

THIRD CLASS.

(In alphabetical order.)

B. Benny (Mr. d'Arenberg's tuition), Latin, geology. A. Bonnin (Cheltenham College, England), Latin, chemistry. Ellen May Cave (Rev. R. T. Matthews's tuition), German, English, *music. John Cleave (St. Peter's), Latin, mathematics. A. P. Cox (St. Peter's), *Latin, mathematics. Jessie B. Dougall (Advanced School), German, English, botany. C. R. J. Glover (Prince Alfred), Latin, chemistry. R. C. Kelly (Prince Alfred), Latin, *English. D. H. Lawrance (St. Peter's), Latin, Greek, mathematics. J. J. Leighton (Christian Brothers), Latin, mathematics. Arabella A. Manning (Miss Aldersey's tuition), *French, English, ancient history, *modern history. Victoria Alice Mitton (Advanced School), German, English, animal physiology. H. W. Rischbieth (Prince Alfred), mathematics, natural philosophy. A. E. Stephens (Prince Alfred), Latin, German. C. J. Tuckwell (Hahndorf College), *Latin, English. F. M. Wilkinson (Prince Alfred), Latin, chemistry, natural philosophy. F. A. Wyatt (St. Peter's), Latin, Greek, German.

Register December 8th 1886.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.—There is to be only one more of the "Matriculation Examinations" of the Adelaide University. Hitherto the youth of the colony have been taught to suppose that matriculation meant passing a certain examination, which was mainly a test of their schoolwork; after March next they are to be shown that it means entrance upon a University course. We may expect, then, that next year there will be a falling-off in the number of persons who have proved themselves fit to matriculate. This need not dishearten us, for, as has been again and again pointed out, only a very small proportion of those who have passed the Matriculation Examination have contemplated graduating in Arts. As a fitting close to the system—for the March examination is not generally largely attended—the number of students who presented themselves for the Matriculation Examination is, we believe, higher than it has ever been before. We have not been supplied with the exact number, but we shall not be far out if we fix the number of candidates at about 70. In each of the years immediately preceding there were 61 candidates, of whom 40 passed in December, 1884, and 42 in December, 1885. This year only 36 passed, which would give the impression that the standard of education in the schools has not much advanced. But it is noticeable that the number of passes in the first class is higher now than it has been in either of the preceding years—higher by 3 than it was in 1884 and by 7 than it was in 1885. Nearly all the successful candidates passed the Junior Examination of 1885, the student who heads the list for this year having sprung from the third class in the junior to the top of the tree in the matriculation. The honours are very equally divided amongst the Colleges, if we take into consideration their relative attendances, and the ladies can hardly think themselves badly represented by the eight successful candidates. This is, we believe, the first time that the candidates have been known to the examiners by numbers merely. This is plainly the fairest way, though there is no reason to believe that on former occasions the results were in any way governed by a knowledge of the candidate's name.

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THE UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS. — The number of students who presented themselves for the Matriculation Examination, which has just been concluded, was 72, of whom 17 were ladies. Although the examination was not finished till Monday at 5 o'clock, the results were made known by noon on Tuesday, December 7. In each of the years immediately preceding there were 61 candidates, of whom 40 passed in December, 1884, and 42 in December, 1885. This year only 36 passed, but the number of passes in the first-class is higher by 3 than it was in 1884, and by 7 than it was in 1885. Eight of the ladies were successful. The results of the Junior Examination will not be known until next week. Of 159 candidates, no fewer than 66 were girls. The first local examination outside Adelaide was conducted at Mount Gambier under the superintendence of the Rev. Dr. Craig and the Rev. R. A. Caldwell but only three candidates came forward. The examination was held on the same day and at the same hour as the examination in Adelaide, the papers having been sent down under sealed covers and opened in the school-room.

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THE UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATION.

TO THE EDITOR.

■ Sir—The time is approaching when arrangements will have to be made for the proceedings at the annual "Commemoration" at the University of Adelaide. Two things strike a member of a British University as unusual, unnecessary, and undignified, and as leading to the impression that the "Commemoration" is on the same level as the "breaking up" of a young ladies' seminary. 1. Why should the boys and girls from the schools be presented with their certificates by the Chancellor? 2. Why should the Chancellor offer his congratulations to two or three of the *ad eundem* graduates, and to a few special prizewinners among the ordinary graduates? If our University conferred honorary degrees to distinguished men in arts, literature, and science, then we might have a Latin oration eulogizing their merits and services; but until then, for goodness' sake, let us try to raise the University in form and procedure at least to the old English level. At present the object seems to be to gratify interested parents, and to increase what is called the "popularity" of the University as an educational institution.

I am, Sir, &c.,

December 8.

GRADUATE.

The Register.

ADELAIDE: THURSDAY, DEC. 9, 1886.

UNION COLLEGE.

Union College, which has been in existence for about fourteen years, has played an important part in the history of education in South Australia. It was originally established with "a view of affording an opportunity for young men carrying on their education beyond the ordinary school course, and especially of providing the means of suitable training for those desirous of devoting themselves to the Christian ministry." The College started with fair prospects of support from the three denominations—the Baptist, the Congregational, and the Presbyterian—which have been identified with it from the outset. Classes were begun in May, 1872, and the attendance was larger than was anticipated. In the course of the year Mr. W. W. Hughes offered to present the College with the sum of £20,000. The offer of so large a gift led the Council to consider whether it would not be wise to modify the plans that had been formed.