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THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY
FENCE.

TO THE EDITOR,

Sir—I have not yet noticed or heard whether the Government, or the powers that be, intend to do anything as regards the present unsightly fence which surrounds one of the most beautiful buildings in Australia, namely, our University. As there will no doubt be many visitors to our shores during the present year, I think it would be a great pity if the present eyesore were allowed to remain. In my opinion a post and wire fence, the same as has lately been erected between the Institute and the Public Library, would serve the purpose until a fence more suitable to the building could be afforded.—I am, &c.,

W. G.

*Melbourne Telegrams
Register Feb 22/87*

At a meeting of the University Council to-day the principle of the admission of ladies to degrees in medicine was affirmed, and the question of a scheme to be adopted was referred to the Faculty of Medicine.

Register February 24th 1887

A SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SCHOLAR.—Mr. W. J. Walker, B.A., who obtained the scholarship at the Adelaide University in 1886, is about to proceed to England to continue his studies and fit himself for a classical profession. Mr. Walker's primary education was conducted at Mr. Martin's school at Port Adelaide. At the age of 12 he won in December, 1878, the exhibition of £30 for three years. In July, 1881, he gained the Farrell Scholarship of £50 for three years; and in December of the same year he took the leading place in the matriculation examination. In July, 1882, he was awarded the Smith's History Prize of £5 5s.; and in March, 1883, the University Scholarship of £50 for three years.

He passed B.A. in December, 1885, and in December of last year was the winner of the South Australian Scholarship of £200 for four years. This, it must be confessed, is a remarkable record.

Register February 25/07.

A SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SCHOLAR.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—I notice with pleasure in the *Register* of the 24th inst. an account of the successes gained by Mr. W. J. Walker, B.A., the fortunate possessor of the last of the valuable South Australian Scholarships. His fellow-graduates of the Adelaide University will watch with interest his future course, and confidently hope that similar academical honours to those obtained by Messrs. Robin, Beare, Donaldson, Holder, and Murry may fall to his lot also. By some unfortunate mistake your local reads as if Mr. Walker had gained the Farrell Scholarship, the Smith prize, and matriculated first in the first-class from Mr. Martin's school. I think it only fair to the Collegiate School of St. Peter, where these distinctions were gained, to draw your attention to the omission, and let that institution gain some of the kudos of "a remarkable record," as you very aptly term Mr. Walker's literary achievements.

I am, Sir, &c.,

T. AINSLIE CATERER.

St. Peter's College, February 24.

The Register.

ADELAIDE: SATURDAY, FEB. 26, 1887.

A NEW ERA IN UNIVERSITY WORK.

Next November will be a notable month for those interested in the University or intending to take up studies in connection with that institution. The new calendar, which has just been issued from the press, is a much larger volume than its predecessors, and is in many respects, it may be added, a great improvement. The additions are, it need hardly be said, due to the initiation of the new policy on the part of the University authorities—a policy which is evidently destined to effect radical changes in the fortunes of the institution, and probably to help forward considerably the cause of higher education in South Australia. It is an open secret that Mr. Hartley, B.A., B.Sc., the Inspector-General of Schools, has devoted a very great amount of time and energy to suggesting and formulating new plans for the extension of University teaching. He has a decided talent for organizing. Some people say that he carries this predilection to an extreme. But every one must admit that, in so far as he has conduced to the adoption of the new University policy, the colony is indebted to him. We have referred to next November as an important month in connection with the University. The reason is this: In the earlier portion of that month will take place the new "Preliminary Examinations," and in the later portion the "Junior and Senior Public Examinations." Besides this, the University will be ready to receive for examination young ladies and others who, possessing a talent for music, are desirous of obtaining certificates of proficiency in the theory and practice. Also musical students wishing to proceed to a degree in music will have a more liberal course

open to them. Then the ordinary students under the various professors will have to adapt themselves to variations in their ranges of subjects, bringing them more into harmony with the most recent development of University teaching. Lastly, an altogether new scheme of "Higher Public Examinations" will be initiated, with the object of enabling persons of educational talents or attainments who are engaged during the day to obtain a University degree without undergoing the intense strain involved in taking a degree in three years as hitherto provided for, by means of night study alone. This is of course especially interesting to teachers.

Boys and girls at school aiming at a superior class of education have hitherto had a grievance against the University on the score of the large number of subjects that they were required to take up in order to pass even the simplest of the examinations prescribed. After having primed themselves, perhaps even to the extent of "cram," in all the subjects of the list they were then liable to be tripped up by failing in one of the "compulsory" subjects. The new arrangement is that pupils from the schools can go up in the beginning of November, and undergo an examination in reading, dictation, grammar, composition, and arithmetic—the mere elements