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ferred by the university. This new regulation also is designed to encourage parents to allow their children to further prolong their studies under the secondary school teacher.

In music the present need is for an examination intended rather for the teachers than for the taught. The Bachelor of Music degree is closed to all who have not passed the Senior Examination in general knowledge and to all who have no exceptional talent for creative efforts. Some students who have toiled for several years up the ascent which leads towards the attainment of the degree have found a veritable Hill Difficulty as an insurmountable obstacle in the preparation of an original musical composition which must be written entirely by the candidate and approved by the Committee of Examiners in England. Yet these musicians, although possessing no natural gifts as composers, may be thoroughly well qualified to teach both the practice and the theory of music. In order to enable such persons to show their proficiency and competence as instructors in music what is practically a new degree has been created, namely, the Diploma of Associate in Music. A three years' course has been provided for, and to all intents and purposes the Associateship will be in some respects nearly on a

level with the degree of Bachelor of Music. It is even permitted for a candidate who has talents for composition to make a specialty of that in place of some executive branch of music. The regulations relating to this new departure will be welcomed by many students who have been looking for their appearance. Indeed, like the abolition of the Preliminary and substitution of the new Primary Examination, the establishment of the Associateship is a matter which ought to have been attended to at an earlier date, and which will give occasion for the comment "Better late than never."

Lennard, Mrs. J. Strickland, Miss Rigby, Mrs. Blount Fry Mrs. A. Gull, Mrs. Bickford, and Mrs. Clark. Lady Forrest wore a pretty dress of blue cashmere, delicately traced with black, front of white satin, covered with coffee guipure lace. Mrs. Lindley-Cowen, fawn skirt, smart blue coat; sailor hat. Mrs. Quick, dark blue coat and skirt, blue chiffon and ribbon front; black feathered hat. Miss Harris, white silk muslin over pink silk, gathered silk on the bodice: hat with large white ostrich feathers, and purple velvet. Mrs. J. Strickland, fawn coat and skirt, white satin waistcoat, braided with gold; blue and white toque. Miss Rigby, dark blue coat and skirt, white silk front; black velvet picture hat, black feathers and pink roses. Miss Nesbit green cloth, braided with black. Miss Cooper, small black and white plaid, white yoke, braided with black black and white hat. Miss M. Hamersley, black coat and skirt; white hat, with black feathers. Mrs. Kerford, black skirt, blue satin blouse, checked with black velvet; blue and black velvet toque. Mrs. Aitken, purple cloth coat and skirt, tan waistcoat; hat with green ribbon and autumn leaves. Miss Needham wore a brown dress and hat. Mrs. Bickford, blue coat and skirt, grey feather boa; wine-coloured feathers in hat. Miss E. Hamersley, most becoming dress of dark red cashmere, with front, and frill round the collar of the same coloured silk; black and white velvet hat, with fringed ribbon and feathers. Mrs. F. D. North, black and white checked skirt, black coat, with checked revers; hat with green ribbon and cherries. Miss Carroll, heliotrope silk blouse, black skirt, brown and pink velvet in hat. Mrs. A. Gull, black coat and skirt; rose straw hat, with black chiffon and feathers. Miss Lennard, black coat and skirt; sailor hat. Miss Walton, red cashmere, braided with black, white silk front; black and red feathered hat. Miss Thursfield, grey cashmere, with rose pink chiffon; grey velvet toque, with rose velvet trimming. Mrs. Clark, black merveilleux and cream lace, black bonnet with cream lace.

THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.
To the Editor,
Sir—Again we are face to face with the "dictation" difficulty, and one wonders what fair test can be applied for correct spelling when there are hundreds of candidates seated in a spacious room. No matter how well the reader may dictate, how plainly he may articulate, or how stentorian his voice may be, there will always be those who will be at a disadvantage by position—behind him, far away, or in such a location that the complete sound of the word is muffled and blurred by the reverberations; so that, in a word of four or five letters, the vowel sound alone is predominant, and the candidate has a choice of a score of words to fit to it. Again, while admitting that a pupil of thirteen should recognise an ordinary word of the English language, it is too much to expect him or her to decide that there is no such word in the language as the impression conveyed. The English paper is a very fair test; but, though Dr. Morris calls the old "past participle" the "passive participle," the last question would have been more understood if the phrase had been "past tense and passive participle," as has been usual in past Preliminary Examinations. Some may understand the present form to mean "the past participle" and the "passive participle," and have the same word.
I am, Sir, &c.
PATER.

