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quired for the senior public examination; but it is questionable whether even this concession is likely to attract many candidates for the arts course. The standard fixed for the senior examination depends upon the examiner, who, in last year's report, expressed the opinion that "two Greek and two Latin books are quite inadequate as a last year's work for any boy who wishes to study classics at a University." In relation to the public examinations as a whole, the teachers and pupils of the higher schools will have a much wider field from which to select their subjects of study under the new regulations which are coming into force. The preliminary is replaced by the primary examination, in which the usual subjects of a middle form in any grammar school or college will be represented, instead of merely English and arithmetic as formerly. The senior and junior examinations will be complete in themselves, and will be better adapted as preparations for students entering the various courses, particularly in science. In the pass lists for the degrees there is necessarily a certain amount of confusion this year owing to the mixture of the new scheme, which admits of students taking their courses in single subjects as they please, and the old system, which prescribed certain subjects for each of the three years allotted for study.

A perusal of the extensive pass lists in all the branches of advanced education now taught by the institutions controlled by the University authorities shows how successful they have been in stirring the rising generation to intellectual ambitions. The influence of the University of Adelaide at present extends over a wider territorial area than that of any similar institution in the southern hemisphere. Last year's report intimated that the increase in the numbers of the candidates at Perth had necessitated the appointment of an assistant secretary, and a scrutiny of the lists which have been published this year indicates that there has been a still further display of the desire of Western Australian students to secure distinctions from Adelaide. At Broken Hill also agencies of some of the University examinations have been rendered necessary. Practically, therefore, the Diocese of the University of Adelaide—if we may apply an ecclesiastical term to educational matters—extends from the River Darling to the Indian Ocean. In South Australia itself the alliance with the Education Department, under which the University has become the teaching institution for the State school staff, has already greatly extended the usefulness of the lectures and examinations. Indeed, the work is progressing at such a rate that additional accommodation—either of the kind indicated in reference to the Conservatorium building, or designed on some other plan—will shortly be needed. Those who were present on Wednesday cannot fairly judge the University year by the proceedings in the Elder Hall, or take the horseplay of the undergraduates when leaving school for the holidays as a sample of their serious study.

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HONOR LIST.

The following is the order of merit of the best candidates in the competition for the three prizes awarded by the University Council:—

1. Deakin, John Edward Ferdinand (£10) (Christian Brothers' College, Perth).
2. Darwin, Lisle Julius (£5) (Prince Alfred College).
3. Miller, James (£3) (Christian Brothers' College, Perth).
4. Reynell, Walter R. (Queen's School).
5. Begley, Edward (Christian Brothers' College, Perth).
6. Cantor, Morris E. L. (Christian Brothers' College, Perth).
7. Holder, Winifred B. (Advanced School for Girls).
8. Ellis, Annie R. (Advanced School for Girls), Kleeman, William H. (Prince Alfred College), Evans, Robert S. (Prince Alfred College).
9. Frazer, Ernest J. (Way College), Fry, Henry K. (Prince Alfred College).
10. Cross, Hubert S. (Perth Boys' School), Flecker, Hugo (Prince Alfred College).
11. Moffat, Wilfred D. (Prince Alfred College), Schild, Stanley D. (Prince Alfred College).

The undermentioned former students of the University of Adelaide have completed their fifth year for the degrees of M.B. and B.S. at the University of Melbourne:—

- Formby, Henry H., Bonzin, Francis J., Lewis, James B., Leitch, Oliver, Weld, Eleanor E., Auricht, J. F. T.

CREDIT LISTS.

The credit lists published in "The Advertiser" on Wednesday were incomplete to the extent that in the senior examination list the names of Mary A. Jacob, who obtained sixth credit in botany, and Frank Smith, who was placed sixth in physical science, were omitted, while in the junior examination list Harold W. Smith should have been 10th in English, and Deakin, Kleeman, and Schild should have been bracketed seventh in chemistry.

reproach had been removed its restricted bounds still told against it. Various causes have combined to swell the growth of Commemoration crowds. The number of the professors and lecturers is greatly increased since the early days of the University, and in particular the practical work of the Conservatorium in music has latterly made a notable addition in this respect. Then the Senate, composed of all the graduates of the University, very naturally has special seats reserved for it, to say nothing of those occupied by the Council, the elected governing body. The undergraduates complete the list of those who have an unquestionable claim to be present, and fresh entries keep their numbers well maintained, while those taking degrees cause the Senate to grow larger and larger every year. It is, however, the interest taken by the general public in this gathering that has caused the bounds to be enlarged. From a serious official function, a conferring of degrees, a Commemoration of benefactors—to use the Oxford phrase that has been adopted here—it has grown into a popular assembly, largely made up of parents and friends of the members of the University. An amazing proportion of these appear to be of the gentler sex. A body that makes welcome the girl graduate, and finds her constantly carrying off the honors that it has to bestow, could not consistently shut its doors, upon such an occasion, on her female relatives. It is noticeable that her brothers and her cousins and her uncles do not attend in any strength to witness her success; and, as the corresponding relatives of the male undergraduate have always been present in force, the position has annually become more and more one-sided. The University Commemoration presents a semblance of the world in little. Man began it, man still nominally controls it, but the onward surge of the universal petticoat forces him at every turn into narrower limits of authority. Grave and reverend seniors, entering in what should be a dignified procession, have sometimes been forced to pick their way through an overflowing crowd, and sit wherever they could individually find room.

