THE LATE MR. S. E. HOLDER.—We understand that no information as to the reported death of Mr. S. E. Holder has been received by his relatives in this colony. It was Mr. Holder’s intention, according to the London papers, to leave for China as the medical officer of one of the vessels trading with the East, and he had arranged to return to London on special business in April or May. In the Melbourne Daily Telegraph of January 14 a cablegram stated that “The steamer Frans, from Hongkong, had encountered a severe gale off Cape Finisterre; nine lives lost.” Our telegram on Saturday gave the name of the vessel from which Mr. Holder was lost as the Eltham. There seems to be little reason for doubting that the vessel was the Prince of Hongkong, especially as the same steamer put into Gibraltar on the previous homeward trip with disabled machinery on December 5.

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At a meeting of the University Council this afternoon a letter was read from Mr. G. H. Downer, which stated that the University of Adelaide had been recognised by the University of Melbourne. Mr. Downer was understood to make this request at a recent meeting with a view to applying for admission to the bar in Victoria. The registrar was instructed to reply that the Adelaide University is recognised so far as the matriculation examination is concerned, but that the LL.B. degree in South Australia is not regarded as equivalent to the Bachelor of Laws degree here, inasmuch as law students in Adelaide are not required to obtain the B.A. degree before proceeding with their legal studies.

Regent's February 5, 1889

Adelaide and Melbourne Universities.
—At a meeting of the Council of the University, held at the Library of the Law Courts on Monday afternoon, the question of the recognition of the Adelaide University was raised (says the Argus) by a letter being received from Mr. G. H. Downer, of Adelaide, intimating that he had taken the degree of LL.B at the Adelaide University, and asking if the Melbourne University would recognise it. It was stated that Mr. Downer was a member of the bar and had not taken the degree of LL.B. at the University of Melbourne, and that the rule of the Supreme Court for the admission of barristers was that they must take an LL.B. degree at the Melbourne University or at some other University recognised by that body. Some discussion arose as to whether the Adelaide University, as far as the law examinations were concerned, should be recognised by the Melbourne University, and it was decided to inform Mr. Downer that, while matriculated students of the Adelaide University had been recognised in this colony, no Bachelor of Laws of the Adelaide University had ever been admitted to the same degree in the Melbourne University, because the degrees of the two institutions were not regarded as equivalent.
The UNIVERSITY.

The University Calendar contains a usual a variety of interesting information. At usual a financial statement which is incomprehensible to the ordinary reader. The receipts were £34,016, but this included some £15,500 moved from one security to another, and the £4,000 paid as a result of the Engineering Scholarship. The fees of students are still but an inconsiderable item, amounting to all in £2,465, or about £400 more than in 1887. Further, money in interest, and rent make up with sundry donations the balance of income. The expenditure, which was £27,400 in 1887, was £22,700 in 1888; but transfers of capital partly account for the difference.

The heading "annual expenses" give account of £2,400, of which the item "salaries" absorb £2,001, and the miscellaneous item "charges" £199. "Charges" cannot be defined as stationary of printing or advertising, and each of these is specifically mentioned. It is another name for "sundries", we presume—and a very good one too.

It is satisfactory to notice that the work done by the University is growing in bulk and importance. In 1888 there were 109 undergraduates and seventy-seven students who attend lectures but do not propose to graduate. So far as can be seen the new regulations for examination should give satisfaction, whilst from the proportion of passes to candidates that great care is exercised by the examiners not to make the distinction between the classes too hard. There were 341 candidates for the preliminary examination, of whom only 133 passed; 79 for the junior public, of whom only 48 passed, whilst 36 out of 79 candidates failed to satisfy the examiners in the Senior Public. It is a wholesome practice to throw out those who are weak in the subject and are not likely to do any good in the future. The failures are most marked in Greek, Latin, and pure mathematics. Law and medicine are still the most popular faculties in which some have ventured to call the Adelaide 'Pill and Brief Factory.' The total number of undergraduates studying for the LL.B. degree was thirty, or more than one in 1887, and the world has been enriched by the enrolment of students who are not likely to be qualified to practice law. The exact value of this degree is not to be ascertained. The Melbourne University for instance does not recognise it, and there is a possibility of its being derogatory in the future. The title cannot travel with them out of South Australia. The University should remedy this state of things without delay by making the course over Arts as well as Law.

There are many of our Adelaide LL.B.'s who are worthy of better things than to be restrained by titles which are practically worthless. The Medical School has still a large complement of students, including forty who attend lectures on physiology, and who are probably intending candidates for one or other of the primary examinations. Besides these, there are twenty-eight students who are in vari-