

sound musical education which that gentleman has so conspicuously shown since his arrival in this colony. At a recent meeting of the Senate the Professor explained that these examinations could be held in all parts of the Australian Colonies; that students could offer themselves for examination in the elements of music, in harmony and counterpoint, or in the technical subjects of pianoforte-playing, organ-playing, singing or playing on any orchestral instruments; and that certificates of first and second class would be given to successful candidates in the various divisions. At first sight it might seem likely that these examinations would interfere with the higher tests, and that students having obtained the local examination certificates might rest satisfied and not work for the degree. Professor Ives anticipated this objection by stating his opinion that quite an opposite result might be predicted—that the gaining of the lesser prize might be fairly expected to encourage students to try for the higher one, and that the local examinations might thus serve as feeders to the University Music School. We trust this view may prove correct, and that the Professor may have crowded classrooms during his lectures next year.

And as the Chair of Music has proved so successful would it not be a worthy and appropriate act on the part of one or more of our wealthy colonists to permanently endow the Chair of Music? The regulations for the degree of Mus. Bac. have on the first page a footnote stating that as the Chair of Music is not permanently endowed the continuance of the lectures in music cannot be guaranteed. This is a serious stumbling-block to students entering for the degree course, and it would be well if it could be removed. Professor Ives, on a recent occasion, spoke somewhat warmly of the obstacles that were being placed in the way of music students at the University. We hope he may be mistaken in thinking that his work is not being fully appreciated within the University. Certain it is that it is fully

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MR. G. J. R. MURRAY.

One of the Craven Scholarships, value £40 a year for two years, for classical learning, has been awarded to Mr. G. J. R. Murray, B.A. Adelaide, one of the South Australian scholars studying in Oxford.

Register December 17th 1886.

MR. G. J. R. MURRAY.—We learn with very great pleasure from our London correspondent that Mr. G. J. R. Murray, youngest son of the Hon. A. B. Murray, has added another to his list of academic honours. Mr. Murray, who gained all the prizes available at St. Peter's Collegiate School, where he was educated, secured the South Australian Scholarship in 1883, after graduating with honours in the Adelaide University. Some time ago Mr. Murray, who is finishing his course at the Oxford University, secured the prize of 100 guineas offered by the Council of Legal Education, but now he has gained a Craven Scholarship, being, we believe, the first Australian who has won this high distinction.

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THE UNIVERSITY.—To judge from the report supplied to us, the Council of the University went through a great deal of business on Friday. Perhaps this accounts for their neglect to justify their admission of a Cambridge graduate, *honoris causa*, to the same degree here. As we pointed out when the Council recommended Mr. Todd's admission *ad eundem gradum*, colonists much appreciated the honour done to him by Cambridge, and would gladly have seen a similar honour bestowed upon him here. But there is no precedent, so far as we know, of one University admitting to the full privileges of a degree a man whose only degree is honorary. It is hardly becoming in a young University like this, which in struggling to carry a top-heavy head on very small legs, to try risky experiments; and it will hardly do it much good to be known as the one British University which grants *ad eundem* degrees to the holders of honorary distinctions. Those prejudiced persons who opposed the formation of the Medical School will be silenced when they hear that a live Sydney Professor pats it on the back and says that the results of a recent examination holden by him "indicate a high standard of excellence in the teaching of your school." It is not often that Universities care to publish their testimonials, but in the present case this is perhaps a breach of precedent which is desirable. There has been so much said lately about having paid officers of the University on the Council that the public will notice with some surprise that Professor Boulger has resigned his seat. No reasons are given for this step. Possibly the Professor found that his work in the University clashed with his duties as a Councillor—in which case he was quite right to resign. There are now only three paid servants of the University who are also their own masters—and these, not unreasonably, belong to the profession which appears to dominate the University. If some arrangement could be come to whereby the Professorial Board as a body should appoint a representative to the Council the difficulty would be overcome, for then the information which professors only can give would be ready at hand, and no school would be overrepresented. As things are at present, the representation of the schools is most unequal. Many matters of detail occupied the attention of the Council on Friday. The enumeration of these is useful in a sense, but perhaps

there might have been just a little more said about the progress of the University. It is hardly necessary to say that its progress in Professors is most rapid; how does it get on in the way of students? There is a little paragraph away down towards the end of the report which runs—"The return of attendance of students at lectures for the third term was laid on the table." Why should it not be published? We get all the Professors and Councillors and representatives on Boards and other high dignitaries, but we do not get even one poor halfpenny of bread to this intolerable deal of sack. The public wants to know what all these officials are doing in the way of teaching. This, unhappily, is just what the Council does not seem anxious to tell the public.
