them as a visitor his Excellency the Governor. (Applause.) To-day was the last occasion on which they would meet his Excellency in that capacity. During his residence in South Australia Sir George Le Hunte had always taken the keenest interest in the welfare of the University. His first public duty after he had been sworn in was to unveil the statue they had erected to the memory of that magnificent patron of the University—the late Sir Thomas Elder. (Applause.) Since then he had been present at almost all their public gatherings, many of the lectures given by the professors, concerts at the Conservatorium, and their sports. But the most striking evidence of his Excellency's interest in the University was his strong and generous sympathy with the students. He had always a word of encouragement and good counsel for them; and a further sign of his hearty goodwill was to be seen in the interest he had consistently manifested in the Rhodes scholars, with whom he had corresponded at Oxford, and to whom he had given the benefit of

his experience to aid them in their careers. He hoped that now his Excellency was going away to take up the important position of Governor of Trinidad he would not forget them. His name was on their roll, and he would always be a member of the University of Adelaide. He expressed the hope that on some happy Commemoration Day of the future they might again have the pleasure of welcoming Sir George Le Hunte to this hall, and of congratulating him upon having obtained further successes in a career that was already highly distinguished. But they had that afternoon to say another farewell. Professor Bragg, who for the past 23 years had filled a place in the life of their University, was to leave them at the end of the present year. Professor Bragg had come to them in January, 1886, with all the honors that Cambridge could confer on him. When he arrived here he found two students in the physical laboratory. Now, and for many years past, there had been more than 100 students. (Applause.) Much of the credit for this change was due to Professor Bragg. Then their premises were of a most simple character; now they had up-to-date appliances, and workshops and laboratories of which any university in the world might be proud. In those early days the whole of the teaching had been undertaken by Professor Bragg. Now they had one additional professor and a large staff of lecturers and competent assistants. The value of the work a teacher did was best indicated by the quality of the scholars he turned out, and in Jolly, their Rhodes scholar, Wilton and Chapple, at Cambridge, and Kleeman and Duffield, of whom they had already heard that afternoon, they had five men that were a credit to the professor and the University. (Applause.) In his relations with the students Professor Bragg had stood in the attitude of an elder brother, for he had been as much interested in their recreations as in their progress in the classrooms. By his original research and laborious investigations in connection with radium he had added to the world's knowledge of the structure of the universe, and the work he had done had received recognition at the hands of the leading scientists. He congratulated him upon his appointment to the high post at Leeds to which he was going, and he hoped Bragg secundus (Mr. W. A. Bragg, who had taken his honors degree in mathematics, first class) might some day rival—he knew he could not surpass—Bragg primus. (Applause.) They did not blame the professor for accepting the promotion offered, and they would always have a warm spot in their hearts for him, and be pleased to welcome him should he ever again visit Australia. (Applause.) He would like also to refer to the acquisition of the new University sports ground. The first suggestion to acquire this for the University had emanated from the Hon. G. Brookman, and they had to thank Professor Henderson and Professor Darnley Naylor for the energetic action they had taken, as an outcome of which the land had been secured and money raised to place improvements on it. (Applause.)

His Excellency the Governor thanked the Chancellor for his kind words of farewell. His interest in the University had been increasing from the moment they had done him the honor of creating him an M.A. For six years he had enjoyed the close friendship of many members of the teaching staff, and in his friends, the students, he had always taken a warm personal interest. It had been a great pleasure to him to see boys, to whom he had in years past presented prizes won at school, coming up here and receiving their degrees. The University had sent its sons out to distant lands, and many of them had won their way along paths of distinction and fame. His hope for the future was that their public schools might long continue to supply such splendid specimens of manhood as they had sent out from here. (Applause.) He could join with their Chancellor in deploring the departure of Professor Bragg, but he would like at the same time to congratulate him on his appointment to the important position to which he was going at the University of Leeds. He prophesied for him a career of the greatest distinction in the old country. He had, in leaving them, to thank the council of the University for its many acts of courtesy and kindness both to himself and Lady Le Hunte. If he could do anything to further the interests of the University he would be happy to do it, and he hoped if any student were ever in a distant land where he was he would make himself known to him. (Applause.)

Professor Bragg also briefly replied. He said he could never thank his Excellency and the Chancellor enough for what they had said, and he would never forget it.