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UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.

On Tuesday evening next Professor Henderson will begin his course of lectures at the University on "Builders of Empire." He will start with Sir Francis Drake, who was the true founder of the English school of naval warfare, and who, by his circumnavigation of the globe, opened up highways of commerce for the later expansion of British trade. The second lecture will deal with the Imperial work of Oliver Cromwell, who, according to Professor Egerton, was "perhaps the only Englishman who has ever understood in its full sense the word Empire." William Pitt (Earl of Chatham), the subject of the third lecture, is described as the greatest Imperialist of the eighteenth century. He lifted England from a third to a first rate power during his great administration, and under his direction the contest between England and France for Empire in America and India was decided in England's favour. The course is designed so as to reveal the forces by which the Empire has been founded and extended, and to prepare the way for a subsequent course on "British Imperialism in the nineteenth century."

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Mr. H. W. Smith, B.Sc., the Angas Engineering Scholar, who is pursuing his studies at Cornell University, Ithaca, America, has been elected to the Society of Sigma XI. This is the greatest honour which can be conferred on a science or engineering student of the university. The object of the society is to encourage original investigation in science, pure and applied. The following only are eligible for membership:—Any professor or instructor of the university who has shown noteworthy achievement as an original investigator in some branch of pure or applied science; any graduate who has by actual work exhibited an aptitude for scientific observation; any undergraduate in the fourth year class who has given promise of marked ability in those lines of work which it is the object of the society to promote. There are only six members of the class of 1908, of which Mr. Smith is a member, and only three are from Selby, the college to which he is attached. Mr. Smith is believed to be the first Australian to have won the distinction.

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AN ADELAIDE GRADUATE.

The "Australian Mining Standard" states that Mr. Brian Brock Bayly, B.Sc. (Adelaide), has been selected by the High Commissioner of the Federated Malay States for appointment as an inspector of mines in that country. Mr. Bayly is a graduate of the University of Adelaide, and had considerable experience at Broken Hill, Port Pirie and in the Deep Leads (alluvial) mines in Victoria. He won the open prize of the Australasian Institute of Engineers for a paper on "Refining of silver lead." Mr. Bayly is a brother of Mr. Wykeham Bayly (analyst and assayer to the Mines Department of Victoria), and his father was an esteemed officer of the South Australian Customs Department.

A cable message was received in Adelaide on Saturday stating that Mr. J. R. Wilton had been placed first in the second part of the natural science tripos at the Cambridge University. This brilliant student is a son of Mr. C. R. Wilton, of Adelaide, and went from Prince Alfred College to the local University, and then to Cambridge. The natural science tripos ranks with the mathematical tripos which Mr. Wilton took last year when he was fifth wrangler at Cambridge. This double success, with the best honours obtainable, is a rare achievement, and Mr. Wilton is the first South Australian to gain it.

Mr. Elliott A. Brummitt, formerly of the Adelaide University, has taken the degrees M.B. and B.C. at Edinburgh University.

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AN ADELAIDE STUDENT

SUCCESS AT CAMBRIDGE.

LONDON, June 21.

Mr. J. R. Wilton, of Adelaide, who, last year, was Fifth Wrangler in the first part of the Mathematical Tripos, has this year won a first-class in the second part of the Natural Sciences Tripos at Cambridge University. Mr. Wilton is a scholar of Trinity College.

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MUSIC TEACHERS AND EXAMINATIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir—More than 12 months ago the University authorities decided that the examiners, in connection with the new scheme, should not be residents of South Australia; and upon this understanding Mr. C. J. Stevens and I, as the representatives of the allied teachers, advocated at a meeting of the University Faculty of Music that the students of the Elder Conservatorium should be admitted to these examinations. If the examiners were to be strangers, who would not know a Conservatorium student from any other candidate, we were in favour of this. The meeting tacitly agreed to our proposal, but, notwithstanding, no Conservatorium student, so far as I am aware, entered for either of the first two examinations (September, 1907, or May, 1908). At a faculty meeting early in this year, however, a proposal emanated from the Conservatorium representatives that their students should compete. If the former decision concerning examiners were still to hold good, there could be no objection to this; but at the April meeting of the faculty it was proposed, for economical reasons, that only one Victorian examiner be engaged, and that for the two or three candidates of higher grades (for whom two examiners were essential) Mr. Reimann, one of the Conservatorium staff, should act in conjunction with Mr. Thomson, of the Melbourne University Conservatorium, or with Professor Ennis, as the case might be. This, in my opinion, was the insertion of the thin end of a wedge, and we have no assurance that at the September examinations of this year two members of the Elder Conservatorium staff will not be examining in this State—still for economical reasons, of course. At the April meeting of the faculty, referred to above, I moved an amendment, which was carried, substituting the name of Dr. E. Harold Davies for that of Mr. Reimann; for, at the moment, in the interests of the University, this seemed to be the wiser course, in order that in no circumstances two members of the Conservatorium staff should be associated as examiners. But on reflection I consider that a protest against the principle involved, and a vote against the motion, should have been my course of action. Dr. Ennis and Mr. Reimann are, of course, wholly capable, and beyond doubt, honourable; but the principle is bad, and might lead to serious complications in time to come.

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I may mention here that my reply to Professor Peterson's letter of June 10 has been delayed pending the arrival of information from the Victorian Education Office. This reached me this morning, and the matter will now be attended to forthwith.
I am, Sir, &c.,
E. E. MITCHELL.
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