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**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN IN ENGLAND.**  
From the *Walsall Free Press* of March 30 we learn that Mr. Alexander Wyllie, of Adelaide, has been appointed resident engineer under the electric lighting scheme now being carried out in the old Staffordshire town. The applications for the position were numerous. The young South Australian gave the name of Sir Edwin Smith as one able to speak of his character and early training, and this, it is stated, "taken in connection with excellent professional testimonials, created an interest in him which ultimately led to his receiving the appointment." Mr. Wyllie was educated at Prince Alfred College and while there gained one of the three University scholarships. In 1892 he won the Angas Engineering Scholarship, one of the conditions of which is that the successful candidate shall visit the United Kingdom and there spend the whole of the three years during which the scholarship is tenable under articles to a civil engineer or as a student in a college or university. The currency of the scholarship terminated only a short while ago, so that Mr. Wyllie is to be congratulated upon having so speedily obtained a good appointment.

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.**—In the report for the year ending December, 1894, it was announced that "the same privileges as are conferred on students from Colleges affiliated to the University of Cambridge are granted to the University of Adelaide." Similar privileges have now been granted by the University of Oxford by a recent statute, the regulations of which, dated November 1, 1894, have been forwarded to the local University. According to these it appears that a student "who shall have pursued during two full years a course of study prescribed by the University of Adelaide, and shall have passed all the examinations in that course," may without having to pass responses be admitted "to any one or more of the following examinations, viz., any part of the First Public Examination, any Preliminary Examination in the Second Public Examination." The statute also set forth that any such student who shall have passed certain specified examinations may be entitled to the following privileges, viz.:—"The term in which he is matriculated shall be reckoned as the fifth term from his matriculation." The effect of this will be to allow a student who has completed a course of two years' study in certain subjects at Adelaide to start as a second-year student at Oxford, and so to escape the expense and delay of a whole year. More detailed information will be supplied on application to the Registrar of the University.

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**"ADELAIDE, THE MODEL CITY."**  
Under this heading the *Brisbane Courier* publishes an account of the opinions of Mr. R. Fraser and Mr. W. H. G. Marshall, mayor and town clerk of Brisbane respectively, who recently visited Adelaide. These opinions are of a highly complimentary character. "They consider the municipality of Adelaide the most perfectly conducted in Australia. Brisbane is a long way behind. Every house there is connected with the main sewer. Where any connection with the main sewer is made by a pipe from any house a tall ventilating pipe must be erected. Hence the city is absolutely free from noxious smells of any kind." After speaking of the buildings, reserves, tramways, and lighting arrangements of the city, our late visitors proceeded to remark:—"It is a proverb in South Australia that the municipality rules the Parliament. In the council all debates take place in committee. There are no fewer than 15 committees. The committees bring up a printed report, and this is passed in the council without further discussion. Very rarely is the report of a committee debated in the council. The premier position of Adelaide is largely due to the University, where is focused the best scientific thought of the age, and which educates the public mind to higher ideals. Also to the City servants of eminent scientific attainments which it has been the good fortune of South Australia to possess."

OUR ANGLO-COLONIAL LETTER.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

London, April 26, 1895.

Mr. Alexander Wyllie, B.Sc., winner of the 1875a Engineering Scholarship at the University of Adelaide in 1872, tenable for three years at £200 per annum, after a successful course at the Central Technical College, South Kensington, and pupilage to the Electric Construction Company, London, has just gained the post of chief engineer to the Corporation of Walsall, Staffs. He has to erect there an installation of electric light and remain in charge. I may add that Mr. Wyllie is a man of exceptional ability, and his career is really a great credit to himself and to the Adelaide University. He had hoped to have returned to the colony as contemplated by the donor of the scholarship, but he found, when just ready, that the Adelaide Corporation was not prepared to adopt the electric light.

The council of the Adelaide University seems to be in a fair way to make a pretty hash over the appointment of a classical master to that institution. Why after retaining Professor Lamb and Wilkins to act in conjunction with the Agent-General to select a likely trio out of the English applicants for the £500 post they should deem it expedient to have before them all the applications is beyond one's comprehension. The three recommended were Messrs. Edward Bessly, Middleton, and Somers—all Cambridge M.A.'s, and each well worthy to be classical master of Adelaide University. Of the three, however, it was expected that Mr. Bessly would find favor with the council, for he not only combined intellectual capacity with a splendid physique and a charming manner, but possessed testimonials of a particularly high character and the warm admiration of Mr. David Murray. Mr. Bessly's friends, I may remark, are somewhat surprised at his willingness to extricate himself for £500 a year, and think that a man of his attainments could do much better at home. At present he is studying in Italy, and will remain there pending the council's decision. So far as the English applicants are concerned I do not see how the council can go beyond the three men indicated, for I understand that when the Agent-General received the request to forward the rejected applications he had already sent back to the unlucky ones their testimonials, &c., and had only retained just the forms of application. The council can scarcely make a selection upon these alone. [Mr. Bessly was appointed.—E.V.]

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UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.

The University authorities have arranged for a series of popular lectures to be given during the second term. Two courses have been provided—one of six lectures on "English Literature and Philosophy from 1700 to 1750," by Professor Mitchell, on Tuesday evening, July 2, and the following Tuesday; the other of six lectures on "Radiation," by Professor Bragg, on Wednesday evening, July 3, and the following Wednesday. The lectures included in these two series will end in August, and two other sets will be commenced about September. The professors do this work without fee or reward, and any profits which may arise will be devoted to a University extension fund. The lectures will eventually, it is hoped, be extended to the country districts.