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## SCHOOL SPEECH-DAYS.

### YOTHAMURRA SCHOOL.

A concert was given in the Glenelg Town Hall on Tuesday evening in aid of the Convalescent Home for Children. It was arranged by Mrs. Kingston and Miss Dow, the principals of Yoothamurra School, and passed off successfully. The programme, which was in the hands of the pupils of the school, was tastefully arranged, and exquisite musical selections from well-known composers were rendered. Mr. O. J. Stevens acted as musical director. The annual report of the principals was read as follows:—

Ladies and Gentlemen—At this season of the year no one is anxious to listen to a lengthy report; we have therefore condensed as much as possible the account of our year's work. Our numbers have been steadily increasing, so that now there are nearly ninety names on the roll. Excellent progress in all subjects has been made by the lower school, the result of a thorough training in our kindergarten. This all-round good training tells even in music, as is evidenced by the singing at sight, of which you have just had a specimen, and the brilliant success of quite small children in the recent primary University examination. Part of our lower school of last year is now, of course, the lower division of the upper school; the excellence of the work which has been done in this section is another proof of the advantage of children passing steadily through all the grades of our school. The pupils of the upper school have been much interested in the study of English literature, which has this year included selections from Wordsworth, Scott's "Lady of the Lake," Macaulay's essay on "Clive," Creighton's "Age of Elizabeth," and Shakspeare's "Julius Cæsar." Excellent work has been done in natural science and pure mathematics, and we are gratified with the success of our candidate for the University Junior Public Examination in both these branches. Steady progress has been made in the ordinary branches of an English education, and shorter methods of working arithmetic have been introduced into our school by a mathematical expert—these we hope will lessen the difficulties of this subject. During the past year our pupils have been successful in the Preliminary, Junior Public, Primary, and Junior Music Examinations of the Adelaide University; the 15 music pupils sent up were successful, 9 being placed in the first class, 3 with credits, one of whom was also specially mentioned by the examiner. Of the 22 candidates for Public Examinations sent up from our school 21 were successful—a very gratifying result. An intelligent and painstaking spirit has characterized nearly all the pupils in the art class, and the success which attended our candidates at the Art Examinations was a natural result of steady persevering work. While freehand drawing has necessarily had most attention, a short preparatory course in model drawing and also in plant drawing from nature, both with brush and pencil, have added interest to our studies. The French, German, and Latin classes have worked well, one of our girls obtaining a credit in French in the Junior Public. Good training for the body has been provided by the gymnastic and dancing classes. If parents would only think over the lasting benefit derived from gymnastic exercises we feel sure that the number of pupils who attend the Saturday morning class at Herr Leschen's gymnasium would be doubled. We have been fortunate this year in obtaining for the upper school the privilege of Bible lessons by the Rev. Canon Green, to whom we are much indebted for sparing us so much of that priceless commodity—time. We are perfectly satisfied with the advance of our pupils in singing, and refrain from pointing out the many obvious advantages derived from such a training in perseverance, exactness, and acute observation. The attendance has been very good, twenty-one having been present on every school-day, each of whom is entitled to an attendance prize, while punctuality, attention, order, and courtesy are rewarded with good-conduct certificates. Of examinations, more than of anything else, it may truly be said that "Tis not in mortals to command success;" we shall always be pleased with the pupils who deserve it. We have aimed, not at the acquirement by our scholars of so many facts, but at the culture of spirit, mind, and body, which will make a perfect whole.\* We are pleased with the high moral tone and the *esprit de corps* which prevail throughout the school. The "Yoothamurra" Scholarship has this year been awarded to Isabel Kennedy, of Glenelg. Before closing we wish to convey our hearty thanks to all the teachers, whose untiring efforts and devotion contribute in a large measure to the success of the school. Our thanks are also due to the parents, teachers, and friends who have so kindly presented prizes, and to those who have shown their interest in this school by their presence here to-night.

## MUSICAL NOTES.

[By Musicus.]

The certificates in practice of music, which are now ready at the University, for the candidates who recently passed the examinations, bear on them the following:—"University of Adelaide, in conjunction with the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music." Then the subject and division in which the candidate has passed is specified, and there are the following signatures:—Thomas Threlfall, Chairman of the Board; Sir A. C. Mackenzie, Principal of the Royal Academy; C. Hubert H. Parry, Director of the Royal College of Music; Professor Ives, as representing the Adelaide University; and Mr. C. Lee-Williams, representing the Associated Board. These diplomas also contain the following significant statement;—"These certificates do not entitle the holders to append any letters to their names, nor are the holders thereof certified as teachers." It is to be hoped that in the future our University will have this printed on all their musical certificates. Unfortunately with the great majority of the public all certificates in music are much alike, whether they be first-class senior pianoforte-playing or only second class junior theory. There can be little doubt that, armed with these certificates, a large number of incompetent persons have, during the past few years, set up teaching, to the great detriment of the qualified professional. It is not uncommon to see advertisements for pupils, the qualification being that the advertiser holds one or more of the University certificates. These were never intended to be used in this fashion, even the senior pianoforte-playing merely certifies that the student has played a classical piece to the satisfaction of the examiners, and shown, up to a certain standard, a knowledge of music. It does not imply that he or she has that extended knowledge of music and experience which are two of the most important qualifications of a teacher. For those who desire to teach there is the certificate of the advanced course in music, and the new Conservatorium will no doubt have a special course which should prepare future teachers. Professor Ives has repeatedly stated that he never expected, or intended, that the junior and senior certificates, would be used as a teacher's qualification, and, seeing the extent to which the evil has grown, he will no doubt, now being thoroughly aware of the fact, bring the matter before the proper authorities, and see that in future the wise proviso of the Associated Board is printed on all the musical certificates.

