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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1894.

"THE AUTHORSHIP OF SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS."

The attendance at the library of the University of Adelaide on Tuesday evening was not a large one owing to the shortness of the notice. The occasion was the delivery of a lecture by Mr. A. Oakley, B.A., subject being the "Authorship of Shakespeare's plays." The Chancellor (the Hon. C. C. Way) occupied the chair, and in making the lecturer known said he had been informed by the President of the University Shakespeare Society to attend those of the Adelaide Homoeopathic Union, thinking that as the subject was a literary one they would be interested. The Chancellor had himself been invited to prepare a paper to read before the members of the Shakespeare Society, but had felt unequal to the task, but when his friend and guest, Mr. Galton, came to the city he thought he might be able to interest them with a paper, which he had readily consented to give.

The lecturer said he approached the subject of his discourse as a judge, not as an enemy, and his desire was to be thoroughly impartial. He then proceeded to review at great length the work of Mr. R. H. D. Noyes, in which that writer set up the theory that Lord Bacon was the author of the writings attributed to Shakespeare. He said the evidence brought by Mr. Noyes has not been fully translated into the subject which he presented to him. He said "Stratford was not the only play town in England that Mr. Noyes depicted," and that Shakespeare was brought up in an atmosphere of plays and players, and it was not surprising that he should go on the stage when he went to London to push his fortunes. Shakespeare's youngest brother also went to London to become an actor, and died there. From what they knew Shakespeare whilst at Stratford found many opportunities for the stage, how he was in contact with Mr. Noyes' arguments, but he appealed to his face. He showed that Mr. Noyes, like Shakespeare, was the incomparably the best. The fact was it is impossible to say why Shakespeare's plays attributed to Mr. Noyes should be the author of the plays attributed to him, and Mr. Noyes had quite failed to satisfy him by his confessions.

The lecture, which was of an instructive character, was read to with attention, and Mr. Galton was thanked at the close.

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ANGLO-COLONIAL Gossip.

[From our own Correspondent.]

London, August 10.

Professor Lamb, into whose hands the testimonials have been placed with a view to the selection of an occupant of the chair of literature at Adelaide, will be doing nothing in the matter until his return to London in September. Bishop Keating will be here soon after that, and a final selection will be made, or rather a special candidate or candidates will be recommended to the Secretary by the Bishop and the professor. A number of South Australians have been labouring under the idea that Dr. Keating had been appointed to the See of Sodor and Man, not of Bath and Wells. The present occupant of the See of Sodor and Man is a strong localist, and has a large family of daughters, and the rents "that when he accepted the Bishopric he took Sodor (Sola) for himself and Man for his daughters."