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INTER-VARSITY SPORTS.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

The inter-varsity championship meeting will be held at the Adelaide Oval this afternoon at 2.30. Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide teams will be engaged. The championship events carry 2 points for a win and 1 for second place. They are 100, 440, 888, and mile flat races, 120 yards hurdles, high jump, and broad jump. The handicap events for Adelaide undergraduates are 75 and 150 yards flat, sack tournament, mile race, kicking for goal, and putting the weight. The championship teams are:—
 Sydney—Nigel Barker, R. G. Waddy, C. P. Stewart, H. St. V. Welch, S. Marden, and W. D. Brown. Melbourne—E. C. Kelly, M. C. Gardner, A. S. Tymms, A. Tickell, A. Wilson, and D. Greenham. Adelaide—C. R. Doudy, M. H. Moyes, R. H. Wallmann, G. C. Campbell, C. Yeatman, W. G. Reid, A. Chapman, A. C. Richards, F. E. Rosman, and H. Brose. The colours of the teams are:—Sydney, blue and gold; Melbourne, dark blue and black; Adelaide, black and white. A new design of medal has been issued by the Adelaide University Sports Association for the champion events. The badge is a magpie, with wings outspread, on the setting sun, as copied from the South Australian flag. Above the bird is a lamp of learning, and around the central design is a laurel wreath, two emblems of the University.

—The Adelaide Team.—

Adelaide has been represented at only two previous inter-university sports meetings, and a number of this year's representatives are to an extent untried. The home men may not have much chance in the distance events, still it is considered that the team as a whole are equal to if not better than those who lost to Sydney University by only half a point at the Melbourne University jubilee meeting in 1906. A supporter of the magpie colours met on Tuesday that C. R. Doudy is likely to make a good race in the 100 yards against Nigel Barker, the Sydney champion. Doudy has been responsible for some creditable performances on the track. He captained the Adelaide students' team in 1906, and won the 100 yards event in 10 1-5s. In 1906 he proved himself amateur champion of South Australia for 100 yards (10 2-3s.) and 220 yards (23 4-5s.). On four occasions he has been successful in the Adelaide University 100 yards championship. Doudy was captain of the Prince Alfred college sports team for several years, and a holder of the college cup. During the last two years he has been living in the country, and has not done much running, but came down from Riverton to take part in this meeting at the request of friends at the University. Doudy may possibly also start in the 440 yards.

R. H. Wallmann is given a good chance in the 120 yards hurdles. He is an all-round athlete, and holder of the University sports cup for the last two years; but is more at home in jumping events. In 1906 Wallmann won the 1906 South Australian championship 120 hurdle race in 16 2-5s. (first heat 16 2-5s.), also the half-mile championship at the same meeting. He is holder of the South Australian Championship this year in the 120 yards hurdles. For three years in succession he has won the corresponding event at the Adelaide University sports meeting. Wallmann is also running in the half-mile.

M. H. Moyes ought not to be pushed in the high jump, and he is far from being an outsider in the broad jump. Moyes was in the 1906 and 1907 University teams. At Melbourne two years ago he tied for top place the high jump with the magnificent leap of 5 ft. 8 1/2 in., which is an Australian record for some years. At Sydney last year he also won the inter-varsity high jump. In fact he has never yet been defeated.

Gordon Campbell is running with Doudy in the 100 yards. He has not done any track running since leaving St. Peter's College, where, however, he was unbeaten school champion for the distance. Campbell has shaped well in training at the Adelaide Oval this week.

C. Yeatman is holder of the South Australian 440 yards' championship. He is also second string in the high jump. Brose is running with him in the 440 yards. Richards and F. Rosman are the Adelaide representatives in the mile. W. G. Reid is second string in the half-mile, A. Chapman in the broad jump, and C. Drew in the hurdle events.

—The Melbourne Team.—

Representatives of the Melbourne University are captained by E. C. W. Kelly, who is essentially a long-distance runner. He will contest the half-mile, and will be second string for his side in the mile. Kelly is holder of the Victorian half-mile University championship. He recently won the five-mile cross-country run at Oakleigh. The Melbourne pair for 100 yards are M. C. Gardner and Alan Tickell. The former is holder of his State's Varsity championship for the distance. Tickell is 220 yards champion of Victoria, a distinction which he gained a few weeks ago. Gardiner will also run in the hurdles, and Tickell in the 440 yards. A. S. M. Tymms (first string in the quarter-mile and second string in the half-mile) was formerly holder of the Victoria public schools' half-mile championship. He ran well in several State championships recently, and is holder of the 440 yards Melbourne Varsity championship for the last two years, and of the half-mile last year. D. P. Greenham has come in the place of the crack varsity high jumper and hurdler, J. T. Lawton, who won the leap in 1904 and 1905, and in 1906 tied with M. H. Moyes at 5 ft. 8 1/2 in. Melbourne will not be represented in the high jump this year, but Greenham should do well in the broad jump. On two or three occasions he has won University events in Melbourne, and has lately been distancing more than 21 ft. He will run in the hurdle race as well. A. M. Wilson has a good chance for the mile. He won the Melbourne Varsity mile championship in 4m. 41 2-5s. under adverse conditions.

