ment for improving the status of women has received practical encouragement in this colony, which has taken the lead in several matters. It is to our credit that we are the first Australian colony in which a woman has fought for and received her degree in the province has been appointed to such a responsible position as House Surgeon to the Children's Hospital.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

During last year the University was placed under a double disability. It was deprived of the services of its Chancellor, who has been unexpectedly called away on business, and holiday abroad, and it has had to months to carry on operations in the absence, through serious illness, of the Register, who, after doing much good work for the institution, has found it necessary to retire. It speaks well for the management that in spite of these drawbacks the calendar for 1892, containing the customary interesting details of proceedings for the twelve months, has been got ready as early as usual. We could have wished that its pages had given more evidence of advancement in the work of the University, and in the results in them, but the blame for any deficiency in this respect does not rest with the compilers, who have done their duty well. In point of fact there are few departments of the University in which material progress has been made.
Last year we had to notice the fact that the number of non-graduates had fallen from 129 in 1891. For 1891 the decline was still greater, the total being only 110. Nor was the diminution in the ranks of candidates for degrees compensated for by an increase in non-graduating students, for the number in the latter category included in 1889 was 138 and in 1890, 167, was in the year just closed only 136. Bearing in mind the extent to which the School of Mines helps to fill the classes of which cognizance is taken by the University this decrease is as noteworthy as it is satisfactory.

In the separate branches of undergraduate study, we find little that is particularly cheering as to the past or very hopeful with regard to the future. There was a time when as a set-off to the limited extent to which the arts and science courses were taken advantage of the role of legal and medical students was well filled, but this can hardly be said now. The number of those who commenced the course for the L.L.B. degree in 1891 was only 5, as against 17 in 1889 and 12 in 1888. Of the undergraduates 3 completed the first, 3 the second, and 8 the third year's course. This is a better record than in 1891, but, as in that year, only one student succeeded in passing first class. The total number of undergraduates for the past year is as follows: 24 as against 29 in the previous twelve months, but there was an increase from 7 to 1 in the total of non-graduating students seeking to obtain certificates enabling them to practise in the Supreme Court. This advance is probably due to the regulations ascribed to prior in 1890, which renders it obligatory upon the students for the L.L.B. course to pass part of the B.A. curriculum, and extending the course from three to four years. If this is the case the increase of non-graduates cannot be viewed with unmixed satisfaction. The L.L.B. course attracted 7 new students in 1891, as against 3 in the preceding year, but the number of passes showed little general improvement, being for the first year 4, for the second, 2, for the third 7, for the fourth 10, for the fifth 5, as against 4, 10, 3, 5, and 2 for 1890. In the list of non-graduating students attending lectures in various medical subjects there was a marked falling off, the numbers being respectively 7 and 5 in 1889 and 1890. This extraordinary decrease is attributable to the explanation that the science faculty still labours under the disadvantage of being only moderately patronised, for the new students for the year amounted only 4 as against 5 in 1890, while the students for the first, the second, and the third year, as against 3, 3, and 6 in the previous twelve months. In the case of non-graduating students attending lectures upon scientific subjects there has been a serious decrease in every subject. The new series of lectures upon Electronics and Electromagnetism, however, being fairly well attended, the total number of students being 20. The arts college