

If such be the case, in common justice to them it should be publicly announced that they cannot take high positions for that reason, but if this be the true solution of the weighty problem why then have girls obtaining fewer credits taken a first-class both in March and December, 1884. In March, 1884, the candidate who passed highest, obtaining two credits only, took up neither Latin nor Greek, while in December, 1884, girls obtaining two and four credits passed in the first class. Should the standard, then, be raised without warning, according to the whims and caprices of the examiners? For every rational person must own that after a year's untiring work, it is disappointing to find that, doing as well as it is possible to do, it is next to impossible to get a first-class; and it is not only the actual sufferers who are so cast down, but think of the aspiring female students who are dreaming of and working for glorious results in the future—with what despondency do they view the once-enticing prospect; how grey and lowering is the once roseate hue of young life's morning when they reflect that, study as they will, their doom is irrevocably sealed; they cannot do better than the best have done, and therefore cannot gain a higher position. I was informed that one young lady wished she could have all the Professors up for an examination, and she would fail them all. She supposed they were getting so learned that credits on every optional subject would not suit them. They expect 100 per cent., and yet they fossick out questions that are no test whatever of general knowledge. I think even the stern brows of the Professors would relax and their hearts soften (did the hot weather have a contrary effect and ossify them) if they could but know the distress and indignation that their unprecedented severity has caused; and I sincerely hope that, in justice to the fair candidates, they will see fit to enlighten the public as to this unwarrantable mode of procedure.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A CHAMPION OF THE LADIES.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SCHOLARSHIP.—The Council of the Adelaide University have decided to recommend William Alfred Edgecumbe Tucker, who recently passed his third year B.A. examination, for the South Australian Scholarship offered by the Education Department. The scholarship is worth £200 a year, and is tenable for four years. The holder must become a student at some European University approved by the Minister of Education. The successful candidates in previous years were:—1879, Thomas Hudson Beare; 1880, P. A. Robin, B.A.; 1881, S. E. Holder, B.A.; 1882, A. Donaldson, B.A.; 1883, G. J. R. Murray, B.A.; 1884, James W. Leach, B.A.

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UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATION DAY.—The annual Commemoration in connection with the University of Adelaide will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The Chancellor (Chief Justice Way) will preside, and His Excellency the Governor will also be present. After the degrees have been conferred and graduates of other Universities have been admitted, the South Australian scholar, Mr. W. A. E. Tucker, will be presented, and certificates will be awarded to the candidates in the first classes of the Matriculation and Junior Examinations. His Excellency the Governor will then unveil the bust of Sir W. W. Hughes and deliver an address, which will be followed by addresses from the Chancellor and Professor Kelly, M.A.

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THE UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATION.—A most elaborate programme, which reflects high credit on the strategical ability of those responsible for its construction, has been drawn up for to-day's Commemoration. The Council and the Senate are to walk in pairs from the Museum into the Library, arrayed in their academic garbs. All this elaborate display precedes the admission to degrees in laws, science, and arts of six people who have finished their respective courses in the Adelaide University, and of nine graduates in laws, medicine, science, arts, and music who bear the honours conferred by other seats of learning. Last year there were nine local graduates, while the number of people who sought admission *ad eundem* was

only five. The Chancellor, we believe, objects to the system, which obtains in the old world, of admitting the candidates for degrees to their new rights and privileges in Latin. To all intents and purposes English is just as good, and, besides, ladies can understand it better. After this the candidates who passed in the first class of the matriculation and junior examinations will be presented with their certificates. One of the most interesting features in to-day's proceedings will be the unveiling of the bust of Sir W. W. Hughes. To this gentleman we owe the existence of the University. If it had not been for his munificence we should have no Chancellor and no pageant and no degrees. His generosity has wonderfully stimulated the progress of higher education in the colony, and if the operations of the University are still contracted he at least is not to blame. If all colonists who had made their fortunes in the colony were to devote, as he did, a large part of their accumulations to the benefit of their countrymen, South Australia would be a happier country to-day than it is. After this, to quote the programme, "His Excellency the Governor will deliver an address, the Chancellor will deliver an address, Professor Kelly, M.A., will deliver an address. The ceremony will then conclude." Altogether the demonstration will be an imposing one, and the only source of regret is that the University will have so little to show as the outcome of the labours of another academic year.

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UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—Some months ago some of your correspondents drew attention to the very hard course of studies which has to be undergone to pass the matriculation examination at our University, and suggested that the standard should be lowered. You also have frequently urged the advisability of the same thing. However, the University authorities are stubborn in keeping to the old course, with the result that there are numerous complaints in regard to the last examinations. As far as I can learn, it is harder to pass matriculation at Adelaide than at any other University in the colonies. As one of your correspondents has pointed out, evidently if a candidate does not pass in the compulsory subjects with credit there is not much hope of getting well placed in the list. A person may take up a list of subjects which will be useful in his future career and may pass well in them, but unless they are the pet subjects of the University there will be no first-class certificate. Why should not the Melbourne

plan be adopted? Let a person choose his subjects and allow points for honours. Melbourne needs seven passes to matriculate; but four honours will do, so that a person may work at the subjects which will be really useful to him, and secure a pass. Here there is no encouragement. A man must pass in certain things though he may never need them all his life. Hence many will not try to pass.

I am, Sir, &c., STUDENT.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1885.

THE University of Adelaide will appear to-day before the public of South Australia in gala array. The ceremonies connected with the conferring of degrees on those who have merited them will be duly performed by the Chancellor. His Excellency the Governor will be present, and will deliver an address. A marble bust of Sir W. W. Hughes, the founder of the University, which at the earnest solicitation of friends has been presented to the University, will be unveiled by His Excellency at the request of the Chancellor. On Professor Kelly, M.A., will devolve the burden and the honor of being the orator of the occasion. The members of the council, the professorial