

*Register April 11<sup>th</sup> 1885*

**EVENING CLASSES AT THE UNIVERSITY.**—A successful meeting was held on Friday evening at the University to enrol intending students for the evening classes. There were between eighty and 100 ladies and gentlemen present. The Rev. W. R. Fletcher, M.A., took the chair at 8 o'clock, and there were present Professor Kelly, M.A., Mr. D. J. Byard, B.A., Professor Boulger, M.A., and Mr. S. Churchward, B.A. An apology was received from Professor Tate, F.G.S., for his unavoidable absence. Mr. Fletcher said that the meeting was convened to give practical effect to a resolution passed by the Council of the University. Certain public bodies had memorialized the Council to establish these classes, and when the matter was mentioned Sir Thomas Elder, with his usual generosity, had forwarded £1,000. The Council had been able to arrange for five classes, and would as opportunity arose increase the list. Mr. Fletcher then referred to the Act of incorporation, which defined the purpose of the University to be the promotion of sound learning in this province, and said that these classes were in accordance with that object. It was suggested that class examinations be held by the Professors, and that two classes be held in mathematics. Mr. Hussey moved and Mr. Hargrave seconded—"That this meeting respectfully ask the Council to reconsider its decision with regard to the limit of age at which students may be admitted into these classes." Mr. Hopkins moved as an amendment that there be no limit as to age, which was carried on a show of hands by twenty-one to fifteen. The classes were then enrolled, the number of students in each class being—Geology, 13; Elementary Greek, 10; Senior Latin, 6; Junior Latin, 21; and Mathematics, 35. Evenings were then named for the first meeting of the classes, and the meeting broke up.

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**THE ADELAIDE HOSPITAL.**—At the instance of Dr. Stirling an important step was yesterday taken by the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital in the appointment of a pathologist. At the present time the House Surgeon is expected to make post-mortem examinations, and to him medical men look for the collection of a Pathological Museum. Manifestly such an arrangement is open to objection. Both the House Surgeons have enough to do in looking after the Hospital and its inmates. The visiting physicians and surgeons pay their visits and direct the course to be pursued, and the due carry-

ing out of their orders rests with the House Surgeons. Of course if these gentlemen have to leave their duties and attend to post-mortem examinations it is not a matter for wonder that everything does not go as it should. But besides this possible disadvantage, there is a positive danger. When a surgeon makes a post-mortem examination he is liable to carry about his person germs of the disease from which the subject of his examination died. This is plainly dangerous, and, if the truth were known, it is just possible that the infection thus borne to the wards of the Hospital has exercised a prejudicial effect upon patients. The Board, therefore, acted wisely in appointing a gentleman whose special duty it should be to conduct these post-mortem examinations. The gentleman chosen—the Professor of Anatomy in the University of Adelaide—is recommended as a very fit person for the position. We are not rich enough to offer a fitting salary to any man for doing this work only, and there is a peculiar fitness in conferring the appointment upon Professor Watson. It is absolutely necessary to the establishment of a Medical School here that there shall be a close connection between the University and the Hospital. This connection is cemented by the holding of offices in both institutions by the same man, and the work done by the pathologist in the Hospital will nicely dovetail with the work of the Professor of Anatomy. To him, too, will medical men look for the establishment and maintenance of a Pathological Museum, which will be found of great service to students in our Medical School. In Dr. Watson the Board will have a valuable servant, and we may expect that Adelaide will reap great benefit from the appointment made.

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THE UNIVERSITY.—The evening classes at the University have been very successful so far. From the report presented to the Council by the Registrar on Friday we learn that the total number of students attending the classes is ninety-one. Considerably more than half this number are studying mathematics, and it is not surprising to find that the lecturer has decided to make two divisions of his class. It would be impossible for any man, however highly gifted, to interest in the same lecture on mathematics fifty-two persons of varied attainments, and the only point for the Council to consider was whether it would not be better under the circumstances to appoint another lecturer. There are separate classes and lecturers for junior Latin and for senior Latin. Why should there not be a similar arrangement in the case of mathematics? The next largest class is junior Latin, under the care of Professor Boulger. There are no less than thirty in this class, while twenty have enrolled themselves for geology under Professor Tate, twelve for elementary Greek—a very large number—under Professor Kelly, and ten for advanced Latin under Mr. Byard. The successful inauguration of the movement is most satisfactory. If the members attending continue to be as large the evening classes will be of great benefit to the University, as widening its influence and extending its usefulness beyond the time-honoured groove in which it at one time seemed content to jog along. Of course over and above this the movement must be beneficial to the community at large, because it will tend to encourage general culture by throwing open roads to higher knowledge which were not before accessible to many of our fellow colonists. It is to be noticed, in passing, that the Council of the University is looking sharply after the fees. That august body is not wont to trouble about such prosaic things as pounds, shillings, and pence, but this time it has exerted itself to prevent students who have omitted to pay from attending lectures. The fees are very low, and it is only right that they should be punctually paid. The movement to establish evening classes in music has come to nothing. Professor Ives was of opinion that the establishment of such classes would have a tendency to divide the classes to which he already lectures, and the committee

appointed to consider the subject agreed with him. Amongst other business of importance at the last meeting of the Council, was the carrying of Dr. Way's motion—"That it is desirable to establish a faculty of medicine in the University." The preliminary steps are shortly to be taken, and we may expect soon to see the Adelaide Medical School well started. It has been decided that Dr. Rennie, the Professor of Chemistry, should be paid for any extra work which he may do as Government Analyst, and the scale of fees which he drew up was approved. This is quite right, for Professor Rennie's time will be fully occupied, and he should not be asked to dispose of any of it gratuitously.

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