

MUSICAL NOTES.

It is announced that the first examinations by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music will be held in the colonies in October next. The subjects of the examination are harmony, pianoforte, organ, singing, violin, and cello. The Board, it appears, have already gone so far as to make provisional arrangements with a distinguished Professor, one who has made his mark as a composer in the highest branches of music, and is, moreover, a brilliant performer. The name of the gentleman is, so far, withheld from the public. A large number of entries have, we understand, been received in Melbourne and Sydney, where the Board has established "centres;" but up to the present Adelaide is not represented.

Some time ago the Sydney Amateur Orchestral Society offered a prize of ten guineas for the best original composition in the form of a grand symphonic march, which was to be played at the Society's concert in June next. The competition was open to any musician resident in Australia. A number of pieces were sent in, but the Judges—Messrs. Sydney Moss, J. A. Delany, and R. Hazon—have found themselves unable to make any award. In their letter to the Secretary of the Society they say:—"We are of opinion that, although some of the marches possess merit to a certain extent, they have not sufficient worth to deserve the prize and a public performance. Many of them had the grave faults of either lack of originality of ideas or weak and faulty orchestration. There was in every case a complete want of symphonic development, a point which was called for in the competition. We have examined in all eight different marches." This speaks badly for the musical ability of "Young Australia," or perhaps the prize was not sufficiently large to tempt our leading writers.

The following facts speak well for the Adelaide candidates in the recent examinations of Trinity College, London. Out of forty-three centres which passed one or more candidates in singing only three secured more than five passes. These were Wellington, N.Z., nine passes; Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, eight passes; and Adelaide seven passes. Adelaide claims three of the candidates who received 80 per cent. or more marks, and our students in the junior division obtained the highest marks granted, viz., 92 per cent. Mr. Edward Howard, of Adelaide, passed six of his pupils, while the greatest number passed by any one teacher or institution at any of the College centres was seven.

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THE ANNUAL SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DINNER.

A BRILLIANT GATHERING.

MR. WAY'S APPOINTMENT.

EULOGIZED BY THE JUDICIARY.

London, May 30.

The second annual dinner of South Australian colonists resident in Great Britain took place at the Whitehall Rooms last night, and was a great success.

The Right Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice and Lieutenant-Governor of South Australia, presided over a large and brilliant gathering, consisting of over 200 notabilities.

Among the more prominent guests present were the Right Hon. Hardinge Stanley, Lord Halsbury, the Lord High Chancellor; the Earl of Carrington and the Earl of Jersey, formerly Governors of New South Wales; Lord Herschell, the former Lord High Chancellor; Lord James of Hereford; the Right Hon. Charles Lord Russell of Killowen, the Lord Chief Justice of England; Lieutenant-General Sir Andrew Clarke, G.C.M.G., Agent-General for Victoria; the Hon. Sir Robert Herbert, G.C.B., formerly Agent-General for Tasmania; the Hon. W. P. Reeves, Agent-General for New Zealand; Sir Westby Perceval, K.C.M.G., Acting Agent-General for Tasmania; the Hon. Thomas Playford, Agent-General for South Australia; Mr. J. H. Finlayson, Editor and one of the proprietors of *The South Australian Register*; Mr. Noel Buxton, eldest son of His Excellency Sir T. Fowell Buxton; Mr. W. R. Mewburn, Manager of the Union Bank; Mr. W. Lund, of Lund's line of steamers; Mr. John Shiels, Manager of the Bank of Adelaide; Mr. Peroy Arnold, London Manager of the Bank of Adelaide; Mr. J. J. Duncan, of Hughes Park, South Australia; Mr. Fred Dutton; Alderman Kither, of the City of Adelaide; and Mr. G. P. Doolette.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies; the Earl of Rosebery, the ex-Prime Minister; His Grace the Duke of Sutherland; the Right Hon. Sir James Fergusson and the Earl of Kintore, formerly Governors of South Australia; and the Hon. R. Seddon, the Premier of New Zealand, who had only just arrived in London.

After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, Lord Herschell, in proposing the health of the Chairman, heartily welcomed Mr. Way to London. He congratulated himself upon having assisted to pass the law which enabled the appointment of Mr. Way to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to be made, and he expressed himself as being glad to have his assistance on the Bench.

The Right Hon. S. J. Way, on rising to speak, was greeted with hearty applause. He congratulated Mr. Playford on his latest financial success in placing the new South Australian 3 per cent. loan at a record price. The handsome premium brought by the loan showed that London financiers appreciated the colonial Government's attempt to balance accounts. Mr. Way expressed his pride at the honour conferred on him in his selection as the Australian representative on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and said he had been greatly encouraged by the cordiality shown to him by the English Bench and Bar. The inclusion of the Colonial Judiciary as members of the Privy Council indicated that the Judges of "Greater Britain" had regarded the true traditions of the English Bench, else they would not have been deemed worthy to sit as peers in learning and character with English Judges. Further than that, the selection of Colonial Judges for such appointments was another thread in the ever-strengthening cord of Imperial federation, marking as it did the judicial solidarity of the Empire.

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In referring to the recent Federal Convention at Adelaide Mr. Way declared that the members of that assembly had been animated by a high sense of statesmanship as well as by a laudable spirit of conciliation, and if the gathering brought about the early federation of the Australasian Colonies then the Convention would be regarded as one of the happiest events of the Queen's reign.

Lord Russell of Killowen endorsed the eulogy which Lord James of Hereford had delivered upon the personal attributes possessed by Mr. Way, and asserted that they in no degree fell short of the high reputation which had preceded his arrival.

Lord Halsbury, the Lord High Chancellor, asserted that the whole British Judiciary admitted the wisdom of admitting colonial Judges to the Committee of the Privy Council, and he congratulated the colonies upon the skill they had exercised in the selection of their nominees.

Lord James of Hereford, in the course of a short but happy speech, declared that he felt gratified at Mr. Way's appointment to the Privy Council, as he was a personal friend of over thirty years' standing.

Before the gathering separated Mr. Way again rose and said that he was greatly touched at the kindly references made to his appointment by the great lawyers who had spoken.

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THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE. — Professor Bragg and Sir Charles Todd have received, in reply to their appeal published in *The Register* a week or two ago, a large mass of information concerning the severe earthquake which was felt through South Australia on Monday, May 10. They have, however, not yet had time to begin the task of classifying and analysing the material supplied.

THE ELDER MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP. — The following is taken from a letter which Mr. F. W. Kennedy has received from his son, Mr. Wallage Kennedy, holder of the Elder Scholarship of Music:—"I certainly should disabuse the ideas of Adelaide people. When I first came I had first to study singing, second to study piano, elocution, Italian, and other subjects of minor importance. Also, I believe through some agreement with the man at 69, Earl's Court-square, my fee to him for board was £60 a year. Well, when I left him I only got £50 a year, and later the elocution and Italian classes were made extra subjects of one guinea each a term. These are essential to a singer, but I could not afford to take them. Last term I did take them, but then I had to give up my second study, piano; but this term I am going to take piano again. The fees of the College, too, have been reduced, I believe, to £12 12s. per term, so that also makes the allowance come to £37 0s. 6d., and with the £52 10s. makes a total of £89 16s. — rather different from the £300 people imagine. Really, unless a fellow has money, or can make money, the scholarship is not worth having. Out of £52 10s. you have to find board and lodging, your own piano, of course, all your own music, and travelling expenses, and have to keep yourself in the vacation of three months; besides keep up the appearance