

and 13 second-class certificates. In the Practice of Music 190 candidates entered for the junior division; 30 obtained first-class certificates and 84 second-class certificates. In the senior division of the Practice of Music 44 candidates entered; five obtained first-class certificates and 17 second-class certificates. In the Advanced Course of Public Examinations in Music 3 students presented themselves and two passed. Local examinations were held at Clare, Port Pirie, Moonta, Port Augusta, and at Hobart, Tasmania.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

A meeting of the Council was held on Friday, January 29. Present—The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Dr. Paton, Dr. Lendon, Mr. Symon, Q.C., Dr. Verco, and Professor Mitchell.

The annual report and balance-sheets for 1896 were approved.

The report of the Board of Musical Studies recommending that Mr. T. H. Jones, Mus. Bac., be appointed *locum tenens* during the absence on leave of Professor Ives for the first and second terms of 1897, and also recommending the establishment of Primary Examinations in the theory and practice of music, was adopted. The Board of Musical Studies were directed to prepare the necessary regulations for the Primary Examinations for the approval of the Council.

The report of the Faculty of Laws concerning the steps taken for the appointment of a Professor of Laws was approved. It has been decided to advertise in England and the colonies calling for applications. The final appointment will be made by the Council.

A letter was read from Mr. J. A. R. Smith, Dr. Davies Thomas Scholar of the third year for 1896, intimating that it was his intention to proceed elsewhere to complete his course, and asking that in the circumstances some consideration on account of the scholarship, which provides that each scholar shall be credited with the sum of £10 towards payment of his fees, might be granted him. It was resolved to inform Mr. Smith that the Council could not grant his request.

A report from the Royal College of Music, London, stating that the Council had resolved to give Mr. H. M. W. Kennedy, the Elder Scholar, an additional year at the College, was received.

A letter was read from the Secretary to the Minister of Education stating that as the University Scholarship awarded to Robert R. Stuckey had been relinquished by him the Minister approved the award of a scholarship to Cuthbert Lillywhite, who qualified at the examination.

Professor Mitchell and Mr. R. W. Chapman were appointed Examiners for the Preliminary Examination in March. Professor Rennie, with the Examiners, to constitute the Board of Examiners.

The Registrar's report concerning the degrees conferred at the Commemoration in December last was received.

The Register.

ADELAIDE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1897.

THE DEPARTURE OF MEDICAL STUDENTS.

The senior medical students without a single exception will in the course of a few days have taken their departure for Melbourne or Sydney, and at one blow the superstructure of the Medical School at the University will then be completely wrecked. That some degree of exasperation at the meddlesome actions of the Government which have brought about this expatriation should be felt by the undergraduates and by their parents and relatives is only natural. In some cases at least there will be serious difficulty in bearing the additional expense thus entailed. Very general confidence has in the past been displayed in the medical and surgical training given at the local Medical School, and the contrast between the past and the present causes those students who have been obliged to leave for other cities to feel that the circumstances which have necessitated the step are not only unjust to themselves, but discreditable to the colony. When the study of medicine was first added to the curriculum at the University of Adelaide the scope of the instruction given was confined to those subjects which might be taken by students in their first, second, and third years, and which did not require attendance at an Hospital with the object of learning sound clinical and surgical practice under skilled and experienced practitioners. Soon, however, it was seen to be not only a mistake but an unnecessary confession of weakness to be compelled, after imparting the mere class-room teaching to the students, to virtually say to them, "We have done for you all that this colony can accomplish on your behalf, and for the completion of your medical education, if you do not choose to proceed

to the old country, you must look to Melbourne or Sydney." In close proximity to the University was a General Hospital, the buildings and appointments of which were not inferior to those of any similar institution in this part of the world, and the authorities could enlist the services of medical men so eminent in their respective branches of the profession that some of them have since been selected as Sectional Presidents of Intercolonial Medical Congresses. It was