The Association and the University. New candidates at University examinations. At the first
meeting of the present year, after careful considera-
tion, it was decided to memorialize the University
Council, asking the adoption of a system whereby
candidates should only be known to the examiners
by numbers. The President forwarded a letter to the
Registrar of that body early in April; no reply was
received whatever until October, when the Regis-
trant stated “that no steps had yet been taken
for the change which was desired.” At the second
examinations by numbering the candidates,

The matter was, however, brought before the next
Council meeting, referred to the Education Com-
mittee, and referred again by them to the Profes-
sorial Board and the Faculty of Laws. Both reports
were adverse to the proposal. At the request of
innovation. The committee made the following rec-

ommendation, however:—“That they do not feel
the necessity of making any change by suppressing
the names of candidates and substituting numbers
therefor.” It was further recommended that none of
the documents furnished to the schools from which
the candidates come, or to the schools, should be
likely to co-operate with the Association.

Replies were received from twenty-five, which were generally of such a very favour-
able nature that your Secretary (Mr. T. A. Caterer, B.A.)
was enabled, in the course of the debate on the
Senate meeting of December 3 to the effect that
“in the opinion of the Senate the establishment of
evening classes is desirable.” The resolution
was seconded by the Vice-Chancellor (the Rev. W.
Fletcher, M.A.), a warm friend of the movement,
and carried by an overwhelming majority. In answer
to the opposition, opinions being expressed that the
colony was not yet ripe for such an innovation,
and that the fees received would not meet the expenses
of the lectures. The resolution as passed will be
beneficial to the Association in every respect. It is
likely, whatever the decision may be, that satisfaction must be
felt by the members that some amount of success has
attended their labours. The movement is now
in such a state that your sub-committee will watch
the progress of the career of each candidate, and
will recommend to the Council. Before leaving this subject your committee desire to accord their thanks to both the Register
and Advertiser for the powerful assistance they have
received from both papers in support of this move-
ment. Resolutions were carried affecting the interests of
the schools connected with the Association, both on the
motion of the Rev. F. Williams, M.A., viz.:—“That
in the opinion of this Senate it is desirable to alter
the first regulation by substituting the word ‘seven
years’ for the word ‘six’ in the fourth line, and
allow candidates to present themselves up to the
age of seventeen.” This resolution was proposed at
the request of the members of this Association.”

Alteration of Rules.—At the last annual meeting
of the Association, Mr. James Anderson
was appointed to the new office, and during the
year has fulfilled his duties with ability. The
com-
mittee after much discussion decided to allow
the annual meeting in order that they may be made
as far as possible perfect in the interests of the
working of the Association.

Death of the late Mr. Robert Whinham.—The committee cannot close its report without reference
to the loss of Mr. Whinham, a past member of the
institute and one of the dearest of the members of his family circle.

In conclusion, the members of the committee wish
to place on record the pleasure that they feel in
noting the \textit{entente cordiale} which has characterized the whole of the proceedings of the year, and the heartiest thanks of the Association are due to the Head Masters of St. Peter's, Prince Alfred, Whinham, Commercial, and Hahndorf Colleges for the hospitality they have extended to the members on the various occasions of holding the ordinary meetings. The committee trusts that its labours on behalf of the interests of the Association have met with the approval of the members, and that the coming year they may be marked with a greater meed of success than even has attended the one now past.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Frederick Caterer; Vice-Presidents, Miss Tilly and Mr. H. Short; Secretary, Mr. T. A. Caterer, B.A.; Reporting Secretary, Mr. J. Anderson; Treasurer, Mr. S. Churchward, B.Sc.; Committee, Mrs. Martin, Rev. F. Williams, M.A., Messrs. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc., J. F. Sunter, B.A., and J. H. Lyons.

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\textbf{MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.}

The following is a list of the candidates who have successfully passed the Matriculation Examination:

- \textbf{FIRST CLASS (IN ORDER OF MERIT).}
  - William James Bonnin.
  - Alexander Wyllie.
  - Thomas M. Burgess.
  - H. K. Cooper.
  - Eleanor Alice Allen.
  - William E. Henzenroeder.
  - Mary Amelia Joyce.
  - Thomas A. Le Messurier.
  - Thomas H. Warren.
  - E. N. Maryvart.
SECOND CLASS (IN ORDER OF MERIT).
John H. Finlayson.
Gertrude Ella Mead.
Edward E. Moule.
W. P. Nicholls.
Susan Selma Solomon.
Florence Kelly.
Franciska Helena Puttmann.
T. G. Anderson.
A. G. Collison.
E. H. Cornish.
A. G. W. Fletcher.
A. F. Lynch.
F. V. Beyer.
H. E. Fuller.
S. S. Hobin.
C. T. Wright.

THIRD CLASS.
G. Ecose.
Mary Collier.
W. F. Dickier.
E. A. Dunn.
L. K. Fletcher.
H. J. Heggaton.
L. G. Hopkins.
Chas. Mann.
H. A. Powell.
E. M. Shihine.
D. C. Scott.
W. J. Stockdale.
H. V. Wigley.
W. P. Wooldridge.

The Matriculation Lists.—The pass list of the University Matriculation Examination includes forty names as compared with thirty for last December’s examination. The contest for the places of honour has evidently been a keen one, for in the first and second classes in which candidates are arranged in order of merit there are three pairs bracketed together and four fours. The closeness of the leading candidates to one another is shown by their being placed together by the examiners both in the first and second classes. At the same time the examination seems to be of a more thorough and searching character than it once was. Sixty-one candidates presented themselves, and of these only about two-thirds have been successful in passing. These of course have now the privilege of becoming members of the University, and donning the cap and gown, which are the distinguishing external marks of student life all over the world. Proportionately to the
number of candidates the girls seem to have done better than the boys, for no less than 8 out of 9 were successful; while among the boys, out of 52 there are 32 who have passed. This is no doubt, to some extent, due to the superior diligence and earnestness of the girls, who seldom act upon the inverted rule of "all play and no work," as many boys do who become enamoured of cricket and football. But, of course, it should be remembered that the candidates who go up for examination from girls' schools are usually picked scholars, while from the boys' schools it is often expected that all and sundry will be sent up at the end of the year to take their chance of success or failure. The importance of the examination as a final test for the scholars of colleges and grammar schools can scarcely be overrated. In Melbourne the test has become almost universal, and the head and second head classes of every higher school and of many of the State schools aim at the matriculation examination as the goal of the year's work. There are at present no less than 728 candidates being examined. Compared with this the total of sixty-one candidates at the Adelaide University seems insignificant. But the increase from year to year shows that the number will soon be very respectable indeed, while in Melbourne the lists show a decline. The only cause for regret is that after having gained an entrance to the University so few think it worth their while to follow the pursuit of learning through its classic halls until they have attained to a degree.