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The University Calendar for the academic year 1883, although it has made its appearance at a somewhat earlier date than most of its predecessors, is a slighly bulkier volume than usual. This increase in size is not, however, it must be confessed, due to any enlargement of the lists of students. The Council and Senate have been kept busy with the revision of the statutes regulating the different branches of study, and almost without exception the alterations are conspicuously for the better. Among the changes that claim special notice are the enactment of fresh rules affecting the L.L.D., L.L.B., M.B., and Ch.B. degrees; the adoption of regulations providing for the exemption of graduates in science who enter for the M.D. course from re-examination in the subjects of the first year (that are common to both the M.B. and B.Sc. degree; for establishing an advanced course at the Public Examinations in Music; and for adding Electric Engineering, Part I, to the subjects of the Higher Public Examination. These modifications have already received attention in our columns, and all that need be said of them now is that they are likely to contribute to the efficiency of University work. There are few other matters of a general character mentioned in the report that call for notice. The fact is mentioned that Professor Hudson Bore, B.A., who was trained in Adelaide, and who is now Professor of Engineering and Mechanical Technology in London, represented the colony at the tercentenary celebration of the University of Dublin; that the offer of a cadetship at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, still falls to attract candidates in South Australia; and that six graduates of other Universities were admitted ad eundem gradum at last commoration as against seven in the previous year. Special reference is likewise introduced to the liberal gift of $1,000 made by Mr. Barr Smith for the purchase of books for the library. Steps, it is added, are being taken to give effect to the wishes of the donor, who has chosen an exceedingly acceptable and serviceable way of showing his interest in the University. The library at present falls far short of what it should be, and there is plenty of scope for the benevolence of other wealthy colonists who desire to add to the collection of books which it contains. The retirement of Mr. Tyas from the Register after ten years' service is very properly alluded to in regretful terms, and it is noted that a resolution expressive of high appreciation of the way in which that gentleman performed his duties has received the assent of the Council.

It is to be regretted that the general record of the work of the year does not point to that amount of progress which the best friends of the institution could desire. In a few departments advance has been made, but the evidence afforded of the growing popularity of the University is not, in several respects, particu-