The following particulars respecting Dr. Sydney Ernest Holder are taken from the Illustrated Medical News of January 23:—

"The daily papers have briefly recorded the death of the late Dr. Holder, a native of Adelaide, who died in London on January 16. Dr. Holder was a native of Adelaide, and after taking his B.A. at the University of London, he became a medical student at the University of Oxford. In less than two years he had passed the matriculation, the preliminary and the intermediate M.B. at the University of London, at the same time gaining a high place in all the college examinations. Afterwards in his hospital work he became one of the most distinguished students of his year, gaining, amongst other distinctions, the Ashburnham Scholarship for general proficiency, the Fellowes Gold Medal for medical surgery, and the Tuba Medal for pathology. After qualifying he filled the post of assistant surgeon at University College Hospital, and assistant medical surgeon at Coton Hill Asylum, near Stafford. He took the M.B. and B.S. of London in 1887, and the M.D. last December, only a few weeks before passing, on January 5, on what he had long looked forward to as a pleasant and health-giving voyage after his long and busy hospital life, intending to get back in time for his final Fellowship examination in May, and then to revisit the natives of Australia from whom he had not long been separated. Dr. Holder's abilities were not limited to medicine; he possessed remarkable musical talent, which he always played for the benefit of his fellow students, and when a hospital resident he contributed, in no small degree, to the pleasure of his companions. His unceasing kindness and attention to the patients under his care was also noticeable. A witty and temperate man, in the Bay of Biscay he abruptly cut short his career just when his long years of unremitting toil were beginning to bear fruit. But some share in his best, whilst mourning the loss of one whose friendship will not easily be replaced, realises also how brilliant and successful his future would probably have been, and how much the world has lost by the untimely death of Sydney Holder.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

The following results were posted at the Adelaide University on Wednesday afternoon:—

The following will be recommended by the board of examiners for University scholars for 1889:— Agnes Marie Johanna Heyns (Advanced School for Girls), Walter James McCleary (P.A.C.), Frederick John Clappes (P.A.C.).

Angus Engineer Examination,—The following gentleman will be recommended by the council to the Angus Engineer's examination for 1889:— Allen James Bernard (P.A.C.).

Special Senior Public Examination (third class): Stephen H. Boswell, 1, 2, 3, 12 (private tuition); Edward H. Foxx, 1, 2, 7 (Christian Brothers); W. J. Gunson, 1, 2, 7 (Christian Brothers); Alfred E. J. Russell, 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 (S.S.C.).

The following candidate passed in applied mathematics:—Irwin Henry Ollary (S.S.C.).

The figures attached to the names of a candidate indicates the subject to which he has passed as follows:— 1, English; 2, Latin; 3, pure mathematics; 4, applied mathematics; 5, chemistry; 6, physical geography and geology.
THE MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY.—The Melbourne University has politely informed graduates in Law of Adelaide that they may take a degree of LL.B. in that distinguished body. The reason is that whereas in Melbourne a man must be a graduate in Arts before he enters the Law School, in Adelaide he need only have passed a degree examination. They do not quarrel with the Melbourne University on this score; on the contrary, we believe that no care is too great which tends to raise the value of the degree. Lately an enterprising LL.B. of Adelaide travelled to circumvent the Council. He knew that his Adelaide degree would not be recognized in Melbourne, so he invested £2 and got it in the School of Agriculture, University, where also only graduates in Arts may be admitted for examination in law. Armed with this document our cunning LL.B. went to Melbourne and asked for the degree as from Sydney. But the Council was not to be caught. The net was spread in vain in the sight of the very wary birds who shelter the University from the ambition of other universities. The whole thing is rather awkward. Here we have the oldest University in Australia snubbed by its young sister. The probable consequence will be that Sydney will be recognized as in the matter of our unfortunate Law degree, which stands alone in Australia as a mark for ill-concealed contempt. It may be hoped, however, that neither Sydney nor Adelaide will follow the precedent set by Melbourne with regard to her Commemoration Days. The undergraduates of most British Universities have heard the greatest comment from the London University, and Sydney is not likely to be different. General Blucher in his innocence wrote to the University in 1874 to know whether the Commemoration Day at Oxford in 1874, and the University, and the date on which the present day in the leading universities of the United Kingdom rowdym at the great day. Even Melbourne—pro-eminently in learning—may produce similar things—has proved no exception to this rule, and the youth, conscious that they are no longer under the rod, behave after the idiotic fashion of their fellows on the other side of the world. This has put the Council on their mettle, and they hit upon a singular plan, which was tried with the success that might be expected last week. They invited the students to help in drawing up the programme; gave them permission to sing topical songs and to ornament the walls of the Union with the likenesses of well-known men. In other words they substituted official rowdym for the unregulated article. Such a precedent is absurd as it is extraordinary. Was it not better for the Council to leave the undergraduates out of account altogether? If they cannot behave like gentlemen—what is possible?—let the meeting be confined to gentlemen. After all it would be a failure. Admission by ticket has been tried without success, and it is of course useless to expect the undergraduates to see that they have got the foolish notion into their heads that on one day of the year they may behave like cadets, to forego their privilege and act like gentlemen. But to authorize their rowdym is to bring the University itself into contempt.