The building of the Conservatorium seems to put an end to this difficulty. The Elder Hall will comfortably contain all who have any claim to be present, and the capacious platform allows Council and Senate to take their seats upon it in support of the Chancellor. On the other hand, the very size of the room tells against the success of the function. The two ends of it are not in touch with each other as in the old library. It would require a practised orator to make a speech from the platform effective, and the routine of the conferring of degrees must be quite inaudible at a short distance from the platform. Yesterday the proceedings were compressed into less than half of the usual time. The degrees were conferred so rapidly that the students had either to abandon their printed programme or to sing while the Chancellor spoke. They preferred the latter alternative. The vast audience of ladies heard nothing of what was going on, and was summarily dismissed in disappointment. Clearly this will not do. The one occasion on which the University is really attractive to the general public must not be allowed to become a fiasco. What is to be done is an open question. Perhaps the Chancellor might try the plan thought out by Professor Anderson Stuart for use in the University of Sydney. The pleasant discipline suggested is to begin about a week before Commemoration, and includes a tennis

match, a boat race, a cricket match, and a concert. Finally a ball, given on the evening before the great event and kept up late, would, the professor suggests, exhaust the energy and animal spirits of the undergraduates and bring them to Commemoration in a subdued and chastened frame of mind that would give the speakers of the occasion a fair chance. It is an admirable plan from some points of view, and though there are hardened critics who will object to it, it is fairly certain that the undergraduates themselves would give it their hearty support.

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GRADUATES AND UNDERGRADUATES.

It is clear that the annual Commemoration of the University of Adelaide will have to be effectually altered in character before next December. To use the phrase so generally applied in England to the House of Lords, during an agitation against it some years ago, the ceremony must be either "mended or ended." Unless the conferring of degrees is to take place in private, to be shorn of all the outward pomp that should by world-wide consent attach to it, there must be a marked change in the control of the proceedings. Yesterday these were entirely unworthy of the dignity of the University. The trouble between the undergraduates and the governing body is one of old standing, but it had of late, to all appearance, been satisfactorily settled. From Oxford and Cambridge, through the universities all over the world, the conferring of degrees has always been accepted as an occasion for undergraduate liberty of wit. That this should occasionally be carried too far is inevitable, and when it becomes a serious interruption to the order of the proceedings it must in some way be repressed. In Adelaide, the course was taken of recognising the undergraduate element, organising it, and allowing it a practical part in the day's programme. The verses sung on the appearance of each new candidate for a degree are generally humorous, and sometimes witty—occasionally, it is to be feared, not void of offence—and when they ultimately appeared in printed form the audience was always at least as anxious to get possession of them as of the official programme. It was, however, intolerable that they should be so sung as to drown both the presentation of the new graduate to the Chancellor and the actual conferring of the degree, and a *modus vivendi* was at last established. Time was allowed for the singing as each candidate stepped forward, and the official ceremony then took place in a becoming stillness. Things were thus managed last year, and the behaviour of the students was excellent. The present renewal of trouble, oddly enough, arises in part from the increased accommodation available.

The hope held out by the Chancellor of the University two years ago has at length been realised, and Commemoration took place yesterday with changed surroundings. The library of the University has long been strikingly inadequate for this gathering, and on various December afternoons it has been a kind of purgatory for those assembled in it. At one time it bore the evil reputation of being the worst ventilated room in the city, and after that

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

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SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION.

The following is the order of merit of candidates who have received marks qualifying for a scholarship. From this list the Minister of Education selects the University scholars, and the council selects the Hartley student:—

1. Ward, John F. (Prince Alfred College).
2. Wilton, John R. (Prince Alfred College).
3. Paine, Herbert K. (St. Peter's College).
4. Smith, Frank (St. Peter's College).
5. Plummer, Rex G. (Prince Alfred College).
6. Beddome, Reginald L. (St. Peter's College).
7. Hawkes, Charles L. (St. Peter's College).
8. Langdon, Reginald Y. (St. Peter's College).
9. Moore, George D. (Prince Alfred College).
10. Ellis, Arthur B. (Malvern College).
11. Churchward, Stella M. (Advanced School for Girls).
12. Gardner, George (St. Peter's College).
13. Comperthwaite, Elsie E. (Advanced School for Girls).
14. Stuckey, Vivian C. (St. Peter's College).
15. Padman, Clara H. (Advanced School for Girls).
16. Hooper, Charles W. (Prince Alfred College).
17. McLaren, Rory E. (St. Peter's College).