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A SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL STUDENT IN MELBOURNE.—At the December examinations of the Melbourne University Miss Gertrude E. Mead passed in gynaecology. Miss Mead was unable to sit for this subject in October, but has now successfully completed her course for the degrees of M.B. and B.S. The degrees will be conferred on Thursday, and Miss Mead will leave on the following day for London by the R.M.S. Arcadia.

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ADVANCED SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION.

At a very pleasant gathering of this Association at the Advanced School Miss George presided over a large attendance of members. The annual report was read by the Secretary, Miss E. A. Fraser, and the balance-sheet by the Treasurer, Miss E. Carbin. The elections for the coming year resulted thus:—President, Miss Solomon, B.Sc.; Vice-Presidents, Miss Bosch and Miss Trevenen; Secretary, Miss E. M. Verco; Treasurer, Miss E. A. Fraser; Committee, Dr. Violet Plummer, and Misses Sells, Maughan, Wild, and F. Cooke. During the evening an opportunity was taken of saying good-by to Miss Jacob, who is leaving the school to take up one of her own, and the feelings of gratitude cherished by the old scholars for her ready help in the past made their wishes for her future success very earnest and sincere. Dr. Violet Plummer was warmly congratulated on having won her degree, and a very happy gathering terminated with the singing of "Auld lang syne."

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MISS SCHRODER'S SCHOOL.

The annual Christmas entertainment by the pupils of Miss Schröder's school, Osmond-terrace, Norwood, was successfully held on Monday evening at the Norwood Town Hall. There was a large attendance. Mr. T. Gepp presided. The pupils creditably presented a cantata, "Genevieve," which was followed with interest. The choruses were sweet and spirited. Misses Dittmar, Ey, Winton, Esselbach, Hendrickson, Bristow, M. Bristow, Jenner, and Schröder all contributed musical items to the programme, and the applause was frequent and unstinted. Several striking tableaux were arranged. The annual report was read and the prizes were distributed by the Chairman. The report was as follows:—

Mr. T. GEPP, prior to presenting the prizes, read Miss Schroder's report, as follows:—

It is with great pleasure that I present a report of the work done in the school during the past year. The University examinations were very successful, every candidate having passed—two in the preliminary and four in music, one girl in three tests, namely, primary practice first class with credit, theory second class, and junior practice first class; another in two tests, primary practice first class and junior practice second class, a third primary practice first class, and a fourth junior theory first class. Although no candidates were presented at the art exams, yet the drawing class is doing good and steady work. Both German and French classes I should very much like to see enlarged, and as they are open to students not attending the school I trust the new year will find a greater interest taken in the study of those languages. Remark:—Assistants ably and conscientiously assisted in music by Miss Malin, and in the school by Misses Bamberger and Killick.

The following was the prize-list:—

University Examinations. — Preliminary — W. Trevelion, C. Hendrie. Music—Primary (presented by C. E. Bristow, Esq.); practice, first class, credit, theory, second class, and junior practice, first, H. Dittmar; primary practice, first class, and junior practice, second, R. Jenner; theory, junior, first class, H. Timcke; primary practice, first class, E. Winton. Class V. (presented by Messrs. E. & S. Wigg).—Examinations and class marks, H. Timcke; homework, H. Dittmar. Class IV.—Examination, G. Schröder; class and homework, G. Neech, M. Crosver; diligence, M. McIntyre. Class III.—Class prize (presented by R. K. Threlfall, Esq.), O. Willmott; exam. (R. K. Threlfall, Esq.), E. Eimer, D. Hubble; homework, F. Hubble. Class II.—Diligence, M. Middleton; writing, D. Llyod. School Exam.—Music (judged by Miss Raston)—Upper division, M. Bristow, G. Schröder; middle division, A. De Laine; lower division, M. Gepp; certificates, L. Langsford, D. Tucker, G. Ey. Needlework (judged by Mrs. Edwards), E. Ferguson, W. Trevelion, M. Gepp, B. Rhodes, M. McIntyre. Drawing, M. Bristow, D. Tucker. French, L. Bristow. German, E. Eimer, V. Sadholz. Conduct, E. Winton.