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Professor W. H. Bragg, M.A., of the University of Adelaide, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Great Britain. This is the highest honor that can be conferred on a scientific man, and very few Australians have received it. The intimation of the action of the society was received by cable by the Registrar of the University (Mr. C. R. Hodge) on Saturday morning. The only other Fellows of the Royal Society in Adelaide are Sir Charles Todd, who is Professor Bragg's father-in-law, and Professor Stirling, one of his colleagues at the University. Professor Bragg was born at Wigton, in the county of Cumberland, and obtained his early education at Market Harborough Grammar School and King William College, Isle of Man. In 1880 he won a minor exhibition at Trinity College, Cambridge, and in 1882 a major scholarship. Whilst at the University he studied mathematics under the celebrated Dr. Routh, and was placed third wrangler in 1884 and in the succeeding examination for the second part of the mathematical tripos he obtained a first-class. After spending a year in teaching at Cambridge and studying at Cavendish Laboratory, he was appointed Professor of Mathematics in the University of Adelaide. Since he came to South Australia Professor Bragg has prepared many mathematical students, who have achieved distinction at various universities, and he has rendered good service to the community as a lecturer on interesting phases of scientific discovery. He has also won a world-wide reputation by his investigations into the nature and properties of radium, and it is probable that the honor conferred upon him by the Royal Society is the result of his work in this direction. As a member of the University council, Professor Bragg took an active part in bringing about the arrangement by which the University undertakes the training of teachers for the State schools, and he has done useful work as a member of the council of the School of Mines.

#### UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

The Calendar of the University of Adelaide for the year 1907 is a carefully prepared and well-printed volume of over 400 pages, with a record of progressive activity worthy of the institution which was established a third of a century since. A pithy account of the leading features in the life of the University is given in the preface, where it is stated that the number of graduates admitted by examination since the establishment is 393. The number of undergraduates in 1906 was 409 and of non-graduating students 210, exclusive of those studying at the Elder Conservatorium, of whom there were 358. The teaching staff of the University comprises nine professors and 25 lecturers, and that of the Elder Conservatorium 10 teachers. Facilities for University examinations have been extended to the country, and in the interest of education extension lectures are also given in the country centres, as well as at the University. By the calendar it may be observed that to-day the Conservatorium will reopen, on Monday the long vacation ends, and on March 12 the first term begins, also the LL.B. supplementary degree and senior public examinations commence. Full information is given concerning regulations and examinations and graduates. The printers are Messrs. W. K. Thomas & Co., Adelaide.

#### EXAMINATIONS IN MUSIC.

##### Joint University Effort.

A scheme of public examinations in music was adopted by the Universities of Melbourne and Adelaide in April, 1906. The two Universities, in which chairs of music have been founded by the munificence of Mr. Francis Ormond and Sir Thomas Elder respectively, feel that they are responsible for the musical education of all grades in the States to which they belong, and believe that the most effective method of directing and improving that education at present within their power is by the conduct of public examinations. The University of Melbourne accordingly instituted in 1902 a scheme of local examinations in music, which has grown rapidly in influence and efficiency. The University of Adelaide has conducted similar examinations since 1887. During the last 10 years it has acted in conjunction with the associated board of the Royal College of Music and the Royal Academy of Music. It is now felt by the two Universities that the work in which they have been engaged for some years can be more efficiently performed by the adoption of common methods and a common standard. They have accordingly agreed to a joint scheme, which is to be conducted in common by special boards appointed by each University, and will come into force immediately after the May examinations of 1907. The present scheme will, it is hoped, prove the beginning of a much wider movement, which will embrace all the Universities of Australia and New Zealand.

The object of the examinations is to assist and improve musical education by supplying an authoritative and reliable test of musical work from the most elementary to the highest grade. Examiners are selected solely for their ability as musicians. They are not allowed to examine their own pupils or to know the name of any candidate until after the examination. As far as practicable, the examination in each subject is conducted by a specialist in that subject; for pianoforte work a pianist is employed, for violin a violinist, and so on. This cannot be done at present in the more distant centres, but the system will be extended with the growth of the examination. For the higher grades of the practical examinations and for all examinations in theory two examiners are employed. The arrangements for the examinations in each centre are carried out by an honorary committee, composed of persons not professional teachers of music. In order to make the benefits of the scheme available to as large a number as possible, the examination is held so far as practicable in any centre in which 10 candidates present themselves.

