

religious man is not only an evidence of his own fearless love of truth, but a pledge and promise of that better time when a similar Divine affection will possess all hearts, to the universal diffusion of manly independence on the one hand and of Christian charity on the other.

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.—The Head Masters of St. Peter's and Prince Alfred Colleges have entered a united protest against the programme prescribed for one of the University examinations to be held next March. The particular subject in which the overdose is stated to have been prescribed is English literature. If the school journal of Prince Alfred College, from which we quoted the other day, is correctly informed the examiner in this subject has prescribed a most formidable catalogue of studies for the unfortunate aspirants for academic distinction. The complaint refers to the examination for the University Scholarship, for which it is announced in the University Calendar for 1887 that "after the examination in March, 1887, a special examination will be held annually." Presumably the intention is that the new system shall be virtually inaugurated next March. If that is the case it is to be feared that the examiner has made a bad beginning. The school journal to which we have referred asserts that the books prescribed cannot be procured either in this colony or in Melbourne. If ordered from England they will arrive about September, and the students will have to do the work of a year in less than six months. There is no excuse for this sort of mistake. An English Professor would never think of prescribing for an examination a book which had gone out of print; and it is just as absurd for an examiner in the colonies to require students to study a book which cannot be procured until late in the year in which the preparation is to be made. No doubt in regard to the excessive difficulty of the examination some amount of exaggeration may have been indulged in. When it is said that a knowledge is required of Greek, Latin, Dutch, Sanskrit, &c., probably the meaning is that a few common root-words are to be learnt with the object of illustrating "Grimm's law." The fact that the examination is not for pass-work but for a

scholarship gives the examiner a fair reason for making it tolerably stiff. The intention is to decide which of the candidates are the best and which are entitled to the Scholarships, an object which would obviously be defeated if, say, half a dozen students were to obtain full marks. But what we desire to protest against is the tendency in examinations for scholarships and other distinctions to rely so much upon bookwork, which necessitates a long period of elaborate study in order to render success in any degree probable. Examinations framed upon this principle inevitably tend to throw all the scholarships into the hands of those who can afford to pay for the longest College training and the greatest amount of "coaching." Yet the true aim should be to select the best intellects and especially to bring out the talent which may exist among the middle and poorer classes. The proper sort of examination to prescribe is that which would lead to the selection of the boy or girl who possessed the greatest amount of "mother-wit." Although textbooks may be very necessary in the case of pass examinations yet it is doubtful how far they conduce to the selection of the best candidates for honours. In any case by requiring candidates for entrance scholarships to go through an elaborate amount of book study which requires a year or two of expensive College education, besides the ordinary training in senior public or matriculation subjects the University will only be defeating the object for which the scholarships were founded.

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THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

PRESENTATION OF ADDRESSES TO THE QUEEN.

The Jubilee address to Her Majesty the Queen from the Adelaide Corporation was open for the inspection of the citizens on Wednesday morning. It has been beautifully engraved and illuminated by Mr. W. G. P. Joyner, and is in his most artistic style. The address is elaborately engrossed, yet plain to read, and above appear the Royal arms. On the left side is a well-drawn representation of the Town Hall Building, and on the other side the city arms. The Corporation seal in gold is shown below, and the border of the address is illuminated in the old English style.

On Wednesday morning, May 4, the Mayor of Port Adelaide (Mr. S. Malin) and the Town Clerk (Mr. B. H. Laker) presented to His Excellency the Governor the address of his Corporation to the Queen, with a request to forward it to Her Majesty. His Excellency expressed his gratification at the handsome address and the casket which contained it, and promised to immediately comply with the deputation's wish. We have already printed the wording of the address. Afterwards a deputation from the Bible Christian Conference was introduced to His Excellency by His Honor the Chief Justice, the other members of the deputation being the President of the Conference (the Rev. J. Thorne), Secretary of the Conference (the Rev. W. W. Finch), the Hon. Dr. Campbell, M.L.C., and Mr. B. Gould, M.P. The deputation presented an address to the Queen in book form. The handsome cover in purple morrocco and gilt, with a representation of a Bible and crown on the front, and of the Australian arms at the back, was prepared by Messrs. Whillas & Ormiston. The address, which was also neatly engrossed and illuminated on two leaves of vellum by Mr. John Gould, of Hindmarsh, read as follows:—

“To Her Gracious Majesty the Queen. May it please your Majesty. On the occasion of the happy jubilee of your Majesty's accession, the ministers and representatives of the Bible Christian Conference in South Australia, assembled in their annual Conference, beg to join with your Majesty's subjects in all parts of your dominions in offering their loyal and dutiful congratulations. They acknowledge with gratitude to Almighty God the blessings of civil and religious freedom, which they have enjoyed through your Majesty's long and happy reign, as well as the continued prosperity and extension of the British Empire; and trust that Divine Providence will so order and direct that this may contribute to the general welfare and happiness of mankind. They cherish the hope that as your Majesty's reign is prolonged your Majesty may have the joy of seeing the continued spread of true religion and the establishment of lasting and universal peace. They have followed with anxious solicitude and sympathy the events of joy and sorrow which have marked your Majesty's domestic life, and pray that when it shall please our Heavenly Father to call you to Himself it may be to receive a crown

that fadeth not away." Signed on behalf and by order of the annual Conference by the President (the Rev. J. Thorne) and the Secretary (the Rev. W. W. Finch). At the desire of the deputation His EXCELLENCY promised to send the address to England as soon as possible.

His Honor the Chief Justice, as Chancellor of the Adelaide University, and Mr. J. W. Tyas, as Registrar, then handed to the Governor an elegant address from the University Council and Senate for transmission to the Queen. It read as follows:—

“To Her Majesty the Queen. May it please your Majesty. The members of the University of Adelaide, in the colony of South Australia, desire to approach your Majesty on the occasion of the celebration of the jubilee of your Majesty's reign with expressions of loyalty and devotion. In common with our fellow-subjects all over the Empire we thankfully rejoice that your Majesty's reign has lasted so long and been distinguished by the occurrence of so many auspicious events, by the relief of oppressed labour, by the extension of civil and religious liberty, by the elevation of public taste, by national displays of sympathy and liberty in times of famine and distress, and, above all, by the marvellous increase of the means of education. With many of these great events the name of your Majesty's lamented husband, His Royal Highness the late Prince Consort, as well as your Majesty's, is inseparably associated. The University of Adelaide, like many other Universities in Great Britain and her dependencies, is of comparatively recent origin, our Act of Incorporation having been passed by the South Australian Legislature in the year 1874. We gratefully remember that within five years of its foundation this University received a signal mark of your Majesty's favour in the grant of letters patent under the Great Seal, directing that degrees in arts, medicine, laws, science, and music granted by this University should be recognised as academic distinctions and rewards of merit, and be entitled to rank, precedence, and consideration in your Majesty's possessions through-