

The Association and the University.—Numbering candidates at University examinations—At the first meeting of the present year, after careful consideration, it was decided to memorialize the University Council, asking the adoption of a system whereby candidates for junior and matriculation examinations should only be known to the examiners by numbers. The President forwarded a letter to the Registrar of that body early in April; no reply was received whatever until October, when the Registrar stated "that no steps had yet been taken for the adoption of the system of conducting all examinations by numbering the candidates." The matter was, however, brought before the next Council meeting, referred to the Education Committee, and referred again by them to the Professorial Board and the Faculty of Laws. Both reports were adverse to the adoption of the suggested innovation. The committee made the following recommendation, however:—"That they do not feel the necessity of making any change by suppressing the names of candidates and substituting numbers. They recommend, however, that none of the documents furnished to the examiners shall indicate the schools from which the candidates come. The Council adopted the recommendation and report of the Education Committee. The Association has worked very zealously during the present year to secure the establishment of evening classes at the University of Adelaide. At a meeting of the sub-committee, especially to promote this desirable object, it was decided that a circular should be forwarded to the leading Literary Societies in and around the city, asking how far the members of these bodies were likely to co-operate with the Association. Replies were received from twenty-five, which were generally of such a very favourable nature that your Secretary (Mr. T. A. Caterer, B.A.) was deputed to bring forward a motion at the Senate meeting of December 3 to the effect "that in the opinion of the Senate the establishment of evening classes is desirable." The resolution was seconded by the Vice-Chancellor (the Rev. W. R. Fletcher, M.A.), a warm friend of the movement, and carried by a large majority, though not without opposition, opinions being expressed that the colony was not yet ripe for such an innovation, and that the fees received would not meet the expenses of the lectures. The resolution as passed will be considered at the next meeting of the Council, and, whatever the decision may be, satisfaction must be felt by the members that some amount of success has attended their labours. The movement is now in such a state that your sub-committee will watch very carefully its progress and ultimate fate in the Council. Before leaving this subject your committee desire to accord their thanks to both the *Register* and *Advertiser* for the powerful assistance they have received from both papers in support of this movement. At the last meeting of the Senate two resolutions were carried affecting the interests of the schools connected with the Association, both on the motion of the Rev. F. Williams, M.A., viz.:—"That in the opinion of this Senate it is desirable to alter the first regulation by substituting the word 'seventeen' for the word 'sixteen,' or, in other words, to allow candidates to present themselves up to the age of seventeen. This resolution was proposed at the request of the members of this Association."

Alteration of Rules.—At the last annual meeting Rule V. was amended so as to add a Reporting Secretary to the Executive and to somewhat lighten the duties of the General Secretary. Mr. James Anderson was appointed to the new office, and during the year has fulfilled his duties with ability. The committee suggest that the rules be carefully revised at the annual meeting in order that they may be made as far as possible perfect in the interests of the working of the Association.

Death of the late Mr. Robert Whinham.—The committee cannot close its report without reference to the sad death of our late member, and desires to place on record its sense of the very great value of the life and labours of the late Mr. R. Whinham to the cause of education in this colony. The Association passed a resolution at its last meeting expressive of prolonged sympathy with the esteemed father of the deceased and the members of his family circle.

In conclusion, the members of the committee wish to place on record the pleasure that they feel in

noting the *entente cordiale* which has characterized the whole of the proceedings of the year, and the heartiest thanks of the Association are due to the Head Masters of St. Peter's, Prince Alfred, Whinham, Commercial, and Hahndorf Colleges for the hospitality they have extended to the members on the various occasions of holding the ordinary meetings. The committee trusts that its labours on behalf of the interests of the Association have met with the approval of the members, and that the coming year they may be marked with a greater meed of success than even has attended the one now past.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Frederick Caterer; Vice-Presidents, Miss Tilly and Mr. H. Short; Secretary, Mr. T. A. Caterer, B.A., Reporting Secretary, Mr. J. Anderson; Treasurer, Mr. S. Churchward, B.Sc.; Committee, Mrs. Martin, Rev. F. Williams, M.A., Messrs. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc., J. F. Sunter, B.A., and J. H. Lyons.

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MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

The following is a list of the candidates who have successfully passed the Matriculation Examination:—

FIRST CLASS (IN ORDER OF MERIT).

- { William James Bonnin.
- { Alexander Wyllie.
- { Thomas M. Burgess.
- { H. K. Cooper.
- { Eleanor Alice Allen.
- { William E. Heuzenroeder.
- { Mary Amelia Joyce.
- { Thomas A. Le Messurier.
- { Thomas H. Warren.
- { E. N. Marryatt.

SECOND CLASS (IN ORDER OF MERIT).

- { John H. Finlayson.
 - { Gertrude Ella Mead.
 - { Edward E. Moule.
 - { W. P. Nicholls.
 - { Susan Selina Solomon.
 - { Florence Kelly.
 - { Franziska Helena Puttmann.
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- { T. G. Anderson.
 - { A. G. Collison.
 - { E. H. Cornish.
 - { A. G. W. Fletcher.
 - { A. F. Lynch.
- { F. V. Beyer.
 - { H. E. Fuller.
 - { S. S. Robin.
 - { C. T. Wright.

THIRD CLASS.

- G. Boase.
- Mary Collier.
- W. F. Dickson.
- E. A. Dunn.
- L. K. Fletcher.
- H. J. Heggaton.
- L. G. Hopkins.
- Chas. Mann.
- H. A. Powell.
- E. M. Sabine.
- D. C. Scott.
- W. J. Stockdale.
- H. V. Wigley.
- W. P. Wooldridge.

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THE MATRICULATION LISTS.—The pass list of the University Matriculation Examination includes forty names as compared with thirty for last December's examination. The contest for the places of honour has evidently been a keen one, for in the first and second classes in which candidates are arranged in order of merit there are three pairs bracketed together and four fours. The closeness of the leading candidates to one another is shown by their being placed together by the examiners both in the first and second classes. At the same time the examination seems to be of a more thorough and searching character than it once was. Sixty-one candidates presented themselves, and of these only about two-thirds have been successful in passing. These of course have now the privilege of becoming members of the University, and donning the cap and gown, which are the distinguishing external marks of student life all over the world. Proportionately to the

number of candidates the girls seem to have done better than the boys, for no less than 8 out of 9 were successful; while among the boys, out of 52 there are 32 who have passed. This is no doubt, to some extent, due to the superior diligence and earnestness of the girls, who seldom act upon the inverted rule of "all play and no work," as many boys do who become enamoured of cricket and football. But, of course, it should be remembered that the candidates who go up for examination from girls' schools are usually picked scholars, while from the boys' schools it is often expected that all and sundry will be sent up at the end of the year to take their chance of success or failure. The importance of the examination as a final test for the scholars of colleges and grammar schools can scarcely be overrated. In Melbourne the test has become almost universal, and the head and second head classes of every higher school and of many of the State schools aim at the matriculation examination as the goal of the year's work. There are at present no less than 728 candidates being examined. Compared with this the total of sixty-one candidates at the Adelaide University seems insignificant. But the increase from year to year shows that the number will soon be very respectable indeed, while in Melbourne the lists show a decline. The only cause for regret is that after having gained an entrance to the University so few think it worth their while to follow the pursuit of learning through its classic halls until they have attained to a degree.
