

HINTS FOR UNIVERSITY CANDIDATES.

Some time ago we called the attention of the University authorities to a sensible and useful practice followed by the examiners for the Melbourne matriculation examinations. These gentlemen issued as a sequel to their fateful "lists" a report intended to serve as a guide to both teachers and pupils, enabling them to avoid preventable errors and to encourage methodical teaching and intelligent learning. It is satisfactory to note that the same rule has been inaugurated in the Adelaide University with reference to the Public Examinations. In future, however, the examiners' friendly counsel should more closely follow the date of the examinations. An unsuccessful candidate is more likely to take to heart the lessons conveyed to him while his experiences are still fresh than after the lapse of three or four months, and if teachers are to make really good use of the examiners' hints they might as well have them available at the beginning of the year. In their entirety the reports on the various subjects are rather too detailed to greatly interest the general public, and the parts which we publish to-day comprise mainly those which are intelligible without special reference to the text of each paper set during the year. Perhaps the greater length of the document here, compared with those issued in Melbourne, may be unavoidable on account of three separate examinations—the Preliminary, the Junior, and the Senior—having to be dealt with in Adelaide. Besides, certain remarks properly placed in the first report will not need to be repeated.

The fundamental feature of the scheme of Public Examinations now in force at the University of Adelaide was insistence primarily upon the possession of a sound English or commercial education as a prelude to more advanced collegiate studies. English is an essential "compulsory" subject in both the Preliminary and the Senior. In the former the plan of allowing a longer period for the essay has worked well. The young essayists, of course, need time to collect their thoughts and to marshal them in due form as well as for the mere writing of them. It is satisfactory to learn that a high standard is reached in English papers at the Senior Examination. In arithmetic and in mathematics generally we find the same complaints which teachers have had to make regarding all sorts of origination work, since the first perplexed pupil started his doleful tale of "The rule of three, it puzzles me!" If a sum happens to be in the least degree out of the beaten track the younger pupils seem to be afraid of it. More advanced candidates have a similar dread of deductions in geometry. That which can be ground out by mere memory or routine they do very well; but whatever they have to discover for themselves they cannot manage properly. Some teachers might lighten the task of learning arithmetic if they accustomed their pupils to find an approximate solution to every problem before beginning to work it out in detail. In this way the essential elements are fixed in the mind, and they are not readily forgotten.

In languages generally the most difficult task is usually that of turning a piece of English into good Latin, Greek, German, or French, and South Australian pupils evidently present no exception to the rule. History seems to be well learnt; yet many candidates in one examination made the curious mistake of confusing the present century with the eighteenth. Such an error is almost enough to cause a teacher to think seriously about the suggestion that English history should be taught backwards—a notion recently supported by a review-writer—on the ground that under existing conditions most children know proportionately too much about Julius Caesar and the ancient Britons and too little concerning the events of the nineteenth century. The aim of the examiners and of their Chairman, Mr. Chapman, in placing this report before the Council and the public has been to give advice rather than to provide amusement by unearthing what are technically known as "howlers." Incidentally, however, some humorous literature of this description is brought out, and specially noteworthy in it is the description of the horse, in which a beginning is made at Genesis, while the subsequent details are evolved with really startling rapidity. Faulty and slangy English comes out very readily in some of the examinations, and this of course should be rebuked. In the course of time a collection of the warnings given by various examiners on this subject may become highly useful as "don'ts."

PRESENTATION TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

On Wednesday morning the Sheriff and Master of the Court attended on the Right Honourable Chief Justice Way at his chambers, and presented him with a handsome illuminated address bound in book form, which read as follows:—"To the Right Honourable S. J. Way, D.C.L., a member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and Chief Justice of South Australia. Right Honourable Sir—Your colleagues on the Bench and the various officers of the Supreme Court of South Australia, over which you have presided for the past twenty-two years, having heard of your approaching marriage, are desirous of conveying to you their sincere congratulations and best wishes for your happiness. We also beg you to convey to your intended bride similar congratulations and best wishes. We heartily wish you both good health, long life, and every prosperity. We are, Right Honourable Sir, yours faithfully." (Here follow signatures). The address was signed by their Honors Sir James Penn Boucaut and Mr. Justice Bunday, and by the whole staff of the Supreme Court. A good picture of the Supreme Court forms a part of the ornamentation. His Honor, in acknowledging the address, asked the Sheriff to convey to his colleagues and to all the officers of the Court his thanks for their kind wishes and congratulations. This was a way in which their goodwill could be expressed to him, as his judicial office precluded him and his intended wife from accepting presents. It was most appropriate that he should receive the address from the hands of those who presented it. Both the Sheriff and the Master, like many of the other signatories, were intimate and valued friends. The Sheriff was the one officer of the Supreme Court who was his senior in length of service, whilst the Master's great talents and high character were a guarantee to the Sheriff and himself that when they had passed away the prestige and high standard of the Court and its officials would still be maintained. The address was prepared by Mr. Colyer, who was in the employment of the Chief Justice when His Honor was at the Bar. It will be observed from the foregoing that His Honor the Chief Justice considers that his judicial office precludes him from accepting wedding presents.

