THE MEDICAL COURSE.

AN ENGLISH STIPULATION.

MELBOURNE, October 16.

An important matter, which came before the University Council at its meeting to-day, was a decision by the executive committee of the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom that, in the case of any graduate of the University of Melbourne applying for registration in the United Kingdom, the council must reserve the right of satisfying itself, that a five years course of professional study and examination had been undergone.

Professor Sir Harry Allen said the Medical Council had evidently become alarmed at one provision in the legislation, which had been passed in Victoria, to legalize the medical course of four years and two thirds. This short course was decided upon for the war period, so that the supply of medical men for the forces in Australia and abroad might be kept up. Sydney and Adelaide had made similar provisions in order to provide for any unusual stress. The minimum course on which Melbourne graduates could register in Victoria was put as low as four years. All the graduates who had gone overseas had had at least four years and two thirds of their university. In Sydney the medical faculty of the university, after consultation with the Deputy Medical Services (Surgeon-General Fetherston), had recently decided that it would retain the shortened course for another year, if similar action were not adopted in Melbourne, there would be scarcely any more graduates available either for the forces or for the Colonial Office.

The University Council decided to request the Prime Minister (Mr. Hughes) to send a cable to the Colonial Secretary (Mr. A. Fisher), asking him to put the facts before the Colonial Office and the Medical Council.
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND BROKEN HILL—PASS LIST.

Grade I.

Hone—Adderley, Helen Italia, Mary.
Jones—Barnett, Margaret, Elizabeth, Beatrice.
Keen—Kemp, Mary, Margaret.
Morgan—Kemp, Katherine, Mary.
Smith—Morgan, Mary, Margaret.

Grade II.

Peden—Dobson, Edith, Elizabeth, Margaret.
Fraser—Glover, Lily, Ellen, Alice, Margaret.
Gray—Smith, Alice, Mary, Margaret.
Hughes—Smith, Catherine, Elizabeth.

Grade III.

Hone—Aithne, Helen Italia, Mary, Margaret.
Russel—Edith, Elizabeth, Margaret.
Arnold—Addie, Helen, Mary.
Barnett—Morgan, Catherine, Elizabeth.

Grade IV.

Peden—Dobson, Edith, Margaret.
Fraser—Glover, Lily, Alice, Margaret.
Gray—Smith, Catherine, Elizabeth.

Notices.

11th November.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

UNIVERSITIES OF MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, TANZANIAN COLONIES, LAND, AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND BROKEN HILL.

SEPTEMBER PASS LISTS.

PRACTICE OF MUSIC.

Grade I.

LEEDER CONSERVATORY—Eaton, R. B., H. M. Morgan (disting.), Hilda R. Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle (disting.), Stella Riddle 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MUSICAL DISCORD.

Mr. Bevan and Madame Melba.

The attention of Mr. Frederick Bevan, of the Elder Conservatorium, was directed on the 15th of the present month, to the views expressed by Madame Melba in Melbourne concerning the vocal education of Miss Doris Leech, of Adelaide, the winner of her first scholarship. Madame Melba, singing with a voice with a range of nearly three octaves, connected the Australian diva with "her father's pupil for five years. He was asked if he would reply to what was obviously a serious charge, and stated that he had been training Miss Melba for five years, and that her voice was a natural soprano. It will take months to undo the results of previous training, but she has been its beneficiary for five years. There was no guessing that Mr. Bevan was indignant.

"Not Much, You know," he said. "It is not fair to any other songstress capable of expressing her feelings in any legitimate manner. If the lady had confined herself to an expression of opinion in her latest "manifesto," referring to her selection of Miss Leech for the scholarship tenable at the Albert Street Conservatorium in Melbourne, such an expression might have been allowed to pass; but when it is accompanied by a gratuitous insult and reflection on others, as it is now, Miss Leech, who has been the pupil of Miss South Australia, is inclined to doubt the bonâ fides of the charges and the manufacturers of this expression of it. Now, as to the result of this campaign of Male Melba in Melbourne, it is too bad to mention. Miss Leech is still, according to recent evidence, the voice of the nation, with a range of nearly three octaves, and has the distinction of having won the scholarship, which will bring her a sum of 100 pounds sterling. Can the young lady sing from low D to D flat? I don't know; I don't know if she can think! And, again, where do these alleged "heavy octaves" come from?"

"Voices Sometimes Change."

"Madame Melba may be reminded that voices sometimes change. Bevan is that an operatic soprano, who shall be named, because her career as a contralto. The greatest English tenor that ever lived, and who sang as a soprano for years, has that same complaint. The great anxiety of all those who have the care of promising young voices is that they should be permittable in any register, and one who has been trained, as Miss Leech has been, in the measure of work for more than 20 years may perhaps have considerable trouble to get back to where she is at the beginning of her career as a teacher. The proof is that if Miss Melba goes to the Melbourne Conservatorium, she will be a very good thing for her. I sincerely wish her every success.
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"Accompanist": With all due respect to Melba's judgment, the fact that Doris Leech won the Scholarship competition seems to me pretty solid evidence that her five years' training under Bevan, of the Elder Conservatorium, was sound and well-directed. Nothing is more difficult than to determine the true character of a voice at first hearing, and although Miss Leech's may survive a stretching-upward process, on the other hand it may not. In any case, she is probably all the better for not having been screeching top notes while still immature, after the suicidal manner of most young Australians. Melba is undoubtedly a great singer; that she is a great teacher does not necessarily follow. In five years or so (if her patience endures) we shall be able to tell.