

The next part of the return is to show "how many pupils have gone from the Advanced School for Girls qualified to enter upon the Arts course in the University. If none so qualified, why have they not been so?" Let us deal fairly even with an institution to which strong and reasonable objection is to be taken. We do not demand of every school whether the pupils which have passed through it are qualified to enter the University, and it is right to remember that in many cases even pupils who are fitted for a higher course of education are not inclined or are not permitted to push their art studies further. The last part of the returns moved for has no definite connection with the evident object of the mover, unless it can be proved that a fundamental object in establishing the Advanced School for Girls was that the pupils who availed themselves of the instruction offered here should devote themselves to the work of teaching. We cannot, in a word, put the Advanced School for Girls on a level with the Training College. The new institution has been all through a rival to private girls' schools, but it is certainly not generally supposed to be a kindred institution with the Training College. On the whole, we cannot compliment Mr. Bagster upon the direction which his researches have taken. The return asked for will bring together information, most of which can be derived without difficulty from easily accessible sources, but it cannot throw any new light on the subject. His motion might certainly be made useful as a test for the knowledge of grammatical analysis possessed by pupils. There are two or three sentences in it which to the ordinary mind are a conglomeration of grammatical heresies, and perhaps some of the pupils in the State schools might be profitably employed in explaining their construction and in enumerating the more flagrant errors which they contain.

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VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA.—

The early arrangements made for entertaining our Victorian visitors included an inspection of the viceregal residence at Marble Hill, but this was afterwards postponed till Thursday next. On Monday morning Sir Henry and Lady Loch and their two daughters paid a visit to the Adelaide University, the Chancellor (His Honor the Chief Justice) accompanying the party. The guests were shown over the whole building, and they manifested considerable interest. Professor Bragg entertained them with experiments in acoustics and electricity, and Professor Rennie in the Chemical Laboratory explained the processes for analysing water and extracting sarsaparilla. The visitors were passing the room where the students were engaged, when they were greeted with three cheers, a compliment which Sir Henry Loch suitably acknowledged. Mr. Cecil Mead, the senior undergraduate, was then

resented to His Excellency by the Chancellor. The Library was also visited, and the party then left for the Art Gallery, with which they expressed themselves well pleased. Sir Henry was in the afternoon taken over the Post-Office and other Government offices by the Premier, while Lady Loch and His Excellency Sir William Robinson took afternoon tea with the Hon. H. and Mrs. Scott. In the evening Sir Henry and Lady Loch and Captain Traill responded to the invitation of His Honor the Chief Justice and had dinner with him at his residence at Montefiore. Sir W. C. F. Robinson was also invited, but a prior engagement called him elsewhere. At noon to-day the Mayor and City Councillors will meet Sir Henry Loch at the Town Hall, and the municipal buildings will be inspected. This afternoon the viceregal patronage will be extended to a concert arranged by Mrs. Palmer in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. Sir H. Ayers, K.C.M.G., will give a ball this evening in honour of Sir Henry Loch. The members of the Ministry have decided to entertain His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Sir H. Loch, at a luncheon to be held at the Banqueting-room of the Town Hall on Saturday morning next. His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Robinson and members of both Houses of the Legislature will receive invitations to be present.

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A congregation of the University of Adelaide was held on Wednesday afternoon in the library for the purpose of conferring degrees on candidate bachelors. The chancellor (his Honor Chief Justice Way) presided, and there were also present the vice-chancellor (Rev. W. R. Fletcher, M.A.), and the members of the council and senate in their robes. There was a fair attendance of ladies and gentlemen, together with a number of students. The following graduates were presented to the chancellor and admitted as bachelors of laws:—Brinsley Charles Boothby, Alexander Melrose, and Frederick Taylor Whittington. Charles Ernest Robin was admitted as B.A. in absentia.