The same may be said of Mr. E. S. Home, in the fourth year, who has placed to his credit two first classes in succession. In the fifth year there is a preponderance of first class. No less than half of the successful candidates have gained that distinction.

In the arts and science schools the system of dealing with the results of the first and second years' work will be altered next year in accordance with a resolution passed last week by the Senate. The term "honours" will be reserved exclusively for the work of the third year, and those who distinguish themselves in the first and second years will only be entitled to "credit." In this way the latter term will be made to apply in somewhat the same way as "honours in higher classes" apply in the English Universities. In some of these schools of learning the first and second years of the course are devoted to general work, and the last to specialization in one group of subjects, so that a high place in the earlier work denotes good all-round attainments, and good honours in the last final examination mean exceptional proficiency in special studies. The record of graduates in medicine is larger this year than last year, when only two students passed their fifth year and became entitled to their diploma. In the arts course there are two new graduates as against three last year. But it should be remembered that under the regulations of the Higher Public Examinations a considerable number of students are winning places for themselves which will ultimately entitle them to degrees. Thus the arts list for this year contains the names of not merely the six who have passed and completed their various years, but also of twenty-two in addition who have been successful in individual subjects in the same school. Next year, when a number of special scholarships and night classes are available to develop this aspect of the University work, it may be expected that the arts and science schools will be largely reinforced.

It is noticeable as present that the science course is much more popular than that in arts, having more than double the number of successful students. Doubtless the reason is partly to be found in the fact that Australia is a very practical, matter-of-fact country, and students prefer to follow up those subjects which may be of direct assistance to them in their future occupations. In the arts course probably also the element of compulsory Greek acts somewhat as a deterrent. In music we have this year no new graduates; but in the first year of the Mus. Bac. course Mr. E. H. Davies, the organist of St. Paul's, has held off with a first class, and in the second year Miss Hastings has secured the same much-sought position. Last, but not least, it should be noticed that in the Law School Mr. J. Charles, M.P., has found time not only to attend at Parliamentary and professional duties, but also to do work which has given him a first class in his third year, and the Stow prize for efficiency in law subjects. His University record has been an exceptionally brilliant one.