

The Advertiser

MONDAY, JULY 10, 1894.

Mr. F. Kennedy, the fourth Elder scholar, would seem to have a particularly bright musical career before him. As the Royal College of Music, where he is now studying, they have naturally professors of singing of various grades of ability in teaching, and when a new batch of students enter these professors have their choice of pupils in relation and according to their recognised positions. When Mr. Kennedy's voice was tried by the premier professor of the R.C.M., this gentleman at once selected the young South Australian as a pupil, and to Mr. Kennedy's unutterable surprise, justified his selection by remarking, "You have the finest natural voice of any student now in the college." Such a pronouncement is, to use a vulgarism, "music" to the gentleman who chose Mr. Kennedy for the scholarship, and also presages well for the recipient's future. He is at present living with half a dozen other R.C.M. students at Earl's Court Gardens.

"Advertiser" 30/7/94.

The Council of the University have granted the Rev. A. T. Boas permission to deliver a course of lectures on the Hebrew and Chaldaic language.

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ADELAIDE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1894.

ANGLO-COLONIAL GOSSIP.

[From our own Correspondent.]

London, June 29.
Mr. David Murray, with other Australian representatives, was present at the Congress called for the extension of University teaching, held at the University of London. The *Daily Chronicle* says that "South Australia had a dignified presence in Mr. David Murray." Lord Salisbury delivered an address, in the course of which he dwelt antagonistically with the cramming system.

There have been sixteen applicants for the post of Professorship of Literature in connection with the University of Adelaide. Later applications are still expected, and when the time is up the applicants' papers will be forwarded to Mr. Horace Lamb, of Owen's College, who will sift the number down to three or four, and forward results to Adelaide.

"Register" 4/8/94.

ILLNESS OF PROFESSOR BOTTLER.—The many friends of this gentleman will regret to learn that he is laid up with a chest affection, the result of a chill, at the North Adelaide Private Hospital. It is expected that the Professor will be about again in a few days.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1894.

The list of applications for the Hughes Professorship of English Language and Literature and Mental and Moral Philosophy at Adelaide University has closed, 23 learned gentlemen having in all sent in testimonials &c. These will be forwarded to Professor Horace Lamb, of Owen's College, Manchester, who has instructions to sift them down to three. From this trio the University authorities will themselves select the lucky man.

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There are twenty-six candidates for the Chair of Literature at the Adelaide University. Professor Lamb, who evidently wishes to spare himself from wading through the piles of testimonials which are at the Agent-General's Office, has written to Mr. Wicksteed (who has been getting all the work lately without honour and increase of salary) to make him out a synopsis of the qualifications of each candidate. I found him hard at work at the job yesterday, which, perhaps, with the exception of to-day, was the most sweltering hot day we have had this summer.

Register 14/8/94.

THE ELDER SCHOLAR.—Writing about the middle of July to a friend in Adelaide Mr. Kennedy, the Elder scholar, says that he has settled down in earnest, and has plenty to do. He remarks:—"On Monday I had my examination in singing, and was at once taken by Professor Signor Visetti, who has first choice of singers. Since then with singing, theory, Italian, department, choral class, piano, elocution class, and operatic class I have been kept fairly busy, as you may imagine." Mr. Kennedy is living in very comfortable quarters with five other students of music.

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ADELAIDE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1894.

HEBREW CLASSES IN THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.—Classical and theological students will note with pleasure that the Council of the University of Adelaide have granted permission to the Rev. A. T. Boas to hold classes for lectures on and to give elementary instruction in the

Hebrew and Chaldaic languages. Whatever may be thought of the place which the classics should hold among compulsory subjects in a University course, there can be no question as to the wisdom of affording to those desiring knowledge of ancient tongues facilities for acquiring it. It is undeniable that an acquaintance with Hebrew is of great advantage in connection with researches into theology, archaeology, comparative philology, classical literature, and the history of the remote past. The study of the language forms a feature in the curriculum of the chief Universities of England and the Continent. It is difficult of acquisition, and the number of those who succeed in mastering its intricacies is small as compared with those who attain to proficiency in Latin and Greek; but it has a fascination of its own, and it is not necessary to attain to a high pitch of scholarship in order to derive benefit from it in the study of ancient literature. Hebrew is the key to a faithful interpretation of the Scriptures of the Old Testament, which are held in the highest veneration by millions of the human race, and are by reason of their historical interest and literary value the object of profound interest to the disciples of such masters as Keunen, Willhäuser, Rensan, and Spenser. A knowledge of the ancient tongue is really as indispensable to the theologian in his investigation of the Old as a knowledge of Greek is to him in the study of the New Testament records. "It seems to me," said the late Viscount Sherbrooke, "inconceivable how it should happen that so very few of our clergy are acquainted with Hebrew. I cannot understand how a man can consider himself as having completely mastered the elements of theology when he is not acquainted