

Crowther 61887. Ormond, DSO.
Rec: Australian.

Crowther, Sir Wm

Spent one year at the Univ of Tasmania (1904) before going to Melb. for his medical course. The first of his family to do training in Australia - earlier members had been sent 'home' for purpose. All medicos. Never crossed his mind to be anything else. Compares standards of Tas. and Melb. 'The year in Tas. was not worth a tinker's curse'.

Details of subjects studied at Melb., teaching methods, eminent teachers, life at Ormond College.

A good deal of digression - not all worth transcribing.

Sir Wm has an excellent, clear photo of a group of ~~six~~ ^{five} men of the year 1904:

Dr Edward Brettingham-Moore

Angus Butler

Dr Crowther

Frank Johnson

Wendell Inglis Clark

Moore and Butler went on to Sydney university; Crowther and Clark to Melb.

The photo is of the cast of the winning melodrama in a competition in 1904 in the Town Hall, entitled The rose's stinging nettle farm. Angus Butler was the rose. It was 'an absolute romp'; first lines being "Th~~is~~s after sixteen year's penal servitude here I am in my native village again."

Side A only

- 000 Spent one year, 1904, at University of Tasmania, as preliminary to doing Medicine at Melbourne.
- 038 Reasons for doing Medicine, and decision to attend Melb. Univ. instead of following family tradition of being educated in England.
- 096 Dr Macfarlane, (?) Master of Ormond
- 105 Family expectations for daughters' education
- 150 Account (confused) of early training at Tas. or Melb.
- 203 Succinct summing-up of value of the year at Tasmania. Reminiscences about chemistry training
- 270 "the best company in the world for five years": Ormond College
- 348 Tasmania "more interesting though not so efficient" compared with a larger university. (Unsubstantiated)
- 390 Views about university now
- 410 Attitude to Orr case - no information
- 440 Criticism of contemporary doctors?
- 458 "a supremely happy boyhood"
- 512 Interest in book-collecting in fields of Tasmanian and Australian history; also natural history

Valuable for light shed on Crowther himself, life story and attitudes; not much on university of Tasmania

N.B. Sir William extremely deaf, as well as very old. Anyone listening please excuse my own over-emphatic enunciation