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UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.
In connection with the University Extension lectures, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. A. A. Lendon, M.D., delivered the first of a series of five lectures on "The progress of medicine during the nineteenth century" on Friday night. The popularity of the extension lectures was evidenced by the attendance, and the interest taken at the opening lecture. Dr. Lendon's remarks had reference to the pre-Victorian era. The recent repeal in England of compulsory vaccination rendered the subject important. After dealing with the history of smallpox, the lecturer reviewed the means which had been adopted to arrest the progress of the disease. He gave a resume of the life of Edward Jenner, and showed what was claimed for vaccination. Last century of all those born, one out of every fourteen died of smallpox. Of those who caught it, from 16 to 20 per cent. always died. In some epidemics 50 per cent. died, while in Russia alone 2,000,000 died in one year. The statistics for London showed that during the years 1771-1789 there died annually from all causes 50,000, and from smallpox 5,000, equal to one-tenth. During 1872-1882 22,000 died, 262 from smallpox, or one-eighty-fourth. In 1883-1892, 19,800 died, 73 from smallpox, or 1-271, comparing 1872-1882 and 1883-1892, the general death-rate had decreased 9 per cent, the smallpox death rate had decreased 72 per cent. The statistics showing the efficiency of vaccination presented the following facts, taken from 10,000 cases in smallpox hospitals. Among the unvaccinated the percentage of death was 35 per cent; said to have been vaccinated, but showing no marks, 40 per cent.; vaccinated with one mark, 14 per cent.; vaccinated with two marks, 7 per cent.; vaccinated with three marks, 3 per cent.; vaccinated with four marks, 1 per cent. During the Franco-Prussian war, 1870-1871, the Prussian army, numbering over 1,000,000 men, who were vaccinated and re-vaccinated thoroughly, lost from smallpox 439 men, while the French army, which were not well vaccinated, and numbered under 1,000,000 men, lost no fewer than 23,400 men. Dr. Lendon showed that children who were vaccinated had a twenty-fold immunity from catching smallpox and a 480-fold immunity from death as compared with the unvaccinated.

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SOCIAL NOTES.

(By "Sigma.")