—Sydney Men.—

Past performances of the Sydney team, captained by Nigel Barker, have already been published. It is considered that they have perhaps the best chance of gaining the ascendancy.

—Visitors Welcomed.—

The visiting athletic teams and eight-oar crews from Melbourne and Sydney, who will take part in the inter-university contests, were accorded a civic welcome at the Town Hall on Tuesday by the Mayor of Adelaide (Mr. Frank Johnson). The Mayor wished the students a pleasant stay in Adelaide, and hoped that the best men and the best crew would achieve success. It was gratifying to know that there was nothing in the university sports but what was honest, honourable, and straightforward. They were clean and wholesome, and good for mind and body. He could not let the occasion pass without referring to the feats of Nigel Barker. (Cheers.) The champion's name was known internationally, as he had been a competitor on the classic swards of Greece. As Olympic contests were likely to become perennial, he hoped more of the students would emulate Nigel Barker, whom he was disposed to regard as an Australian champion and not merely a New South Welshman. (Cheers.)

Cr. G. M. Evan supported the welcome. In view of the visitors' success in previous contests it could not be expected that Adelaide would do a great deal against them, but the students here would try their hardest. (Cheers.)

Mr. S. Talbot Smith, M.A. (Chairman of the South Australian Amateur Athletic Association), as a member of the University Council, thanked the Mayor for having received the students. The Adelaide undergraduates had given splendid support in connection with the revival of amateur athletics in South Australia. (Applause.)

Mr. Nigel Barker thanked the Mayor on behalf of the Sydney team, and expressed the hope that this State would have representation at the Australasian championship meetings. He was supported by Messrs. S. Fraser (stroke of the Melbourne crew),

UNIVERSITIES AND ATHLETICS.

Nigel Barker, the champion runner, had something to say about the value of inter-University competitions when speaking at a civic reception to the visiting undergraduates on Tuesday. On the present occasion representatives of three Universities of the Commonwealth would strive in all the harmony of goodfellowship for athletic supremacy. Sydney had done its best to increase the scope of these meetings, and had great pleasure in welcoming Adelaide to participate in them in 1906. He hoped that at some future time Hobart and the Universities of New Zealand would also be welcomed. A proposal had been brought forward that a University team of athletes should tour New Zealand, and that undergraduates from the Dominion should return the visit the following year. It was to the Universities that sportsmen in the States were looking to uphold the status of the amateur as much as possible. The remarks were heartily cheered by the students present.

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PHYSICS, MATHEMATICS, AND ASTRONOMY.

Some time ago it was announced that Professor Bragg, F.R.S., who since 1885 has been Elder professor of mathematics and physics at the Adelaide University, will sever his connection with that institution at the close of the present academical year in order to accept the position of professor of physics at the University of Leeds, rendered vacant by the retirement of Dr. Stroud. It is understood that the council of the Adelaide University are contemplating a division of Professor Bragg's work after he leaves, and that it is probable that a chair of mathematics and astronomy, with another chair of physics, will be created. Professor Bragg has earned a high reputation in scientific circles, both for himself and the University of Adelaide by his physical research work, more particularly in respect to the nature and properties of radium, and the council feel that the realm of physics is now so vast and so important that it requires to be under the charge of a special professor or lecturer. There has long been a desire to bring this about by establishing a separate professorship of mathematics and astronomy, and the Government were approached with that object some time ago. The suggestion was made that the University should take over the work of the Government Astronomer, and should assume charge of the Observatory on West-terrace. In return for these services the University were asked to make an annual grant towards the payment of a new professor. The project did not meet with much encouragement from the Cabinet, although latterly the Prime Minister (Mr. Deakin) has shown an inclination to help in research work in regard to solar physics. Mr. W. G. Duffield, B.Sc., a South Australian, and an Angus scholar, who has done much valuable work in this department, and who brought the matter under the notice of the South Australian authorities more than a year ago, has latterly approached Mr. Deakin on the same subject, pointing out that the clear atmosphere of Australia and its high proportion of sunny days makes it an ideal country in which to observe solar phenomena. The Adelaide University is naturally anxious to lead the way in this department, and it is probable that it will be the first Australian institution of its class to devote special attention to astronomy.