examinations, and often failed as the result of their peculiar constitutional build. He emphasized the need for each pupil setting up for himself an aim in the end of which he might be proud and satisfy his view. (Applause.) He asked the parents to assist the master by restoring confidence in him, and impressed on all the need for having faith in the Great Creator.

A. LINDSEY, the dux of the school, on behalf of the scholars, then presented the Head Master, the Rev. J. C. Haynes, a solid silver watch as a token of their esteem and respect. Subsequently the like pleasing ceremony took place, when Mr. E. Sewell, the second master, who is leaving the school, was also presented with a testimonial by the boys as a token of their appreciation of his kindness towards them in their behalf.

UNIVERSITY SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY.

The final meeting of the fourteenth session of this Society was held in the library of the University on Thursday evening, and despite the inclement weather the gathering was considerable. A good programme of musical and dramatic items was arranged, and the audience, which comprised members and their invited friends, grew enthusiastic at times at the display of histrionic talent which had been lying dormant in the Society. Mr. H. Barrett had charge of the drama for the evening, and credit is due to him for the way in which he had selected and arranged the pieces. The four scenes selected were two, three, and five from the third act in "Romeo and Juliet," with Mr. A. White and Miss Kelly in the title-roles, and the final scene was given by Mr. R. C. Pitcher and the nurses by Mrs. Ives. The performance was very creditable, Miss Kelly as Juliet, and Miss Ives as the nurse to the best advantage. The cast for the scenes one and five of Act III. from "Hamlet" was as follows:—Hamlet, Mr. R. C. Pitcher; Claudius, Mr. H. Barrett; Laertes, Mr. H. White; Horatio, Mr. H. L. Cockwell; Gertrude, Mrs. Ives; and Ophelia, Miss Howe. The music between the scenes was supplied by Mr. H. Barrett. Miss Howe's Ophelia was exceptionally good, while the others sustained their parts well. Mr. Pitcher again gave evidence of natural genius at the piano.

Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science.

In the absence of Professors Reanier and Bragg, the Honorary Local Secretaries, any person wishing to subscribe to the above Association, or requiring information as to facilities for reaching Sydney in time for the Meeting, may apply to Mr. E. H. L. Watts, Treasurer, Exchange Buildings, Pitsfield Street.
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THE STATE SCHOOLS.

STURT AND GROTE STREETS.

The Adelaide School Board of Advice paid their annual visit to the Sturt-street and Grote-street public schools on Friday morning. The members were Messrs. J. L. Bonython, Chairman; C. Bastard, A. E. H. Mudge, C. Brann, and W. H. Carpenter, and they were accompanied by the Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Cobbold, and Hon. P. W. Holder; Mr. E. L. Batchelor, M.P., and Mr. King O'Malley, M.P. They first drew up at Sturt-street School, when the Master, Mr. M. Maughan, and a guard of honour met them. Mechanical work was the feature of this school, the modelling and firework operations being conducted. Mr. Maughan put the whole school through what is known as fire drill. In response to several sharp rings of the bell the children trooped out of the room, and standing in the hurrying movements perfect order was maintained. The school was cleared in two minutes. Mr. Maughan instituted this drill of the boys being watched with interest by the earthquake, and its value in case of alarm is indubited. The round of the school having been made, the elder scholars were assembled in one of the large rooms, and rendered several songs.

Mr. Bonython said he was glad to know that the work of the past year had been a satisfactory one. The annual examination was a percentage of 55-17, ninety-six compulsory and twenty-five class certificates being obtained. The attendance had continued to improve, standing at 832, higher than it was ever the average last year. But he was sorry to learn that the increased attendance had involved crowded conditions, and that the children were crowded, seating the larger classes. The result of the examination was somewhat disappointing, as only one girl was successful in any of the classes. The Yorothamurra scholarship and one of the scholarships offered by Miss Newman, of Parkside, were won by girls from this school. It was gratifying to find that the headmaster carefully maintained the fine average attendance of forty-five. The teaching staff had been strengthened by the appointment of Mr. W. J. Ayer. The two senior pupil teachers went into the Training College after the holidays, and he congratulated them, and congratulated the masters that they were kept and that the staff were not so crowded, and that the teaching staff were well remunerated. Mr. Bonython presented a prize to the boy and girl who had the highest record for attendance.

THE UNIVERSITY NOT FOR THE RICH ALONE.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—Among the young gentlemen who received degrees at the University on Wednesday were some who had attended University training by means of scholarships provided by the Government, and who would not otherwise have enjoyed these advantages, and of course of the Public School Exhibitions to secure the University scholarships, and who so creditably took their degrees, should be a satisfaction to the public which provided the funds, and should induce the belief that the University is not for the rich alone, but for the benefit of the children of the wealthy.

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dance during the year. The award for the boy fell to Evan Morecott Holder, son of the Treasurer, who mentioned that he had two boys and a girl at that school. The Minister granted a half-holiday, and cheers having been given all round a move was made to the Grote-street School.

Mr. R. Hand, in the absence, on account of illness, of Mr. McBride, the Head Master, received the party here, and the sword class were also drawn up. Having gone through the classrooms the visitors had an opportunity of listening to the singing of the higher classes, which gave much pleasure. Dr. Cockburn declared that he had often paid 5s. for a front seat at a concert, which he had not enjoyed as much as the singing that day. Mr. Batchelor was pleased with the expression and modulation, and said that there were Choral Societies in Adelaide who were not as proficient in that respect as the Grote-street scholars. The drill of the sword class was very creditable, and Dr. Cockburn mentioned that he once had control of a company who could not do it better.

Mr. Bonython, in addressing the children, regretted the absence of Mr. McBride. Of course the work in these large schools did not depend on one man, but Mr. McBride was an exceptional teacher. It was very gratifying to be told that the past year had been a satisfactory one in every respect. The average attendance had been better, and the scholars seemed to have taken a larger interest in their work with a greater desire to excel. At the annual examination the percentage gained was 55 26, which result spoke for itself. The school took a large share in the concerts of the Decoration Society. The school choir was specially commended for the very excellent rendering of two part-songs. A sword class also performed with much success. It was pleasing to parents, and specially gratifying to teachers, to know that the school was now in a more efficient condition than formerly, and that a good healthy tone prevailed which could not fail to have highly beneficial results.

Grote-street could be proud of the fact that a considerable number of graduates of the Adelaide University were formerly scholars at that school. Dr. Rogers, who on the previous day received his M.A. degree, was once a pupil at Grote-street, and he could give many other instances. It was also the pioneer of the city schools.

The Minister of Education, the Treasurer, Mr. Batchelor, and Mr. O'Malley also spoke. They expressed the hope that Mr. McBride would soon be restored to health, and gave the season's greetings. A vote of thanks was accorded them on the motion of Mr. Brann, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, and supported by Mr. B astard, who twenty-two years ago attended the school as a pupil. Mr. Bonython presented attendance prizes to Gertrude Hartley and John Stafford Northcote for last year, and to Ruby Schell, Hubert McBride.