A most enjoyable "At Home" was given by Lady Forrest yesterday to meet Professor Ives, Professor of Music at the Adelaide University. A great number of musical people assembled and gave each other mutual enjoyment. Half a dozen children amused the company with concerted songs, and the time passed pleasantly. Lady Forrest received her guests in the drawing-room, and in the intervals between music afternoon tea was served in the dining-room. The following is a list of the invited guests:—Mrs. Aitkin, Miss E. Allen, Mrs. Allen, Miss Best, Miss A. Baker, Mrs. Alice Bollard, Miss Boyle, Misses Carroll, Mr. W. Coupland, Miss Amy Cragg, Miss Douglas Craigie, Mr. W. Ernst Crome, Mr. D'Arcy-Irvine, Miss Dietrich, Mr. J. H. Eales, Dr. Eberlein, Miss Evans, Mr. H. Fay, Miss L. Fenton, Miss T. E. Finnerty, Miss A. Girdlestine, Miss Ethel M. Hamer, Mr. Charles Harper (Perth), Miss Fanny Harris, Mr. Carl Von Hartmann, Mr. F. Z. Herman, Miss Hiscox, Mrs. A. Howe, Mr. Robert Jackson, Fraulein Karstensen, Mrs. Kerford, Madame Kollman, Miss C. A. Laver, Mr. W. Leech, Mr. E. A. Letch, Miss M. A. Marrie, Miss Alice Marshall, Mrs. S. McKenzie, Miss Louise Moffat, Mrs. L. E. Moss, Misses Palmer, Miss Viotti Pearce, Mr. W. C. Randle, Mr. Benedict Roberto, Mrs. T. E. Rodda, Misses Ross, Miss E. Russell, Mrs. Shelley, Miss Annie Stafford, Miss M. Spurling, Dr. J. Summers, Miss Tandy, Miss E. Taplin, Mrs. A. G. Tempest, Miss E. Thursfield, Miss A. Tyndall, Miss Waldow, Miss Walton, Miss Ada Willetts, Miss Lenahan, Miss Needham, Miss B. Jacobs, Misses Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Sayer, Mr. and Mrs. Justice Heaman, Mr. Grainger, Mr. J. Davis, Mr. C. Clifton, Miss Mary Godwin, Miss Nisbet, Mr. Stoddart, Miss Kelsall, Mrs. Johnson James, Miss Young, Mr. Barnes, Mr. J. E. Andrews, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. C. E. Rushton, Miss L. Legge, Mrs. A. G. Russell, Mr. Kittel, Mr. H. E. Goodman, Mrs. Croed, Mrs. Jessie Jones, Miss Ada Power, Principals of Loretto Convent, St. Joseph's Convent (Perth), St. Joseph's Convent (Fremantle), Sacred Heart Convent (Highgate Hill), St. Brigid's Convent, Convent of Mercy (Perth), Ladies' College (Fremantle), Mr. and Mrs. Alpin Thomson, the local board of the Adelaide University Committee, the Bishop of Perth, the Vicar-General, Mr. Justice Stone, Major Campbell (Defence Force), Mr. J. W. Hackett, M.L.C., Mr. T. F. Quinlan, M.L.A., Sir George Shenton, Mr. A. B. Kidson, Mr. R. R. Pilkington, Mr. A. H. Henning, Mr. Cyril Jackson, Mr. H. Campbell, Mr. W. E. Cooke, Mr. B. M. Joscelyne, Mr. and Mrs. Lindley Cowen, Mr. F. Davis, Mr. Ives, Mr. and Mrs. F. North, Mr. H. Andrews, Misses D. North, Mrs. J. Morrison, Miss Forhamersley, Mrs. J. Morrison, Miss Forhamersley, Mrs. Quirk, Miss Cooper, Miss

THE TEACHERS' UNION.

The annual Conference in connection with the South Australian Teachers' Union will be held in the Trades Hall, commencing on Monday, September 24. The committee, in formulating their programme, have taken special pains to secure the foremost men of the colony, as well as its ablest and most enthusiastic educationalists, to take part. His Excellency the Governor has consented to open the Congress, and in addition the teachers will be addressed by the Minister of Education, Professor Douglas, and Victorian and New South Wales delegates. The afternoons generally will be devoted to routine business and discussions of motions bearing on teachers' work. His Worship the Mayor of Adelaide has consented to preside on Tuesday morning, and the other speakers will be Mr. C. L. Whitham (member of the Board of Inspectors), and Inspector Smyth. On Wednesday morning the Conference will be addressed by Mr. F. Chapple, headmaster of Prince Alfred College, and the right hon. C. C. Kingston. On Wednesday afternoon the Conference will, by invitation, attend the special congregation held by the University for the purpose of conferring degrees, and in the evening the same institution will entertain the teachers at a conversation. Thursday will be occupied by a visit to the National Park, where Mr. Gill, Conservator of Forests, will give information on the best methods of tree culture, and show what is being done in the park. In one respect this Conference marks an epoch in Australian educational congresses. This year, for the first time, representatives of New South Wales and Victoria will meet those of South Australia. Great interest is being manifested in the gathering all through the colony, and it is confidently expected that the additional concessions granted by the Railways Commissioner will result in making the attendance at the Trades Hall this year even larger than ever. On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings Inspector Clark will conduct a Conference singing-class in tonic sol-fa.

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PROFESSOR MARSHALL HALL.
Mr. L. D. Grewer has completed arrangements for the appearance in Adelaide of Professor Marshall Hall, of the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music. Mr. Marshall Hall will deliver two lectures at the Town Hall on September 28 and 29, one of which will deal with music, while the other will in all probability be devoted to an explanation of the recent disturbances in connection with the Conservatorium in the sister colony.

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Professor Ives has requested the Council of the University to relieve him of that portion of his duties which relates to the management of the Elder Conservatorium. The professor was appointed director of the Conservatorium on its inception in 1898, and having seen it firmly established he is now satisfied to leave the direction of its affairs in other hands.