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NOTES AND QUERIES.

—University Examinations.—

"Medicus" writes:—"On Thursday last, during the course of the senior public examinations, a three-hours' paper was given in the morning on algebra and arithmetic. This was followed by a long paper on English literature; and, after a ten minutes' interval—which, by-the-by, was only allowed at the request of one of the candidates—a special paper was given to those candidates who purposed becoming medical students. This paper would ordinarily take about three hours to write; but the unfortunate boys, with their faculties numbed and brains practically addled with the previous two (too) long examinations, were required to answer six questions in one hour, a physical and intellectual impossibility. Further than this, a special book was given for the candidates to study, from which the questions were to be asked. Beyond two or three lines there was nothing in the book bearing in any way upon a single question in the examination. It is the general opinion that as a rule highly scientific professors cannot or will not descend to the level of commonsense. If this be so, why allow them to have anything to do with the arranging of the examinations? Let some competent schoolmaster, with the requisite knowledge of a boy's capacity for work, &c., look after the general arrangements, and then our boys will at least have a fair opportunity of doing themselves justice."

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UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS.

In Executive Council on Wednesday morning the following regulations, passed by the University Council and approved by the Senate, were confirmed:—1. Repeal of regulation II. and III. of the degree of B.A., and new regulations to be substituted therefor. 2. Repeal of regulations I. and V. of the primary public examination, and new regulations to be substituted therefor. 3. Repeal of regulation I. of the junior public and of the senior public examination, and new regulations to be substituted therefor.

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LAW SCHOOL DINNER.

SPEAKERS IN LIGHT VEIN.

The annual dinner in connection with the Law School was held at the York Hotel on Wednesday evening. Sir John Downer presided over a large gathering. The proceedings proved to be a happy mixture of legal levity and learning. At times the intellectual pressure of the speechmaking was enormous, and the dead languages were scattered about with ghostly effects, while at other times the gathering reminded one of commemoration day at the University.

Mr. Paris Nesbit, K.C., opened the toast list by proposing "The University of Adelaide." He had a generous reception. "It rather embarrasses me," he said. (First interjection of the evening—"We are all barristers.") "You will observe that I am not in evening dress. I feel like a certain Scriptural character, who went to the marriage feast without a wedding garment. Here the parallel ceases, for that gentleman was speechless. I am not." (A Law Student—"No; it is rather early.") "I feel it necessary to explain that I have just left the Criminal Court, where I succeeded—in (applause)—in getting my client most satisfactorily convicted. (Loud laughter.) I may say that the Chief Justice referred to Mr. Anderson and my humble self as having the reputation of wasting less time in the Courts than any other members of the profession." (A Student—"He would have said it of ten lawyers had they been there.") "I propose to uphold my reputation for brevity by confining my remarks on this toast to the disadvantages of the Adelaide University, because they are so few." Mr. Nesbit then proceeded to criticise the methods of the University, and severely condemned the cramming system, because it tended to destroy the vigour of robust originality in a student, and to weaken individual initiative. He advised the students not to confine themselves to the grooves marked out for them in the curriculum, but to strike out for themselves in some original path. He added that he did not say this in any carping spirit, and he was not blind to the immense advantages that the University possessed. He only wished to God that he could have attended such a fine institution in his own student days.

Professor Bensly responded, and was profound and witty in turn. He said that some of them, perhaps, did not fully realize to what extent the Adelaide University had developed. For instance, it was the only one out of five he had attended which taught typewriting. (Laughter.) Then there were the latest appliances for demonstrating that South Australian building stone would resist greater pressure than New South Wales stone, and in another long range of buildings there were taught the whole art and mystery of boning a Chinaman or annexing the anatomy of the illustrations and even the royal deceased. (Laughter.) It was really hard to think

what they would have accomplished by the middle of the century. He hoped that the English language would be considered deserving of a separate chair, and that at least a porter's lodge would be erected, so that Mr. Ellis, like Cerberus at the gates of Hades, would be able to exclude American life insurance agents and gentlemen educated at English Universities, who, when temporarily stranded, made their way to his room. (Laughter.) Although it had been said that to be over-sanguine was the sign of an ill-balanced will, he ventured to hope that the covering of his sofa would shortly be renewed. It now bore the bootmarks of his three predecessors, to which had been added his own impressions. He did not know which of his three predecessors had been responsible for the hairpin which he found on the couch shortly after his arrival. (Loud laughter. A student—"Better say this in Latin.")