Broken Hill has been constituted an examination centre, and copies of the syllabus of the examinations may be obtained upon application to the local honorary secretary, Mr. Justin McCarthy, or at "The Miner" Office.

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#### UNIVERSITY TERM AND LECTURES.

The first term begins on March 12. Lectures begin on Monday, March 18. Students are requested by a business announcement in another column to meet the professors and lecturers at stated times.

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#### ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY.

##### JUNIOR COMMERCIAL EXAMINATION, 1906.

The council has approved that the new regulations for the junior commercial examination shall apply to the 1906 examination; the following supplementary list is therefore published:—

Bii.—Candidates who have passed in less than five compulsory subjects. 1, English literature; 2, commercial arithmetic; 3, commercial geography; 4, bookkeeping; 5, business correspondence. An asterisk indicates credit.

Thomas William Aldam, 2, 3; William Frederick Harold Boase, 1, 5; Olive May Buckingham, 1, 2, 3; Joseph Henry Cooper, 2; Edward Reginald Davies, 2, 3; Amelia Alberta Drzymalik, 1, 2x, 3, 4; Cyril Paul Fairclough, 1, 5; Walter Clifford Germein, 1x, 2, 3x, 5; Alexander Edwin Grant, 5; Estella Lillian Elizabeth Halle, 1, 2, 5; Claude William Halifax, 2, 3, 4, 5; Leslie Duncan Heming, 1, 2, 3, 5; Marguerite Irene Impett, 5; Olive Lamont Laity, 1, 3, 4, 5; Eric Cyril Lawrence, 1, 2, 3, 4; Frank Charles Lloyd, 1, 2, 3, 4; Milroy Trail McLean, 1, 3, 4, 5; Ernest Lindsay Martin, 2, 5; Edwin Leslie Medlyn, 1, 2, 3, 5; Alfred William Mitchell, 2, 3, 4; Ethelbertha Molloy, 1, 2, 3, 4; Eileen Lillian Mullins, 1, 3, 4, 5; Muriel Rhoda Nosworthy, 1, 2x, 3, 4; Nora Dorothea O'Leary, 1, 3, 4, 5; Gordon Augustus Pavy, 3; Constance Pinches, 1, 4, 5; Joseph Colin Salmon, 1; Sydney Henderson Shakeshaft, 1, 3, 4, 5; Christina Jane Sparks, 1, 2, 4, 5; Morris Henwood Stanford, 1, 2x, 3, 5; Cecil Leslie Stopford, 1x, 2, 3; Joseph Crocker Symonds, 1, 2, 5; Annie Hilda Taverner, 1, 2x, 3, 5; Reginald Bruce Thompson, 2.

Biii.—Candidates who have gained the junior commercial certificate and have passed in additional subjects—Olive Robertson Baile shorthand (120 words per minute); Olive Muriel Lakeman, shorthand (80 words per minute).

"S. E. Abbott," Norwood, objects to the selection of Dr. Ray for the Rhodes scholarship. "It does not seem," observes our correspondent, "as though Cecil Rhodes meant that qualified bachelors of medicine were to be given a chance further to pursue their medical studies for four years, free of cost, but that is what giving the scholarship in this case means. It is not fair to the other students competing that he should be selected. Why did he not go up the first year the bequest of the will came into force? I should think a man 23 years of age, B.M. and B.S., should have a good athletic record, and should be able to win over boys 19 years of age, and only just through their first or second year at college. It certainly does not seem fair. In America the candidates receive sealed papers of questions, which they answer, and the papers are returned, sealed, to the board of examiners. Anyone may compete, and the one passing highest is selected. In no instance has the scholarship ever been given to an already qualified man."

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University students are notified that the first term begins on the 12th inst., and lectures on the 18th.

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We have received a copy of the calendar of the University of Adelaide for the year 1907.