and full advantage has been taken of the
system, as the lectures have been largely at
mented by persons of all ages, of every class of
society, and of the most varying degrees of
literature.

The written paper work and the examina-
tion is of course taken only by a minority
among the auditors, but one is surprised to
find how few of these lectures are attended by
students who have attended the schools for
most of these courses, and other lectures could
do not give as much prominence in the study.
At the centre in the North of England I found
the attendance of a gentleman in business who
had been a student at the schools. He was
now an important merchant and town
councilor. I found he had attended not less
than twelve classes, each consisting of twelve
lectures. He had done the written paper
work for all these courses, and successfully
passed the examination in each instance.

Another centre in the West of England,
where I was giving two classes at once, a
doctor from the hospital attended both these
courses and found time to answer the weekly
questions on both. In Devonshire, one of my
best students at a literary course was the
son of a man who had been a well-known
hunter in the hunting field. One may say, in
a word, that these extension lectures in
England draw audiences from every class of
society and from people of the most varied
occupations and interests. It is more and
more being recognized that without what Ifor
want of a better word, must be called 'culture'
life is only half worth living. It cannot be
too strongly stated that the idea of extension
lectures is not merely to impart information,
but to stimulate interest and make the
auditor think and read for himself.

Have you had experience of the system outside
of England?

'Yes, I have seen it in operation in Sydney
and Melbourne, and in all parts of the
country.'

The peculiarity of the time is that the
system has been carried on at the same
time as the regular literary courses, and one
finds that comparatively few people realize what
the system means. We are trying an experi-
ment of this kind. The extension lectures which
shall be given on Wednesday next will be given
both in the afternoon and evening, to show
which time of day best suits the convenience
of the audience. Professor Ramsay is giving a
course of lectures on the atmospheres of the
atmosphere, and in one of these lectures
he will speak of the extremely interesting
discovery of the new gas, 'Argon.' My own
course is one on 'Rome, which will deal
chiefly with the historical and the associa-
tions of the Roman remains. It will be
illustrated by lantern views from photog-
raphs and engravings, and I hope it will give
a real understanding of the city to anyone who
was interested in visiting Rome some day

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.

On Wednesday and Thursday next the
second series of University extension lectures
will be commenced. On Wednesday Professor
Bensley, the recently-appointed professor of
chemistry, will lecture on 'The origin,
history, architecture, &c.,' and the lectures
will be illustrated by lantern views. Professor
Bensley will lecture on the 'Atmospheres of the
constellations, &c.,' on Thursday evening.
These lectures will be illustrated experi-
mentally as far as possible, and will contain
interesting illustrations from more recent inves-
tigations. The lectures will be of an elementary
character and the audience will be supposed to
have no previous knowledge of chemistry. During
the course Professor Bensley will lecture each
Wednesday at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., and Profes-
sor Ramsay's lectures will be given each
Thursday at 8 p.m.