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**THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.**—The results of the preliminary examination show that the popularity of the tests set by the University of Adelaide is increasing. This year there have been no less than 331 candidates, and out of these 194 have passed. The number of successes would appear to be about in the usual proportion, and yet there were features in the examination this year which might have led to the conclusion that the test would not be quite so severe as is ordinarily the case. No formal analysis was set in the paper on English grammar, and parsing was the only real grammatical exercise prescribed. One cannot help regretting the exclusion of analysis from the University curriculum, as it supplies what is certainly the nearest approach to a purely logical exercise that can be prescribed in a grammar paper, and the best way to teach the foundations of grammar is really through the medium of simple analysis. It would be excusable to omit the details of formal parsing and some of the etymological facts now insisted upon in order to make room for logical analysis, but the adoption of the reverse process seems inexcusable. For the rest the chief public interest has centred upon the difficulties incidental to the giving out of the dictation. Many complaints have been made, and some of them apparently with a good deal of justification. But it should be remembered that it is an exceedingly difficult task to preside at such an examination with perfect fairness and yet to make the test a thorough one. Some people, no doubt, in their anxiety to give every opportunity to the candidates would pronounce their words in a way which almost amounts to spelling them. This would not do. The candidate is supposed to understand the word given to him according to its average or general pronunciation, and the passage selected should be read with a proper discrimination of accentuation. But at the same time it must in fairness be allowed that where so many candidates fail to catch the sound of words of the simplest character there is reason to believe that less than a due opportunity has been given to them. It is, we believe, the practice to read the passage over twice—once for dictation and a second time for revision. Would it not be a good plan for the second reading to be done by a different person, so that any misconceptions due to the idiosyncrasies of individual pronunciation might be corrected? With all the drawbacks which may be incidental to it there is no doubt that the examination is having a stimulating effect upon secondary education in South Australia. Free education has now been secured for all attending the public schools, and it behoves every parent who can possibly afford it to make a point of providing his children with something more than that minimum which is granted by the State free of cost. An advanced education will now be necessary to raise the child of good opportunities above the general level, and it may fairly be expected that the effect of free elementary education will be to give a great impetus to secondary training of all sorts throughout the colony. New institutions, such as Way College, are providing increased accommodation and facilities. Men of high standing are ready to impart instruction which is far above that of any State school curriculum. The rest remains with the parents, and the University lists afford a good proof that a very considerable proportion are determined to give their children a fair start in life.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.**

**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS.**

**COMPLETE LIST.**

The following are the results of the preliminary examinations held in connection with the University in September, 1891. Of 331 candidates who appeared for examination 194 were successful. The names are arranged alphabetically under schools:—

Prince Alfred College.—Walter John Colbatch, Horace Stanhope Cowan, Alexander Scott Crooks, Bertram John Davey, Herbert Mitchell Dingle, Robert Owen Fox, Wycliffe Faulkner Gardiner, Greton Elliott Giles,

Nigel Stuart Giles, William Charles Grey, Charles Edward Hall, John Grey Hannah, Theodore Charles Hantke, Rupert Dufty Heggaton, Clement Hill, Robert Honiburg, George Howitt, Harry Ernest Jolly, John Duncan Kelly, John William Laidlaw, Lawrence Harcourt Landseer, Albert Charles Lever, Richard Hayley Lever, Albert Lavington John Madge, Percy Rupert Robinson Magarey, Stanley Arthur Malin, William Martin, Albert Walter Moore, Arthur Kent Newberry, Harold A. T. Proctor, David Johnstone Ritchie, George Henry Rogers, Stuart Lidgett Shepherd, Herbert Frank Shorney, Charles Francis Stephens, George Silas Tall, William Douglas Taylor, Sydney Manton Vercoe, Bernhard von Bertouch, Hermann Zwar.

St. Peter's College.—John Bell Anthony, William Stocks Brain, Harrold John Bullock, Alexander Charles Clark, George Henry Crutenden, Herbert Gustav Carl Degenhardt, Harvey Langford Ebbs, Joseph Charles Edmunds, Rodney Fowler, George Elijah Goodheart, Charles Digby Halcomb, Rupert Percy A. Hewgill, Hampton Henry Howell, Harloe John Knox, Percy Humphries Laffer, Percy Woods Moncrieff, John William Moule, Marra Victor Newland, George Austin Nicholls, John Whinham Packard, James Howard Phillips, Robert Routh Sabine, Percy Law Smith, Bertram C. T. Solley, George Bagot Turnbull, Frank von Doussa, Inman Way, Allan McLaren Webb, Ernest Ralph Woolnough.