Mr. James Henderson, the oldest graduate of the University present (1877), gave some interesting statistics dealing with the progress of the University during the past amounting to £351. In 1878 the fees amounted to £351, and last year they totalled £8,740. (A Student—"Well, you ought to mend the sofa.") The income had increased in that period from £8,000 a year to upwards of £20,000 a year. (A Student—"You are making out a splendid case for the professor's sofa.") The salaries had grown from £4,000 to £14,000, and the staff from 10 to 50. The undergraduates in 1878 were a noble army of seven, and last year they numbered 311, while the candidates for public examinations showed an increase from 57 to 2,799 last year. (Cheers.)

Sir John Downer proposed "The Law School," and compared the advantages that were now at the disposal of law students with the difficulties of his own apprentice days. "We had no learned professors to teach us," he said. (A Student—"Neither have we." Loud laughter.) "We had to grub along as best we could without having at our command the facile means of acquiring knowledge that you now possess. I have not the smallest doubt that in the future there will not be the reproach that all the Judges of the High Court were produced by the Sydney University, but that the graduates of the Adelaide University will at least have a fair show. (Cheers.) Sir John then showed them the way to the High Court, and concluded:—"My advice to you is to stick together, work hard, do your best, and trust to Providence for help in evolving order out of the present-day incoherent and chaotic mass of decisions, and in bringing grist to the mill if you cannot bring perfect satisfaction to the public. There are dirty dogs everywhere, but, despite the stupid things people say about lawyers, I don't know one in Adelaide who is not true to his clients. (Cheers. A Student—"Assuming, Sir John, that we all have clients." Laughter.) The law is a noble study tending to truth, right, and justice, and the ennoblement of character."

Professor Salmond acknowledged the compliment, and alluded to the immense popularity of the Law School over all the arts. His experience as an examiner had been that the University methods did not destroy the originality of students, to which Mr. Nesbit had referred. Those who took up arts courses very often went about their studies like a set of devious parrots—(laughter)—but the law students did not depend so much on rote and memory. They manufactured principles of English law of their own. (Laughter. A Student—"Every man his own lawyer.") Professor Bensly could tell them something about originality in Latin. He assured the students that their examination disappointments were the disappointments of their professors. It was, however, better for a young man to fail one year than to scrape through. His aim should be not to pass his examinations so much as to learn his subjects. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. F. A. d'Arenberg, M.A., also replied. He criticised the article in The Register on "Human Tadpoles." He expressed sincere regret at the retirement of Mr. Bunday from the Bench. Only the other day the ex-Judge had explained to him the difficulty he had during his term of Ministerial office, in passing the Act which was the foundation of the Adelaide University, without which the Law School would have had no existence.

Mr. F. V. Smith proposed "Past members," on whose behalf Mr. A. J. McLachlan replied. The health of the Chairman was honoured at the instance of Mr. V. de P. Gillen, whose arrangements in the capacity of secretary were excellent. Messrs. P. E. Johnstone and H. T. Ward contributed songs, and Lotie's String Band played many tuneful selections.

BOWLS.

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Final Examination for Diploma in Mining and Metallurgy (old regulations).

Honors.—First class—None. Second class—Herbert William Gartrell, B.A., B.Sc., Adolph Ernest Paton, B.Sc., equal; Beauchamp Lennox Gardiner, B.Sc. Third class—Andrew Fairweather, B.Sc.

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THE STUDENTS AND COMMEMORATION.

A meeting of students was held at the University on Friday afternoon to make arrangements for the annual commemoration. The form of the students' programme was discussed, and although it was decided to provide the usual items the opinion was unanimously expressed that no conduct should take place which might in any way lend itself to hostile criticism.

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.

The list of diplomas and prizes awarded in connection with the musical school of the Adelaide University has gradually attained such important dimensions that the University Council have found it necessary this year to arrange a special Congregation for their distribution, instead of, as in former occasions, including them in the programme of Commemoration Day. This Congregation will be held at the Elder Hall on Monday afternoon, when the Chancellor of the University (Sir Samuel Way, Bart.) will preside, and Lady Way will distribute the awards. These include three degrees of Associate in Music, two Elder scholarships, and the Whinham, oratorio, Brookman, Ennis, Frederick Bevan, T. H. Jones, and Conservatorium prizes for excellence in various branches of study. A concert of selected music by the prizewinners will conclude the proceedings. Admission is by tickets, which may be obtained upon application to the Registrar of the University (Mr. C. R. H.).

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EXAMINATIONS IN RUDIMENTS OF MUSIC.

