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Dr. Holder

The following particulars respecting Dr. Sydney Ernest Holder are taken from the *Illustrated Medical News* of January 26:—

“The daily papers have briefly recorded the wreck of the s.s. *Prism* near Corunna, and the loss of some of the passengers and crew, and of the surgeon, Dr. Holder. Such has been the melancholy and premature termination of a career of great promise and brilliancy, just at the moment when the hard work of years was beginning to gain its just reward. Dr. Holder was a native of Adelaide, and after taking his B.A. at that University came to England in 1882, and entered as a medical student at University College. In less than two years he passed the matriculation, the preliminary scientific and the intermediate M.B. at the University of London, at the same time taking a high place in all the college examinations. Afterwards in his hospital work he became one of the most distinguished students of his year, gaining, amongst other distinctions, the Atchison Scholarship for general proficiency, the Fellowes Gold Medal for clinical medicine, and the Tube Medal for pathology. After qualifying he filled the posts of obstetric assistant and house-surgeon at University College Hospital, and of assistant medical officer at Coton Hill Asylum, near Stafford. He took the M.B. and B.S. of London in 1887, and the M.D. last December, only a few weeks before starting, on January 5, on what he had long looked forward to as a pleasant and health-giving voyage after his hard work in hospital life, intending to get back in time for his final Fellowship examination in May, and then to revisit the relatives and friends in Australia from whom he had so long been separated. Dr. Holder's abilities were not limited to medicine; he possessed remarkable musical talent, which he always placed freely at the service of his fellow-students, and when a hospital resident he thus contributed, in no small degree, to the pleasure of his companions. His unwearying kindness and attention to the patients under his care was also notorious. A wintry tempest in the Bay of Biscay has abruptly cut short his career just when his long years of unremitting toil were beginning to bear fruit. But those who knew him best, whilst mourning the loss of one whose friendship will not easily be replaced, realise also how brilliant and successful his future would probably have been, and how much the world has lost by the untimely death of Sydney Holder.

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

The following results were posted at the Adelaide University on Wednesday afternoon:—

The following will be recommended by the board of examiners as University scholars for 1889:—Agnes Marie Johanna Heyne (Advanced School for Girls), Walter James McCarthy (P.A.C.), Frederick John Chapple (P.A.C.)

Angas Engineer Examination.—The following gentleman will be recommended by the council as the Angas engineering examination for 1889:—Allen James Bernard (P.A.C.)

Special Senior Public Examination (third class).—Stephen B. S. Cole, 1, 2, 9, 12 (private tuition); John H. Fox, 1, 2, 7 (Christian Brothers); W. J. Gunson, 1, 2, 7 (Christian Brothers); Alfred E. J. Russell, 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 (S.P.S.C.) The following candidate passed in applied mathematics:—Irwin Henry Offley (S.P.S.C.)

The figures attached to the names of a candidate indicates the subject to which he has passed as follows:—1, English; 2, Latin; 7, pure mathematics; 8, applied mathematics; 9, chemistry; 12, physical geography and geology.

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THE MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY. — The Melbourne University has politely informed graduates in Laws of Adelaide that they may not be admitted *ad eundem* in that distinguished body. The reason is that whereas in Melbourne a man must be a graduate in Arts before he enters the Law School, in Adelaide he need only have matriculated. We do not want to quarrel with the Melbourne University on this score; on the contrary, we believe that no care is too great which tends to raise the value of degrees. Lately an enterprising LL.B. of Adelaide tried to circumvent the Council. He knew that his Adelaide degree would not be recognised in Melbourne, so he invested £2 and got it endorsed by the Sydney University, where also only graduates in Arts may be admitted for examination in laws. Armed with this document our cunning LL.B. went to Melbourne and asked for an *ad eundem* as from Sydney. But the Council was not to be caught. The net was spread in vain in the sight of the very wary birds who shelter the University under their wings. The whole thing is rather awkward. Here we have the oldest University in Australia snubbed by its young sister. The probable consequence will be that Sydney will follow her example in the matter of our unfortunate Laws degree, which stands alone in Australia as a mark for ill-concealed contempt. It may be hoped, however, that neither Sydney nor Adelaide will follow the precedent set by Melbourne with regard to her Commemoration Days. The undergraduates of most British Universities have argued from time immemorial that as boys must be boys so undergraduates must be rowdies on such occasions. General Blucher in his innocence went to a Commemoration Day at Oxford in 1814, and when he came out again he was heard to state that "it was the hottest struggle he had ever been in." Thirty years later the Vice-Chancellor dissolved the Convocation because the disorder was so great, and at the present day in the leading Universities of the United Kingdom rowdyism reigns rampant on the great days. Even Melbourne—pre-eminent in learning, modesty, and other things—has proved no exception to this rule, and the youths, conscious that they are no longer under the rod, behave after the idiotic fashion of their fellows on the other side of the world. This has put the Council on their mettle, and they hit upon a singular plan, which was tried with the success that might be expected last week. They invited the students to help in drawing up the programme; gave them permission to sing topical songs and to ornament the walls of the Wilson Hall with drawings of well-known men. In other words they substituted official rowdyism for the unregulated article. Such a precedent is as absurd as it is extraordinary. Would it not be very much better for the Council to leave the undergraduates out of account altogether? If they cannot behave like gentlemen—which is possible—why, let the meeting be confined to gentlemen. Any other plan would be a failure. Admission by ticket has been tried without success, and it is of course useless to expect of the students, now that they have got the foolish notion into their heads that on one day of the year they may behave like cads, to forego their privilege and act like gentlemen. But to authorize their rowdyism is to bring the University itself into contempt.