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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

The following are the results of the ordinary LL.B. examinations held on March 13 and 14:—

FIRST YEAR, LL.B.

First class—None.

Second class—Horace Vernon Rounsevell.

Third class—Benjamin Benny, Edward Erskine Cleland, Iltyd Gordon Gwynne, Rupert Ingleby.

SECOND YEAR.

First class—None.

Second class—Richard Francis Dempsey.

Third class—None.

THIRD YEAR:

First class—None.

Second class—Francis Edward Knowles.

Third class—Anthony James Alexander Hall, Albert Edward Jones.

The following gentlemen are entitled to certificates:—

Law of Property—Joshua Addison Hargrave.

Constitutional Law—George Francis Michell, William John Stockdale.

Law of Wrongs—Walter Frederick Andrews, Sidney Bridle Darston, George Francis Michell, Charles Joseph Harvey Wright.

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THE UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—There is much in your article of Saturday with which, as a member of the senate, I quite concur. The University is indebted, as most universities are, to the benefactions of men who have never taken degrees, but have given their money for the public benefit. It also receives a Parliamentary endowment. It is true therefore, as you say, that the council should be a fairly representative body, and not exclusively composed of one class of persons. It is also true that six is a quorum, and no one can question your assertion that it would be easy to find a certain six to whom the public would not care to trust the institution. I may add that there are certainly six members who seldom attend, and who should be replaced by six who will attend. You hint at the existence of a desire to recruit the council in future exclusively from those on the books of the University. Such a desire has not, as far as I am aware, been expressed. There are some non-university men on the council, such as the Chancellor, who are valuable and capable of much service; but permit me to point out that hitherto not a single Adelaide graduate has been elected. Not only are there, as you say, some whose place is due to their having *ad eundem* degrees, but every graduate on the council without exception has been admitted *ad eundem*. We hope in time to alter this as the Adelaide men increase in numbers and standing. In the meanwhile there is a general agreement of opinion that the election should fall on University men, and if possible on those who have earned distinctions or have had experience. All the candidates nominated will be of this class, although the nominations proceed from opposite parties. As there are only three vacancies to fill, and not, as you say, seven, this is scarcely unreasonable, if there are six men on the council who are not of much use. As none of the candidates are selected on the ground of being pass men at Oxford or Cambridge I might excuse myself from alluding to a subject to which it appears to me you have unnecessarily referred. To prevent misconception, however, I ought to say a word. If it be true, as you say "one of the greatest authorities" says that a man who can only get a pass degree at Oxford or Cambridge had better have no degree at all, it is at least equally true of other universities. Still the remark applies only to very few men. There are very few who "can only" take a pass degree. At Oxford it is what all but about one in twenty are content with, however great their attainments. I think no more than one in twenty goes up for honors in the final schools. A mere pass is no mark of inferiority. It does not mean being at the bottom of any list, as it does in Adelaide. The examination for a pass is separate, otherwise the examiners could not go through the papers. The undergraduate, when he pays his £1, chooses which he will go in for. The examination is, in some respects, less extensive than those of the modern universities; but includes Greek and Latin books about six times longer than those wanted at the latter institutions. I apologise for saying so much on a question which, with submission, I think was irrelevantly introduced in your leader, and which, whether relevant or not, in anticipation of our nominations, has ceased to be so now that they are known not to include anyone qualified merely by the degrees in question. With regard to the tenure of professorships I will offer no opinion, merely noting the fact that the plan proposed by the council is unusual, and is certainly not adopted at the university (Oxford) to which you refer. The incident you mention of the dismissal of an examiner who had disobeyed a statute as to examinations is a very different thing from rendering a professor, who has given satisfaction for six years, liable to dismissal without cause on six months' notice.—I am, &c.,

J. W. S.

Register March 23/88.

PROFESSOR WATSON.—Professor Watson, of the Adelaide University, who has been absent from South Australia for about three months, was a passenger by the Carthage, arriving at Glenelg on Thursday. The Professor was granted leave of absence to recruit his health. About Christmas time he voyaged to Egypt, and spent the greater portion of his holiday up the Nile, proceeding as far as the second cataract. Leaving Egypt he spent a short time at Constantinople, and caught the homeward steamer at Brindisi. The Professor's health is much improved, and he resumes duties at once. So much attention has recently been directed to the plans for rabbit-extermination, in which the Professor has greatly interested himself, that we sought an interview with him on Thursday; but since he left the colony the Professor has really devoted no time at all to the consideration of his scheme. He deputed his assistant (Mr. Marceau) to deal with any questions that might arise during his absence. In fact, it was not until he reached Western Australia on his return to Adelaide that he was informed of the proposed Conference in New South Wales and of the animated discussions that have ensued on M. Pasteur's and his own proposals. At the present time the Professor will not express an opinion as to the schemes before the public. He believes that M. Pasteur's representative, who is coming to Australia by one of the Messageries Maritime steamers, will stay at Adelaide *en route* to Sydney, and he is looking forward with pleasure to a conference with him. Professor Watson regards M. Pasteur as a great master. He says that M. Pasteur's system differs from his in that the doctor applies micro-organisms, which are altogether insignificant in size compared to the *sarcoptes cuniculi* introduced by him.

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.—The meeting of the Senate on March 28 is likely to be more interesting than usual, as a large number of candidates of differing views will be proposed for the three vacancies in the Council. Dr. Smith intends submitting five motions, the principal of which is as follows:—“That the recent resolution of the Council as to the tenure of the five-yearly Professorships after the conclusion of the five years' term is injurious to the interests of the University, and that this opinion be communicated to the Council.”

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The following are the results of the March examinations:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDINARY B. A. EXAMINATION.

THIRD YEAR.

THIRD CLASS (with honors).

Charlette Elizabeth Arabella Wright.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The board of examiners recommend the following to be appointed to the three University Scholarships for 1888 (in order of merit):—

Frederick Stanley Butler.

Thomas Hugh Frewin.

Frederick Wm. Wheatley.

James Bernard Allen (*proxime accessit*).

SENIOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

First Class

Second Class

Third Class

} No passes.

SPECIAL LISTS.

ENGLISH HISTORY AND LITERATURE.

First Class (in order of merit).—E. A. Beare,

Robert Lewis, J. E. H. Winnall.

Second Class.—S. B. S. Cole.

LATIN.

First Class.—E. H. Beare.

Second Class (in alphabetical order).—S. B. S. Cole, Robert Lewis, Rupert Nicholson, J. E. H. Winnall.