PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS IN MUSIC.

Professor Free conducted the examinations in music this morning, and the following candidates in the Junior Division passed first class:

Roderick Blackman, Richard R. Shave, and William R. G. Davies. The candidates in the Senior Division who were eligible to the examination were the following:

E. J. Stephen, E. W. Blackman, and W. R. G. Davies, all of whom were successful.

Piano-Forte-Playing.


The results in the senior class will be published in the next number.

The University Examinations: 1887.

Sir—The following is the result of the recent preliminary examination in elementary (1) arithmetic, which has been held in the University:—

Morgan, A. E. R. (Harr. Yon), 480.0 (2) Davies, E. R. (Harr. Yon), 480.0. The candidates have been most carefully selected, and the examination was conducted in the most serious manner.

The results in the final examination will be published in the next number.
Let any two of our medical men have a look at the weak eyes and the nervous weakness of many of the hard-crammed boys and girls who were stuffed with useless problems for this and other examinations. They would discover that while the brain is being infinitely exercised the life and physical vigour of these children are being undermined. Is it right that a knowledge of arithmetic such as seems to be indicated by the paper is to be a sine qua non for admission for any purpose within the portals of this young institution? The University authorities will do well to look to this lest the career of the institution may receive a sudden and unexpected check. Perhaps the professors only bargain for a certain amount of work as regards numbers, and think it well to exclude all but a few brilliant boys and girls. I trust this is not so, but it looks remarkably like it. Many students of my acquaintance would like to see the examiners’ solution of problem vii. in the questions. I think the proper answer is, not as in race, “parlance “nowhere,” but “anywhere you like.”

I am, Sir, &c.,

OCTOPUS.

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.—In connection with the late Preliminary Examination at the University we have been supplied with the following list, showing the subjects in which the unsuccessful candidates failed:

—Arithmetic only, 69; dictation only, 3; grammar only, 2; composition only, 3; arithmetic and composition, 9; arithmetic and grammar, 3; arithmetic and dictation, 2; composition and dictation, 1; composition and grammar, 1; composition, dictation, and arithmetic, 1; dictation, grammar, and arithmetic, 2; all subjects, 5.

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THE UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—The expected has happened, and fully a third of the candidates at the recent preliminary examination have failed. This is bad enough, but to those who know something of the candidates who presented themselves the matter is really much worse. This is the first preliminary examination under the new arrangements, and as it is necessary for those who wish to pass the new senior examination to first pass the preliminary, a large percentage of the candidates were not juniors, but were 16 or 17 years old, some even older, and to these of course the arithmetic paper was an easy matter. If we could deduct all the candidates of 16 years of age and over from the list I strongly expect that we should find that quite half of the really junior candidates who presented themselves, and for whom the examination was intended, have failed. In the circumstances I think that the least the University authorities can do is to allow such candidates who failed in arithmetic alone to go on with any further examination they may desire to pass, as though they had passed the preliminary.

I am, Sir, &c.,

A SCHOOLMASTER.