Register 26th March 1895.

FRENCH LECTURES AT THE UNIVERSITY.—The second of the new series of French lectures at the University was given by Professor Calais on Wednesday afternoon to a large and attentive audience. The second series of these lectures is even more popular than the first. This is owing to the fact that it treats of the works of modern dramatists, and establishes a comparison between their plays and those of the authors of the seventeenth century. The language of the plays is colloquial and idiomatic, and leads to those free conversational powers which are the object of attainment of most students of the French language. Among those of the new series are the plays of Madame Emile de Girardin, an authoress who is better known by her maiden name of Delphine Gay. She was from her earliest days devoted to literature. Most of her later works are in the form of plays, with which she was as successful as with her novels. Of the plays the lecturer had chosen for the subject of his discourse "La Joie Fait Peur." The lecturer is a good elocutionist, and by the dramatic manner in which he spoke was evidently quite *en fait* with his subject.

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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.—The examination for the Angas Engineering Scholarship has taken place, and the examiners have reported the result thus:—Lawrence Birks and Alfred Chapple, bracketed equal. The scholarship is tenable for three years, and is of the annual value of £200. The age of a candidate is strictly limited, and he must be under twenty-eight on the first day of the month of competition. He also must have been a resident of South Australia for five years. A further qualification of a degree in either arts or science at the University of Adelaide is requisite. As soon as the Council decides the scholar must proceed to the United Kingdom, where he has to enter into articles to a civil engineer, or as a student in a College or University there, or partly in articles to a civil engineer, and partly as a student in a College or University, spending the whole of his time in the United Kingdom unless specially exempted. Should the scholar obtain a degree or a certificate to the satisfaction of the Council, and write to the approval of the Council a report upon his engineering work, he shall receive on his return a further sum of £100. The two candidates who have tied for the honour were educated at Prince Alfred College, and have been at the University studying for the degree of B.Sc.

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THE HUGHES PROFESSORSHIP.

A special meeting of the council of the University was held on Wednesday afternoon to consider the applications for the Hughes Professorship of Classics. Twenty-five applications for the position were received, and Mr. Edward von Blomberg Benaly was elected. The successful applicant was educated at Haileybury, and afterwards proceeded to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was elected to an open foundation classical scholarship in 1881. During his career he took prizes in classics and one for declamation. In 1885 he took a first-class in the first division of the classical tripos, and two years later he obtained a first in the first-class tripos for pure classics and comparative philology. From 1889 to 1887 he was at Leipzig and Tubinger for the study of philology. He then returned to Cambridge, where he became a private tutor in classics and a lecturer in literature for the Cambridge University Local Lecture Syndicate. He was also instructor in English literature at Chicago University in 1892-1893.

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ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY UNION SOCIETY.—On Thursday evening, April 25, an enthusiastic meeting of members of the University Council, graduates, and undergraduates was held at the University of Adelaide, and it was decided to form a Society, to be called the Adelaide University Union Society, having for its objects the promotion of the candidature of fit persons to serve on the Council, the reception and discussion of papers on University subjects, the holding of periodical debates on subjects approved by the committee, and the promotion of social life amongst the members of the University. A sub-committee was appointed.

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ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY UNION SOCIETY.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at the Adelaide University on Thursday evening, April 25, to hear and discuss a proposal to establish a union in connection with the University. Mr. J. A. Hartley, B.A., B.Sc., was voted to the chair.

The CHAIRMAN said they had met at the invitation of Canon Poole, a leading member of the Graduates' Association and a member of the University Council, who, it was well known, took a deep interest in the University. Canon Poole and the other gentlemen working with him had sketched out a scheme which would be submitted to the meeting, and which had for its object the welfare of the University and also the promotion of social life and fraternizing among the various members of the corporate body, whether graduates or undergraduates. There had been strong signs during the last year of a little more cohesion among the various members of the body than existed in times past, and he sincerely hoped that the establishment of a Union, which it was proposed to found that night, would be another move in the same direction, and also be a long step forward. He asked Canon Poole to explain the general objects of the scheme.

CANON POOLE, in opening, said they hoped to obtain the patronage of the Chancellor, and thus have official recognition of the Union. He had been asked by the Graduates' Association to take steps to call a meeting to discuss the question of forming a Union. That Association was in a state of suspended animation waiting for the formation of the Union. If the Union were definitely formed the Association would expire, but if not it might be necessary to continue the Association for certain objects it had under its care. He moved—"That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that the Adelaide University Union be established." No one would question the desirableness of union if the objects were good. They lived in an age when Unions were much talked about, and the University was an appropriate home for a Union. Its name implied the union of a body of men with a special aim. Was there that unity of aim, of feeling, and of purpose in the Adelaide University that there ought to be? There were numerous agencies and activities in connection with the University. If they established the Union they could take common counsel for the good of members, and in that way infuse into the University and the men composing it a larger amount of vigour and vitality. They had to remember that there was no residence possible in the University, and there was a want of intercourse of mind upon mind; that bringing together the various individuals who composed the University to rub off the angularities which too close a study of one branch was likely to develop and accentuate. In the older Universities of Oxford and Cambridge residence was a sine qua non; and if union was found desirable there, *a fortiori* there was greater need for it in Adelaide, where residence was impossible. In regard to a scheme, the Graduates' Association had drawn up suggestions which he hoped they might adopt generally. Let them carry on this for twelve months. The experience gained would be of inestimable benefit to assist them in drawing up a permanent set of rules. To leave the suggestions in the hands of a sub-committee would only lose time. The undergraduates should have a voice in the governing of the University, and therefore it was proposed to elect a committee of say twelve, nine to be graduates and three to be undergraduates. He was in favour of the President, Treasurer, and Secretary being elected by the whole Association. The objects spoke for themselves. The first was to discuss such questions relating to University discipline and reform as might be submitted by the committee. Such a body would provide a means whereby an undergraduate could bring forward in a proper manner any grievance he might have. The second object was gathered from the Graduates' Association. He would have added an option to admission of a clause providing for social life. He was sure such a union would tend to promote culture and give an opportunity to discover and develop talents which otherwise might remain latent, and that it would prove a source of strength to the University. He moved the proposition.

The Rev. J. C. WOODS seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously amid cheering. The suggestions were then considered seriatim, and were finally adopted as follows:—

That the name of the Association be the "Adelaide University Union Society."

All officers, graduates, and undergraduates of the University of Adelaide shall be eligible for membership. The subscription shall be £1 for annum for undergraduates and 5s. per annum for other members. The government of the Society shall be in the hands of a committee, consisting of a President, Treasurer, and Secretary (well-known members, who shall be elected by the members of the Society at the annual meeting), the chairman of the committee (ex officio), and twelve members, two of whom shall be undergraduates. The committee shall have the power to nominate the candidature of fit persons to serve on the Council; (b) to receive and discuss papers on University subjects; (c) to hold periodical debates on subjects approved by the committee; (d) to promote social life amongst the members of the University.

A sub-committee, consisting of Canon Poole and Messrs. J. J. Stockey, H. Hornabrook, and J. Isbister, was appointed to enrol members and arrange for the next meeting a fortnight hence.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.