The University of Adelaide, in conjunction with the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, London, conducted examinations in the rudiments of music, and the undermentioned candidates passed:—Elizabeth Mima ACKLAND, Elena Howard BAKER, Ellen Whymper BECK, Hilda BIRMINGHAM, Carmen CAZNAUX, Maizie CHERIFTON, Kathleen Napier CRAIG, Hazel Thornton CRESWELL, Stella DAW, Marian DUGGAN, Annie Lillian EVANS, Marion FERGUSSON, John Douglas FETTERER, Florence FOODY, Lily GALLIFORD, John Forrest GARDNER, Doris GRAHAM, Mary Adeline HAKENDORF, Florence HARRIS, Edie HAWKINS, Matilda Janet HYMERS, Gertrude Mary JACOB, Vera Lottie JOB, Lucy Phoebe JOHNSON, Corliss Ethel May JURS, Nellie KEAM, Daisy Fowler KENNEDY, Emma Thomson KIDMAN, Teresa KILDEA, Lilian Marguerite Marie KOHLER, Edie Rhoda LOCK, Elizabeth Alberta LOUDON, Isabel Scott MALCOLM, Lena McANANEY, Olive Maren MILLER, Kate Macaulay MOFFATT, Ida MOLE, Winnifred NICHOLLS, Elizabeth O'LOUGHLIN, Myra Ann PLAYER, Ruby RAY, Dorothy Agnes RICHARDSON, Adelaide Phoebe RINGER, Margaret Ethel ROBERTS, Rita RYAN, Hilda Mary Albion SALMON, Ethel May STEWOOD, Margaret Emmeline SHORNEY, Mabel Alice SIMMONS, Laura STEVENS, Madge Mary STIRLING, Nina STIRLING, Miriam Agnes STORCH, Percy Harold THIBROOK, Winnifred Smith THOMSON, Mary Gladys TONKIN, Queenie Amanda WHITEHEAD, Hilda Marie WHITINGTON.

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HIGHER PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS.

General Honor List.

Order of merit of candidates who have received marks qualifying for a scholarship. From this list the Minister of Education selects the University scholars and the council selects the Hartley student.

1, Frank Ellis (Prince Alfred College); 2, Marmion Matthews Bray (St. Peter's Collegiate School); 3, Judah Leon Jona (Prince Alfred College); 4, Robert Wilson Tassie (Prince Alfred College), equal; 5, Frank Norman Bennett (Prince Alfred College); 6, John Stanley West (Prince Alfred College).

Angas Engineering Exhibition.

Robert Wilson Tassie (Prince Alfred College). Proxime accessit—Frank Norman Bennett (Prince Alfred College).

Special Honor Lists.

English Literature.—1, Frederic Morley Cutlack, Tennyson medal (University College, North Adelaide); 2, Edith Margaret Bills (Advanced School for Girls); Edith Ulrica Hubbe (Advanced School for Girls); Mary Lillecrapp Langman (Malvern Collegiate School), equal; 3, Frank Ellis (Prince Alfred College); Arthur Stuart Williams (Perth High School), equal; 7, Amelia Elizabeth Ashurst (Advanced School for Girls).

History.—1, Marmion Matthews Bray (St. Peter's Collegiate School); 2, Collier Robert Cudmore (St. Peter's Collegiate School); 3, Mary Lillecrapp Langman (Malvern Collegiate School).

Greek.—1, James Francis Fahy (Christian Brothers' College, Perth); 2, Frank Ellis (Prince Alfred College); 3, Stanley Jacob Cantor (Christian Brothers' College, Perth).

Pure Mathematics.—1, Gordon Cathcart Campbell (St. Peter's Collegiate School), Frank Edgar Rosman (St. Peter's Collegiate School), equal; 3, Frank Ellis (Prince Alfred College), Herbert Mayo (St. Peter's Collegiate School), equal.

Applied Mathematics.—1, Judah Leon Jona (Prince Alfred College); 2, Prescott Henry Harper (Guildford Grammar School).

Physics.—1, Judah Leon Jona (Prince Alfred College); 2, Frank Norman Bennett (Prince Alfred College), Robert Wilson Tassie (Prince Alfred College), equal.

Inorganic Chemistry.—1, Robert Wilson Tassie (Prince Alfred College); 2, Frank Norman Bennett (Prince Alfred College); 3, Arthur Tarlton Jefferis (Prince Alfred College); 4, Samuel Lloyd Corry (Prince Alfred College), John Stanley West (Prince Alfred College), equal; 6, Marmion Matthews Bray (St. Peter's Collegiate School), Oswald Rischbieth (Prince Alfred College), equal.