THE MARRIAGE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

On Easter Monday—the anniversary of the birthday of the Right Hon. S. J. Way was married to Mrs. Blue, widow of the late Dr. Blue, of Strathalbyn. The ceremony took place at Audley House, Prospect, the residence of Mrs. Beach, who is his honor's eldest sister. Only the relatives of the bride and bridegroom and a few personal friends were present. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. J. Thorne, the Bible Christian minister, and an old schoolfellow of the bridegroom's. There were two bridesmaids—Miss Beach and Miss Blue—and Major Beach acted as best man. There were also present Dr. and Mrs. Way, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, and the members of their families, Mrs. Beach, the Masters Blue, Mrs. Gething, with whom the bride resided at Hahndorf, Miss Thorne, sister of the officiating minister, Major Taylor, the Chief Justice's associate, Mr. Dunk, of Milang, another old schoolfellow of his honor's, and Mrs. Dunk, Miss Malpas, and Sir John Downer. It was at 2 o'clock that the ceremony was begun in a room which had been decorated with great taste for the occasion. The formalities in connection with the tying of the nuptial knot having been concluded the guests were served with refreshment, and at half-past 3 the newly-wedded couple drove off to "Seaview," the Chief Justice's estate near Noarlunga. There they will remain for about a week. Large numbers of congratulatory telegrams were received by the bride and bridegroom. These came from all parts of Australia. Many of them were addressed to Hahndorf, where it was thought at first the ceremony would take place.

Register 13th 4. 1898.

PERSONAL.

The marriage of the Chief Justice, Right Hon. S. J. Way, and Mrs. W. A. S. Blue, widow of the late Dr. Blue, of Hahndorf, was celebrated at the residence of Mrs. Beach, Prospect, on Monday afternoon. The Rev. John Thorne, of the Bible Christian Church, an old friend and schoolmate of the bridegroom, performed the ceremony—a particularly impressive one—which was witnessed by relatives of the contracting parties. In addition to the relatives and Mr. Thorne there were present Sir John Downer, Q.C., M.P., Miss Malpas, Mrs. Gething, Miss Thorne, and Major Taylor, Associate to the Chief Justice. The only other invited guests were Mr. Dunk, of Milang, an old schoolfellow of the bridegroom, and his wife, Mr. Sydney Beach, nephew of the Chief Justice, acted as best man. The bride was attired in dove coloured silk, handsomely trimmed with steel and fine black chantilly lace. She also wore a violet velvet toque. She carried a magnificent bouquet, the gift of the Sister and nurses of the Adelaide Children's Hospital. The wedding breakfast was served in Mrs. Beach's residence. When going away the bride wore a brown tailor-made coat and skirt, cream moire vest, brown velvet toque, with crimson roses and grey feathers. The honeymoon will be spent at Seaview, Noarlunga.

Register 11th April 1898.

Conservatorium Organ

The organ which the University authorities propose to erect in the new Conservatorium Hall should be a fine instrument, and a worthy rival of the Town Hall organ. It is to contain three manuals from C<sub>2</sub> to C<sub>3</sub>, four octaves, and the customary thirty notes of pedals. The great organ is to contain 11 speaking stops, embracing two 8-ft. diapasons, a double diapason, and trumpet. In the swell are 12 registers, which include three reeds, one of them being a 16-ft. trombone; and the choir, which is to a certain extent a solo organ also, contains a clarinet, oboe, and vox humana. The pedal organ has five stops, two of 16 ft., a quint, and two of 8 ft. tone, and there are ten couplers. The control of the instrument will be of the latest and most approved system of pneumatics, with the usual thumb-pedals and a number of combination pedals. A heavy pressure of wind is to be used, and preparation made for the addition of a solo organ and two more pedal stops.

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MARRIAGE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

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Register 18th 4-98.

Music students are elsewhere informed that classes for various subjects of music study are being formed at the University Conservatorium. To-morrow evening Mr. Wybert Reeve will deliver a free public lecture on "The Music of the University." The formation of an orchestra in connection with the Conservatorium of Music is an accomplished fact. Already a large number of members have been enrolled, and rehearsals of symphonies and other classical movements are being held under the conductorship of Herr Hennicke.