

much advantage by the great British Universities. The Council of the Adelaide University does not care very much about the Art School. The result will be that young men who desire to secure an Australian degree worth having will go to Melbourne or Sydney. South Australia will be drained of her best talent, and the sister colonies will reap the benefit of the invincible stupidity of the Council of our own University. What can be expected? Of the Council of the University five members are men who never enjoyed the benefit of University training; six others are men whose sole knowledge of University work is confined to their attendance at examinations. Here is the "factory" difficulty explained at once, especially if we remember that the most pushing members of the Council are either non-University men or else graduates in other schools besides arts.

The number of undergraduates has increased from 109 in 1888 to 118, and most of these belong to the medical and law schools. Of non-graduating students there are 198 as against 77 in 1888, the increase being confessedly due to the inclusion at low fees of persons who are pursuing their course at the School of Mines. We look in vain for any indication of the intention of the Council to raise the standard of the LL.B. degree to that of the same degree as conferred in Sydney and Melbourne. A Bachelor of Laws of Adelaide is a marked man in the colonies now. Whatever his own abilities he is not recognised as the equal of Bachelors of Laws in Sydney or Melbourne. In the Sydney University the recent appointment of Challis Professors will certainly tend to raise the status and the value of the degree. In Adelaide nothing is done, though the manufacture of lawyers is one of the things to which the Council, under the direction of the Chancellor, has directed its attention. Some of the young men whom the easy curriculum in Adelaide has attracted will have cause to regret that they did not rather choose the harder course in one or other of the Universities of the sister colonies. During 1889 medical degrees were conferred for the first time. The graduates will have to bear in mind that to them belongs the work of making their degrees respected and held in honour. If they prove by their knowledge and ability that they have learnt well and that they have been taught well they will be doing good service to their University. As compared with the great European schools of medicine and surgery, the Adelaide school is not yet of much account. These students have the opportunity of attending the lectures and of observing the practice of the greatest men in the profession. Here they have to make up for this by more frequent attendance and more careful attention to the lessons given by less famous men. As we have said, the reputation of the Adelaide school rests with the graduates. We wish them good luck in what we are sure will be an honest attempt to establish this reputation on a high and sure footing.

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WE have received the Adelaide University Calendar for the academical year 1890. It contains as usual the calendar proper, the Acts of Parliament affecting the University, the standing orders of the senate, lists of the graduate and undergraduate members, and of others who have availed themselves of the privilege of examination, the statutes, and the regulations referring to examinations, scholarships, prizes, and regulations dealing with the courses of academical study in the various faculties. The appendix is devoted to the examination papers set in 1889, and to the annual report. To schoolmasters, undergraduates, and all *in statu pupillari*, probably the appendix will be the part most interesting and most studiously scanned. Regarding the examination hall as a chamber of torture, naturally a great deal of interest attaches to specimens of the instruments used by the grand inquisitors. And to this part of the Calendar we shall revert later. The financial statement of the University does not possess the interest attaching to that of the Treasurer of the province, or to a budget of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, but it is by no means the least important section of the Calendar. In past years the finance committee had the invaluable services of Sir Henry Ayers, and the University owes him a debt which his former colleagues are not likely to forget. In looking over the income and expenditure for the past twelve months we note with satisfaction that no less a sum than £3,191 12s. 5d. was contributed in fees. The income for the year, including the balance brought forward from 1888, is set down as £21,708 9s. 3d., which covers the expenditure and leaves a balance of £1,074 16s. 3d. This, by the way, is in round numbers about £170 less than the balance with which 1888 closed.

The annual salaries amount to no less than £9,013. Objection has been taken before now to the cost of working the educational machine as compared with the number of articles it turns out. And ingenious calculations have been made of the cost of

a graduate of the Adelaide University, with the conclusion, implied or expressed, that the game is not worth the candle. But all such comparisons are unfair and misleading, though not without the apparent force attaching to specious arguments put forth by circumscribed intelligence. The University of Adelaide between endowments and income represented on the 31st December £170,178 13s. 10d. This sum divided amongst the manufactured articles would no doubt give an appalling amount of head money. But it is obvious that money expended on buildings, museums, laboratories, for instance, is not exhausted, but covers generations ungraduated, if not yet unborn. The most hopeful sign of the success of the University, of the manner in which it is exercising an influence, direct and indirect, on the culture of the province, and of the confidence it is commanding outside, will be found in the steady annual increase in fees. For example, to go no farther back than 1885, they show an advance from £1,392 17s 6d. to £3,191 12s. 5d. in 1889, and this by a steadily graduated process, the figures being for 1886, £1,608; for 1887, £2,209; for 1888, £2,673; and for the year just closed, £3,191. We do not lay undue stress