UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

From "Mathematics":—"I am not surprised at candidates’ complaints. Indeed, he might have gone further. The algebra, trigonometry, and geometry papers were too severe compared with the curriculum set. Co-ordinate geometry was given for the first time, yes, yet one question was what the hostess an examiner could have selected. Another point: why not allow more time to read the exam and be kinder to the candidate candidates to be equally expert with themselves. The grade after hurriedly glancing over the paper, and recognising there is no margin for wasting one minute, which after completing, goes into a hasty haste and do not themselves nor their tutors justice. This has been a step to bring learned professors down from the clouds and be more human.”

From "An Old Collegian and Not a Competitor":—"The annual University examinations are far from an easy job, and some of the examiners will inspect the papers and decide who has passed and who have failed. Scholars have suffered great injuries throughout the whole year as a result of this. The teachers of the colleges and public schools with alarming abage of teachers to such an extent, it is true, that in some schools there may be only one proper teacher. Weeks at a time, which certainly has limited their chances at the exams. It is hoped, therefore, that when the examiners are going through the papers they will make some allowance for the many set-backs the scholars have had. At the same time, it gives some encouragement to those who have not only tried their best under the most unfavorable circumstances, but have also "stayed" for some weeks in the endeavor to pass a most enviable mark. The examiners should not be too severe when marking the papers to determine the results.”

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HIGHER PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

From "Hopeful"—"As a candidate at the higher public examinations now being held I wish to call the attention of those responsible to at least one mistake which occurred in the algebra and trigonometry paper. In this paper part of the last question is, as many others, I suppose, found that I was unable to do the question as stated, but trusted that the examiner had shown sufficient care to prevent the occurrence of any error, and therefore spent much valuable time trying to do the impossible. As much as I believe that this is a wrong question, which will entail us to a full University course, it is obviously unfair that these bursaries should be awarded on the results of this paper since if they were other competitors taking different subjects would have a marked advantage. Nevertheless, I have not made an effort to do the question of the first paper, and have proved that the second part of number seven is impossible, although I did not find out this in the examination itself. No doubt the Public Examinations Board, failing this, the Education Department (for it awards the bursaries), will take steps to have a more fair, paper set, but must be as soon as possible, for the 87th Infantry are to go into camp on November 27th, and in this battalion there are many higher public candidates.”
A meeting of the University Council was held on Friday, 24th inst., at 2 p.m. in the vice-chancellor's room, the Hon. F. M. South, president, in the chair. The following members were present: Mr. W. J. H. W. Goodwin, Mr. J. H. B. Roberts, Mr. W. H. B. Poole, Mr. G. W. G. Brown, Mr. H. G. H. Harris, Mr. H. S. J. Moore, Mr. H. J. G. C. Smith, Mr. H. L. G. Brown, Mr. H. J. G. C. Smith, Mr. H. L. G. Brown, Mr. H. J. G. C. Smith, Mr. H. L. G. Brown, and Mr. H. J. G. C. Smith.

The Council was requested to consider the report of the Select Committee on the re-election of Mr. F. P. Chapman, C.M.G., B.A., B.C., as warden for the year 1917. The committee recommended the re-election of Mr. Chapman, and the Council agreed to the recommendation.

The Council also considered the report of the Select Committee on the re-election of Mr. J. H. B. Roberts, C.M.G., B.A., as warden for the year 1917. The committee recommended the re-election of Mr. Roberts, and the Council agreed to the recommendation.

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VICTORIA CROSS HERO.

Capt. Blackburn’s Arrival.

The South African hero and Victoria Cross winner, Capt. E. N. Blackburn, arrived at Adelaide on Sunday morning, accompanied by a wounded and sick soldier, he arrived by the “Maori” on Tuesday, and came on to Adelaide by the “Orrinoco” on Friday. The Victoria Cross, which was carried on the South African quayside, was presented to Capt. Blackburn by the Mayor of Adelaide.

The train was stationed at the Adelaide railway station and the crowd waiting to see the Victoria Cross runner, who was accompanied by a military guard, was kept as far as possible from the station.

The fact that they were kept at this distance, however, did not lessen their enthusiasm, and a crowd which rapidly grew larger as the time approached, crowded round the train, and a few minutes before 12 o’clock, the station and the crowd at the rear were thrown open, and Capt. Blackburn and the rest of the men were placed on the platform. The crowd then rushed to the train, and Capt. Blackburn was placed in the centre of the platform, surrounded by a crowd of well-wishers.

A hearty welcome was given to Capt. Blackburn by the hundreds of well-wishers who had gathered round the station, and he was cheered and applauded as he stepped from the train. A formal welcome was given to St. Peter’s College, and the college boys were addressed by Capt. Blackburn, who spoke warmly of the support given to the boys by the residents of Adelaide, and of the fact that the Victoria Cross was awarded to him.

There was a gathering of representatives of the various public bodies and the other soldiers’ arrival. The Premier (Hon. G. C. V. A. W. G. E.) represented the Government, Dr. Balfour (H.E.Gen. G. H. Great Britain) the Department, and Mr. H. R. Bank, the Mayor of Adelaide, and other office authorities were present. Lt.-Col. H. R. D. B. A. L. H. C. E. Don and Mr. H. R. Bank represented the Government and the Department, and the college boys are keeping their spirits bright and cheerful.

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CAPT. BLACKBURN, V.C.

Association. The train drew in shortly after 10.30, and Capt. Blackburn, who was not for conspicuous modesty, being forced by the front of the platform, which reached to his knees, stood at the back of the train, which was a little in advance of the front. He was quietly identified by the Conductor, who explained as the man who had brought the engine into the station. Before the train had had an opportunity to leave the station, he stepped into the midst of the two men, and it was heard distinctly by the hand of the stationmaster. The Mayor climbed him in the course of the group, and so said farewell five times. For three years he was on the other side of the world.

A Brave Man.

Capt. Blackburn is a slight figure. He is a little below the average height, rather light build, and by no means conspicuous. The general impression is that of the stock Australian soldier. He is quiet and unassuming, however, and in his deportment and habits is a quiet and retiring man. The appearance is that of the type of man who could do nothing more than turn his head. His expression is one of intense earnestness, and his face is in the face of a man. He has a quick wit, and in his face is a smile of intense earnestness. If he is in the face of a man, his face is in the face of a man.

A Retiring Disposition.

Capt. Blackburn was congratulated on his return. He had accepted the tributes of his friends with quiet modesty, and although questions were asked, his reply was brief. However, this remark has been quoted above. He has been described as a quiet and retiring disposition. Although pressed for an interview, Capt. Blackburn stated that it was impossible to discuss the subject without further investigation. He has been described as a quiet and retiring disposition.

A Promising Career.

Capt. Blackburn is only 22 years of age. His father was the late Rev. Gowan Blackburn, who was a noted South Australian clergyman. He was born at Woodville, South Australia, on the 22nd of August, 1870, and after a distinguished career, he has been able to make his mark.

His father, a prominent figure in South Australian politics, was a strong advocate of the same. He has been described as a quiet and retiring disposition.