

an Examiner to the colonies, and are only waiting for a minimum number of entries to be completed. If our examinations were to become affiliated with those of the combined Colleges, Adelaide guaranteeing the extra number of entries required, which she could easily do, we should probably secure the services of one of the best men in London. Melbourne or Sydney could easily furnish the third Examiner. If, after all these expenses were met there was still a surplus, some musical scholarships could be established for the benefit of those who are unable to afford a sound musical education.

THE PROFESSORSHIP OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY.—At a meeting of the Council of the Adelaide University on Friday afternoon Mr. J. W. Salmond, of New Zealand, was elected Professor of Laws in succession to Dr. Pennefather, resigned. Professor Salmond, who is a native of New Zealand, took his B.A. degree at the New Zealand University. As the New Zealand Gilchrist Scholar he subsequently proceeded to London, where he received his legal education, taking a first class throughout the course, and winning a scholarship in Roman law and jurisprudence. He returned to New Zealand in 1887, and has since been in the active practice of his profession. For some years Professor Salmond was one of the examiners for the LL.B. degree at the New Zealand University and for admission to the New Zealand Bar. In 1889 he was appointed Lecturer on constitutional history at the University of Otago, but he afterwards resigned. Professor Salmond is a prolific writer, and amongst the many contributions to legal literature are articles to the *Law Quarterly Review*, London, on "History of Law of Contract," "Law of Evidence," and "Law of Nature" (historical). He has also published books of essays on "Jurisprudence and Legal History" and "First Principles of Jurisprudence." He is now engaged on a work entitled "Institutes of Legal Science." In recognition of his literary labours the learned Professor has been elected a Fellow of University College, London. Among the many recommendations presented by Professor Salmond were testimonials from Professor Murison, University College, London; Sir F. Pollock; Judge Williams, New Zealand; Mr. T. E. Scrutton, University College, London; Judge Denniston, New Zealand; Mr. D. McGregor, New Zealand; Sir R. Stout, New Zealand; and Judge Williams. "Reviews of Essays," &c., from the *London Daily Chronicle*, *Law Quarterly* (London), and the *Globe* (New Zealand) were also submitted. Professor Salmond is a son of the Rev. W. Salmond, Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy at the University of New Zealand.

THE WILL OF THE LATE MR. FREDERIC AYERS.—The will of the late Mr. Frederic Ayers, of Lefevre-terrace, North Adelaide, has been lodged by his solicitors, Messrs. Ayers & Gall, for probate. The estate is sworn under £38,000. The deceased bequeaths the household furniture and effects together with a legacy of £100 to his widow, Evelyn Cameron, and the rest of the estate is left in trust to Messrs. Harry Lockett Ayers and John Bagot, executors, for the benefit of the family.

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PROPOSED MUSIC EXAMINATION
AT BROKEN HILL.

Sydney, April 5.

At a meeting of the University Senate to-day a letter was received from the University of Adelaide asking whether there was any objection on the part of the University of Sydney to the holding of a local examination in music at Broken Hill. The Registrar was instructed to reply that the Senate sees no objection.

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INTER-UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.

Sydney, April 7.

The following crew has been selected to represent Sydney University in the annual race with Melbourne and Adelaide, to be contested on the Parramatta River on May 22:—
Vivers, White, Cowan, A. L. Vivers, Deane, Kendall, Griffiths, and Hickson. The average weight is 11 st. 5 lb.

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FISH, FLESH, FOWL, OR GOOD
RED HERRING?

A correspondent of the *London Morning Advertiser* writes:—"Mr. McIntyre, proprietor of the Star of India, Gordon-road, Peckham, is the owner of one of the most extraordinary animals in existence. It was born at Walton-on-Thames a few months ago and weighs exactly 14 lb. The mother was an ordinary rabbit, but that is all that is known of its parentage. It possesses an exceedingly large head. Its face is broad and massive and resembles in almost every particular that of a lion's cub. It has four ears, not unlike those of a cat, and from the centre of the broad forehead there protrudes a piece of bone too short to be likened to a unicorn's horn, but long enough to suggest a certain resemblance to the pictures one sees of that fabulous animal. As the sides of the body are two protruberances of the exact size, shape, and appearance of a swan's wings, the only difference being that they are covered with fluff instead of feathers—in fact the whole of the creature is covered with fluff. The back has all the appearance of that of a goose, and when touched produces that peculiar feeling which only those who have sampled geese in the fourth week of December can appreciate or realise. The animal's hind feet are like those of a large mastiff dog. It seems quite unconscious of its nondescript appearance and jumps about the bar all day long. At night it sleeps with a fox-terrier dog and an extraordinary kitten possessing 28 toes. It eats the same food as an ordinary rabbit and is particularly lively when the greengrocer arrives with its daily supply of greenstuff." The correspondent adds:—"This may seem like a story from the other side of the Atlantic, but it is perfectly true. The animal has been seen by hundreds of people, and its owner stated last night that Professor Lansdowne, of the College of Anatomy, had offered him £20 for the body, the skin to be returned. The present owner purchased the creature some time ago for £2."
