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NEWS BY THE MAIL.

OUR ANGLO-COLONIAL LETTER.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

London, December 12, 1884.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Oldham and Captain and Mrs. R. H. Ferguson left the day before yesterday per Liguria. Captain Ferguson is completely restored to health, and looks better than he has done for years.

The applications for the Professorship of Anatomy continue numerous. The list closes on the 15th. I hear, however, that the applications are more satisfactory as to quantity than as to quality. There are no first rate applicants according to Dr. Stirling's opinion so far. The fact is your offer of £600 a year is not good enough to tempt first-rate men. They are worth much more here. It would surely be wiser if needful to postpone the appointment and re-advertised, offering a better inducement. Perhaps this could be accomplished by voting an extra £200 from the funds of the university, or possibly it could be arranged to let the professor receive private fees. In any case, see that you get a good man whilst you are about it, and pay what is necessary to that end.

Professor Ives will not go till January 7, when he leaves per Chimborazo. He at first meant to go per P. & O. boat on January 1. The professor is still in Glasgow.

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SIR GEORGE A. MACFARREN ON MUSICAL EDUCATION.—We have received from Mr. C. Reimers the subjoined letter from Sir G. A. Macfarren in response to a request by Mr. Reimers for Sir George's views "On the relation of the English nation to music and its development:"—
"London, N.W., December 12, 1884. My Dear Sir—I have read with very great pleasure your forcible letter in the *South Australian Register*. You were kind enough to write me that a paper of mine on the same subject might further your desirable object of promoting confidence among the English people in one another's powers. In this really great cause I should be happy to be your fellow-worker but that I have so very much occupation at the present as to leave me no time for the

task. You must understand from this that I do not refuse, but defer it till some possible opportunity. Meanwhile I send you by book post an article that was printed in the *Cornhill Magazine*, I think, more than sixteen years ago. I shall be glad to learn that it reaches you, and to know whether you have thought it desirable or have been able to secure its reprinting. I have been lately concerned in an office for the University of Adelaide, which I have felt to be gravely responsible, namely, the serving on a committee to appoint a Musical Professor for that institution. I am confident that the functions involved in the Professorship may be the means of most important influence on the musical character of the colony, and I hope that the elected candidate (Mr. Joshua Ives) will justify the expectations of the committee in successfully fulfilling these functions. No University out of England and Ireland except only of late that of Harvard, U.S., has hitherto given consideration to the faculty of music, and I feel that the creation of a Professorship and the means employed for the election of a Professor by the authorities of your city betoken a liberal feeling for art and great intelligence in the expression of this feeling. I say not this because I myself was one of the invited examiners of candidates, but because, however fallible the persons, the principle of dependence on professional judgment, where was no individual interest, appears to me to be sound.—Truthfully yours, for G. A. MACFARREN, G.L.M. To Herr C. Reimers.”

Register January 31/85

MEDICAL STUDENTS AT THE ADELAIDE HOSPITAL.—At the meeting of the Board of Management of the Adelaide Hospital held on Friday afternoon the report of the honorary staff on a letter of the Registrar of the Adelaide University, relative to the admission of medical students to the practice of the Hospital, was adopted. The staff, in the first place, recommend that the existing regulations be rescinded, and that medical students of the University of Adelaide, as well as students unconnected with that University, be admitted as pupils to the practice of the Hospital on certain conditions which are given. One of them is that no medical or surgical pupil shall publish the report of any case without the written permission of the physician or surgeon under whose care the patient has worked. Instruction will be given by the members of the honorary staff of physicians and surgeons in the medical and surgical practice of the Hospital, and by the dispensers in practical pharmacy.

Register 5th February 1885.

THE NEW PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY.—By the s.s. Yarra, which arrived on Monday, February 2, Mr. Edward H. Rennie, D.Sc., London, the new Professor of Chemistry, was a passenger. Dr. Rennie, who assumes charge of the Chair of Chemistry endowed by Mr. J. H. Angas, is 33 years of age, and graduated B.A. at Sydney University in 1870, taking the medal for chemistry and experimental physics, and first-class honours in mathematics. He graduated M.A. at Sydney in 1876, taking honours in chemistry and the medal for mathematics. From 1871 to 1875 he lectured on chemistry and experimental physics in the Sydney Grammar School, and from 1876 to 1877 in the Brisbane Grammar School. In July, 1877, he went to London and graduated a D.Sc. at the London University, taking organic chemistry as the principal subject and inorganic chemistry as the subsidiary subject. During 1879 and 1880 Dr. Rennie was Demonstrator of Chemistry in St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, and in 1881 acted as Demonstrator of Chemistry in the Science Schools, South Kensington. In 1882 he acted as assistant to Dr. H. E. Armstrong, F.R.S., at the London Institute. Dr. Rennie while in England was also employed by the Chemical Society of London to make abstracts of papers published in foreign journals, and he received from that Society grants for the prosecution of chemical

grants for the prosecution of chemical research. For the past twelve months Professor Rennie, who will also act as Government Analyst, virtually superintended the various duties of the Government Analyst in Sydney.

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The first prize offered by the Royal Colonial Institute for an essay upon Canada has been won by Mr. Arthur Donaldson, one of the Adelaide scholars, who is at present at Gonville and Cairns College, Cambridge. Perhaps it is in your recollection that Mr. Donaldson's brother ran second to Mr. Robin, who won the first essay prize last year.