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ADELAIDE: MONDAY, SEPT. 17, 1894.

"PRELIMINARY GUIDE."—Under the above title Mr. George O. Newman, B.A. (Oxon.), Head Master of Whitnham College, who has done good service in the past as the compiler of elementary educational works, has issued a handy pocket booklet on the subject of the University Preliminary Examination held during the present month. In this are presented an abstract of University regulations, the directions appearing in the examination ticket of candidates, useful hints for working the problems in arithmetic set by the examiners, answers to all the questions included in the various papers, and comments upon those papers. Many of the 300 students who had to face the examiners recently would have given a good deal to possess this little volume a week or two ago, but its appearance now will be serviceable to them, as by its aid they will be able to test the accuracy of their replies and gauge the probabilities of their having passed. This, however, is not the sole or even the chief value of the brochure. It not only answers the questions, but explains in a lucid and instructive manner how the candidate should go to work, and why the replies set down are given. Mr. Newman is very complimentary regarding the arithmetic paper which he characterizes as the fairest and best since 1857, but the papers in English he considers as being on the whole very difficult ones. This judgment will be generally endorsed, and if he had said that the English paper was somewhat "catchy," as well as difficult, few would have been inclined to dispute the statement. The typography and general get up of the booklet reflects credit on the printers, Messrs. Vardon and Fritchard, of Adelaide.

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The following candidates were successful in the Preliminary Examination held at the University of Adelaide:—

Elis L. Adams, Harriet L. Adams, C. H. Allen, W. G. Anthony, Florence Ayers, A. C. Bailey, Ella G. Bell, C. E. Bennett, Emily G. Bleechmore, Annie Bronner, Alice M. Brookman, A. J. Brooks, F. L. Bunday, Helen C. Barden, Emma F. Barford, Nellie C. Burgess, Hilda Butfield, C. Campbell, Ruth H. Carey, Elsie M. Carter, Edith A. Chapman, J. H. Chapman, Lillian M. Clark, F. W. Glose, E. J. H. Cook, A. A. Cooney, Margaret Corbin, Cameron H. Coventry, F. G. Cowan, Muriel E. Craigie, R. Crompton, J. J. Culleney, F. H. Curtis, D. Dawson, G. W. Dooley, W. D. Dunlevie, S. V. Easter, H. E. Edwards, R. S. Egerton-Warburton, F. J. Erest, Mary J. Fairbrother, Hilda G. F. Farley, Emily M. M. Field, Hannah A. Finlayson, Caroline F. Fitch, L. Folland, R. C. Forrester, Edith J. Forsaith, M. A. Fotheringham, Mariella M. Fry, N. S. Fry, H. C. Fulford, Elsie M. George, W. C. Gilchrist, M. G. Giles, J. Glanville, G. Gray, T. C. Greenway, Helen U. Grieve, Mabel E. Hall, F. Hannagan, G. A. Harding, A. A. Harner, J. H. Hars, E. C. Harvey, H. N. B. Hawke, L. W. Hayward, E. A. Heath, Dorothy A. Henderson, Mabel M. Hewer, F. W. A. Hirth, Annie Hodge, Linda H. Hogg, Rhoda S. Holder, Ethel M. M. Hooper, Ruth A. Horwood, Clara Humphris, A. H. Inister, Amy Kane, May Kane, G. J. Kelly, A. L. Lane, S. H. Lehman, O. C. H. Lambert, Nelly K. Lephman, Rose E. Love, F. E. McAree, E. J. McBride, G. H. McCullagh, B. W. MacKenzie, J. L. McLauchlan, Annie E. McLean, R. R. McLean, Rose A. McKee, Norma L. Madison, G. S. Makin, Sophy W. Mann, G. P. Marric, E. S. Marshall, G. E. Mayo, H. W. A. Miller, C. A. Mitchell, Daisy A. Milton, Louie E. Moss, C. W. L. Musick, K. W. Neill, F. E. Neill, Mabel F. Newton, Edith J. Nicholson, F. J. O'Connor, Isabel Padman, A. D. Patridge, E. R. Paquin, Dora L. Paton, W. Patrick, C. J. Paria, L. J. Pallaw, E. A. Penny, Gertrude F. Percy, R. N. Phillips, F. E. Pools, E. W. Pritchard, H. C. Pritchard, W. B. Read, J. H. Reid, Mabel Riley, Ethel D. Robinson, H. R. Row, R. J. Row, Annetta Rowe, Alice M. Sayers, Margaret H. Shaw, H. A. Sherlaw, May J. Simpson, Gertrude Solomon, P. M. Solomon, C. A. M. Sprigg, H. T. Sprigg, Ella Stacy, Evelyn D. Stanton, Laura Starrs, C. H. Stokes, J. J. Stok, Guilelma E. Stockey, K. O. Swan, Ethel M. Taylor, P. G. Taylor, Ethel D. Thomas, Hilda Kylin Thomas, Hilda A. S. Tucker, Wilhelmina M. D. Tucker, A. S. Tucker, Ruby K. Turnbull, C. M. Vercos, C. L. Wainwright, A. C. Weaver, P. M. Wells, G. O. Whitby, A. A. Wisniewski, Vida A. Wilks, Elsie Williams, Annette R. Wood, R. C. Wylie, H. R. Young, J. Z. Padman.

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THE UNIVERSITY PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

Rather unusual severity seems to have characterized the Preliminary Examination at the University this year, if one may judge from the fact that nearly five out of every eight of the candidates have had to suffer the unpleasant ordeal of being plucked. It may be, however, that the standard has really remained about the same, but that the average fitness of the aspirants has not been so high as in previous years owing to a growing desire among younger students to submit to the testing processes of the chief seat of learning in the colony. By the way, it is especially noticeable that the proportion of girl candidates is largely increasing, and it is clear that among the rising generation the monopoly of University study formerly enjoyed by the sterner sex will be more and more extensively challenged. That there is justification for this is evidenced by the large number of girls included in the pass-list published by us on Tuesday. The Preliminary Examination, as we have more than once pointed out on previous occasions, cannot be said to supply a full test of the curriculum which it is desirable that all the lower and middle classes of the schools should follow out. It is held during the month of September rather than at a later period of the year in order that candidates may have an opportunity of submitting to the tests proper for their age by offering themselves for the Junior or the Senior Examination in November of the same year. The subjects prescribed for the Preliminary Examination are really the compulsory subjects of the University matriculation, or, in the case of the Adelaide University, the Senior Examination. The idea which prompted the framers of the present system to limit the first test to reading, English, and arithmetic will therefore be obvious.

It was thought that, as failure to reach the standard in these branches must necessarily entail exclusion from the University classes, the candidates whose elementary knowledge was not satisfactory might be spared the trouble of sitting, and the University the task of examining them in the other subjects. The truth, however, is that it was never intended that the Preliminary Examination should, in point of time, be so completely dissociated from the public examinations as it has been in the common practice of the schools and of the candidates. If we go into one of the schools whose pupils present themselves annually before the University examiners we shall find that one class is studying for the Preliminary, another for the Junior, and a third for the Senior Examination. The initial idea of getting through the Preliminary and one of the other examinations in the same year has practically been given up, very few candidates as a matter of fact submitting themselves to the first test in September with the intention of taking up the balance of the subjects later on in the year. The consequence is that in the Preliminary classes English and arithmetic are gradually squeezing all other subjects into a corner, and, from present appearances, unless the University autho-