UNIVERSITY LECTURES.

The first of the series of University extension lectures "The Art of Life in their Times in Ancient Rome and Greece," was given yesterday evening by Prof. D. S. Naylor, B.A., M.A., of the Adelaide University, who chose for his subject "Day by Day Life in Rome 100 B.C. to 1 A.D."

At the Technical College, Mr. O. von Rieben presided over a satisfactorily large attendance and introduced the lecturer.

After quoting from Dr. Johnson to the effect that a few things could be taught the people, he proved that if he could entertain and interest those present he would achieve his ambition. This was what did the lecture, attentively listened to throughout. The lecturer proceeded to describe how "the Romans" were actually in Imperial Rome and visiting the house of Marcus Aurelius, Martialis. The description of the house or name, was touched on, also the plan of the house. Passing through the vestibule into the atrium, and thence to the peristylem, he found Martialis wrestling with a rhyolite in a room, the walls of which were covered with papyri and sarco, each papyri having perhaps 20 or more volumes. He mentioned Martialis' shop boxes, with boxes like bonnet boxes on the floor containing more rolls. Martialis' reception of him was cordial, and after some general conversation Martialis explained how unknown authors got introduced, influence then, as now, having a great deal to do with it. A letter from Pliny on the subject of authors' recitals was read, and the poor encouragement such recitals gave was referred to. The poet, wishing to have opinion on the subject, then read a number of his epigrams to the visitor, who agreed with the poet. Martialis was the Tom Hood of Roman literature.

Martialis described how he had spent the earlier period of his life. As he was dining at 5.30, there was a snack at 6, followed by a walk to see some of his patrons. After dinner, a letter was written, and at 11 he hopped; more writing ensued, followed by a stas, and then bed. He was a sociable man, and a visitor spent some time in the excusing room, after which he wash wore a cool meal, with which he was not very pleased, suggesting, but on the way there an invitation was received from Pliny to have dinner with him and meet martius. This enabled them to avoid having the "great unsolved." The manner in which the Romans dined while dining was described, as was also the bill of fare. The latter would usually be enjoyed in these days. The lecturer concluded by a eulogy of Pliny and Martialis, and said the following: "Mr. Naylor was more appropriate of Martialis..."

A vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman and carried on acclamation.

The following evening's lecture, "Men you Would Meet in Athens 300 B.C."-Athenian names as described by Theophrastus, was given in his "Character Sketches." Importance of these as illustrating the true meaning of friendship and times of Theophrastus. His imitators and translators. His 30 sketches of the "Perfect Man," the "Carrulius Man," the "Boor," the "Aristocratic Man," the Lorkin, the Morov, the Upward, etc. Theophrastus, etc. Theophrastus' life.

The University of Adelaide has taken advantage of the visit of Professor Jordan, president of the Leland Stanford Junior University in California, to conduct a series of lectures. Professor Jordan has lectured on the subject of the University of California and has also addressed the students on the subject of American universities. His lectures were well attended and were received with great interest.

A WHITE JAPAN.

In the course of his remarks on "Japan" at the University of Sydney (The Sydney Morning Herald, July 23, 1911), Professor Jordan astounded his hearers by his assertion that the Japanese must be classed as white. At the present time one portion of Japan was inhabited by a race that was pure white. These, the aboriginal inhabitants of the Japanese, already arrived from the Eryian Islands, were undoubtedly of Caucasian origin. Among these the Japanese generally there had certainly been an admixture of Chinese and Malay blood; but, in the upper classes, it was slight, and they were of a much lighter color than the others. The lecturer expressed the belief that Professor Jordan would go to some pains to defend the Japanese from the charges commonly leveled against them, adding that there were no more immoral or unscrupulous than other races, while what appeared to be commercial dishonesty was no worse than that occurring among any other race.

ARE EXAMINATIONS NECESSARY?

The statement made by Professor Jordan, who has been delivering a series of lectures in Sydney, that too much importance is attached to examinations, has received in Sydney and Melbourne educational circles the controversy on cramming for examination. The distinguished visitor from California also said that the examination system was a "fetishism, from which it is impossible to escape, and which will never be overcome by examination. The student is free, based on intensity of memory, and not on breadth of view or capacity of action."

The University of Adelaide generally defends the examination system as being the only practicable test of fitness in a student.