

trial at the court to be holden at Mount Gambier aforesaid, charged with any felony or misdemeanour; and also for the trial of all issues in fact in the Supreme Court, triable at the said Circuit Court, and for the assessment of damages in civil cases, triable aforesaid.

By command,

R. HOMBURG, Acting Chief Secretary.

Chief Secretary's Office, Adelaide, April 22nd, 1891.

**HIS** Excellency the Administrator of the Government directs the publication of the following Secretary of State's despatch and enclosure for general information.

By command,

J. C. BRAY, Chief Secretary.

South Australia, No. 6.]

Downing-street, March 3rd, 1891.

My Lord—In reply to your despatch No. 96, of the 23rd of October last, I have the honor to transmit to you, for communication to your Lordship's Government, the accompanying Order of Her Majesty in Council, applying Part II. of the Medical Act, 1886, to the colony of South Australia.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

Governor the Right Honorable the Earl of Kintore, G.C.M.G., &c., &c.

At the Court at Windsor, the 23rd day of February, 1891.

Present—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Archbishop of York

Earl of Limerick

Lord President

Lord Windsor

Marquess of Salisbury

Sir C. Butt.

Lord Chamberlain

Whereas by The Medical Act, 1886, it is provided (amongst other things) that Her Majesty may, from time to time, by Order in Council, declare that the second part of the said Act shall be deemed, on and after a day to be named in such Order, to apply to any British possession which, in the opinion of Her Majesty, affords to the registered medical practitioners of the United Kingdom such privileges of practising in the said British possession as to Her Majesty may seem just; and that, from and after the day named in such Order in Council, such British possession shall be deemed to be a British possession to which the said Act applies within the meaning of the said second part thereof, but that until such Order in Council has been made in respect of any British possession the said second part of the said Act shall not be deemed to apply to any such possession.

And whereas the province of South Australia is a British possession within the meaning of the said Act, and affords to the registered medical practitioners of the United Kingdom, under and by virtue of certain Acts of the Parliament of the said province of South Australia, namely, the Medical Act, 1880, and the Medical Act Amendment Act, 1889, such privileges of practising in the said province as to Her Majesty seem just.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty doth hereby, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, order, direct, and declare that, on and after the first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, the second part of the Medical Act, 1886, shall be deemed to apply to the province of South Australia.

C. L. PEARL.

**MUSICAL TALENT.**—It is always a pleasure to the public to learn that any student in our midst is gifted with exceptional musical ability. When talent is a natural intuition it is recognised that every opportunity should be afforded for a proper development of the gift. We are satisfied from performances that we have listened to that Miss Hillier, of North Adelaide, is a young lady of more than ordinary musical ability, and a student of the University that we shall hear of to good account at no distant date. Although only sixteen years of age this young lady possesses a gift for composition, and though her present attempts are somewhat crude and lacking in musical form, an amount of ingenuity and discernment are displayed with an original idea of melody, which, as her studies progress, will undoubtedly develop innumerable improvements in her compositions. We believe in encouraging local talent wherever it can be found, and in noticing Miss Hillier's ability we do so in the hope that she may by study and application bring to perfection her undoubtedly exceptional talent.

THE BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

The official celebration of the Queen's Birthday in London was deferred until Saturday last, and that fact accounts for the apparent delay in announcing the new distinctions with which Her Majesty has signalled the anniversary. Now that the list has come even the most pronounced opponent of titular ornaments cannot fairly find fault with it on account of the names which it contains. There are omissions from it which may provoke comparisons, but some Australians who deserve the honour are, for political or other reasons, averse to receiving it; and in any case all such selections must be to some extent arbitrary. Five new Peers have been created, nine gentlemen have had baronetcies conferred upon them, sixteen have been raised to the dignity of knighthood, and the additions to the Companionship of the Order of St. Michael and St. George have maintained their usual proportion. This first list of Liberal honours seems to be fairly voluminous, and it certainly contains more than the usual average of names of men whose success has been secured at the price of arduous, prolonged, and important public service.

The only colonies directly interested in the list are South Australia, Victoria, and Western Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania, and New Zealand have been entirely overlooked. South Australia shares in the distribution by the elevation of Mr. Charles Todd, Postmaster-General, Superintendent of Telegraphs, and Government Astronomer, to the dignity of K.C.M.G., and by the appointment of Dr. E. C. Stirling as C.M.G. These preferments will not provoke any cavilling; and there will not be any mere formality in the congratulations which both gentlemen will receive. Each has earned his honours, just as each had richly merited the coveted Fellowship of the Royal Society which preceded his present distinction. Sir Charles Todd's Companionship of St. Michael and St. George has now almost attained its majority.

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THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1893.

Several South Australian students distinguished themselves at the recent examinations of the University of Edinburgh. I may mention particularly Mr. H. M. Dondley, who passed in botany and natural history, Mr. A. M. Fletcher in chemistry and natural history, and Mr. E. M. Willcox in botany. Amongst first year students the last named (Mr. Willcox) took first class honours in practical anatomy and second-class in practical chemistry. Mr. A. W. Fletcher took first-class honours in botany (practical), and Mr. J. E. Good has passed his second professional examination. Mr. F. W. Purchase, a New Zealand student, who used to be at the Adelaide University, also distinguished himself, taking honours in botany and zoology and gaining a special (first) prize for microscopical sections.