Advanced School.—Iris Bartels, Marion Horsley Chapman, Phoebe Chapple, Alice May Collison, Alice Wilhelmina Crosby, Laura Edith Dickenson, Alexandrina Douglas, Caroline Edwards, Mary Edith Forwood, Edith Agnes Fraser, Stella Ellie Hack, Muriel Ida Maddison Hartley, Annie Mary Hervey, Ida Mary Heyne, Annie Ridge Hills, Elsie Florence Landseer, Florence Maud Mayne, Louie May Pellew, Marie Alice M. O. Pollitt, Helen Gertrude Robson, Robina Sadleir, Mary Hammersley Sadleir, Amy Caroline Small, Minna Jane Swann, Lily Trüdinger, Elsie May Vercoe.

Christian Brothers' College.—Leo Laurence Anderson, James Thomas Blunsden, Percival John Brett, Philip Sylvester Clarke, Louis George Edmunds, Robert Hugo Edmunds, George Frederick Gunson, Thomas Francis Hannon, Henry Lawrence Hansen, William Joseph Horney, Samuel Kiernan Kennedy, John Thomas McMahon, Laurence Patrick McMahon.

Unley Park School.—Charlotte Margaret Nancy Wilson Warrington Allan, Louise Appelt, Evaline Burford, May Burgess, Mabel Hesketh Haslam, Gertrude Annie Robertson, Ethel Maude Mary Scott, Gertrude Law Smith, Helena Mary Swannell, Florence Matilda Williamson.

Whinham College.—Charles Hamilton Catchlove, Arthur John Hemingway, Julius Victor Judell, Percy Walter Jones, Allan Elliott Randall, Nesley Nattle Salter, William Shannan, Stanley H. R. Swindells.

Hardwicke College.—Ellen Daisy Churchward, Ada Flint, Lily May Hunt, Minnie Parker, Mary Jean Rainsford, Elna Louise Snow, Olive Waterman.

Clare Advanced School.—John Corbin, Alexander Maitland, Stanley Smith, Edwin B. Welch, James Thomas Willshire.

Semaphore Collegiate School.—Jocelyn Edward Barrett, Charles Alexander Brown, Walter Henry Brown, Charles Edward Gjedsted, William Alfred Rose.

Adelaide Collegiate School.—Frank Claxton Addison, Harry Bentham Field, William Herbert Ifould, John Edwin Tratham.

Glenelg Grammar School.—Alexander Gollan Addison, Henry Edward Goode, Harold Victor Gregory, Reginald George Nesbit.

Norwood Public School.—Charles Angel, John Colville, Walter Arnold Jones, Anne Alice Neville.

Ladies' Collegiate School, Semaphore.—Beatrice Gerard Bayly, Maude Holdick Bayly, Ada Olive Freer.

Miss Aldersey's School.—Ellen Anderson, Kathleen Mercy Goode, May Gwendoline Russell.

Misses McMinn's School.—Mabel Johns, Elizabeth Rosina Murray, Kate Ailda Warren.

Port Adelaide Public School.—Archibald Godden, Edith Fanny Martin, Garbert Thomas Wooldridge.

Pulteney-street School.—Robert Hugh Pearce, Joseph Herbert Saire, John Steel.

Adelaide Girls' Collegiate School.—Mabel Louise Bowen, Rose Lilian Fayers.

Convent of Mercy.—Sarah Long, Mary Elizabeth O'Brien.

Collegiate School for Girls, Norwood.—Frances Amelia Fry, Isabel Kelly.

Miss Brown's School.—Mabel Eva Doswell, Florence Edith Farrow.

Miss Martin's School.—Katherine Louise Birks, Mildred Constance Burden.

Mrs. Hübbe's School.—Edith Annie Bolitho, Maggie Bevis Henderson.

North Adelaide High School.—Edgar Maurice Ralph, Percy Whittington.

St. John's Grammar School.—Herbert John Tanner, Walter Franz Wehrstedt.

Burra Public School.—Arthur Thomas Lasscock.

Dominican Convent, Cabra.—Isabel Kelly.

Hahndorf College.—Frederick Horton Clough.

Kapunda School for Girls.—Emma Maude Benham.

Miss Ives's School.—Annette Augusta Dollman.

Mr. T. C. Hayward's Tuition.—William John Vandenburg.

Southfield's School.—Ethel Mary Prisk.

Private Tuition.—Albert Edmund Frya, Ida Louise Kayser.