

Ives might reasonably object to being known as "the Professor whose term of office expires in 1889," but then, if he had not drawn particular attention to the fact, nobody would have noticed it, for people who have anything better to do do not study the ever-changing statutes of the University. The Professor may possess his soul in patience, remembering that his able work is highly appreciated by all who are qualified to judge. It is matter for regret that Dr. Poulton had no time to explain his motion, which is not about proxies, but about something else. Meanwhile the students for matriculation might be asked to analyse it, to set forth plainly its grammatical construction, and then to translate it into English.

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REVIEWS.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIES OF AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA. By C. W. Holgate, B.A., Oxford. C. Whittingham & Co., Chiswick Press, London, 1886.

The author has sent us from the Palace, Salisbury, England, a copy of this work, which he has dedicated to his sister. The circumstances under which it has been written are set out in the preface. From this we learn that Mr. Holgate, during the first six months of 1884, visited Australia and devoted himself to the collection of information as to the libraries in the various colonies. The results of his researches were embodied in a paper, which was read before the Library Association of the United Kingdom in September, 1884, and have now been committed to type. There is no attempt at fine writing, but the strictest accuracy has been aimed at, and, so far as we can judge, ensured. It will surprise those who peruse the work to find how interesting a very prosaic subject has been made. Australia has reason to be proud of its libraries, and Mr. Holgate speaks in appreciative terms of the efforts put forth to meet the wants of the reading public at the "Antipodes." Special commendation is bestowed upon the Mel-

commendation is bestowed upon the Melbourne Public Library, which well deserves all the good things that can be said of it. At the same time justice is done to the libraries in South Australia, the information concerning them being brought up to about the middle of the present year. A note in the introduction records the opening of the Adelaide Public Library, and makes complimentary allusion to its first report. A word of praise is also bestowed upon Mr. Morphett, late Controller of the Parliamentary Library. We learn that Mr. Kay spent a whole morning in showing Mr. Holgate over the new Public Library building; and some remarks of Mr. Rees at the laying of the foundation-stone, as reported in the *Register*, are quoted with high approval. The South Australian institutions which receive detailed notice are the Free Public Library, the S.A. Institute, the Parliamentary Library, the Supreme Court Library, and the Adelaide University Library; but mention is also made of the collections at the Church of England offices, St. Peter's School, Labour League Hall, and Chamber of Manufactures, as well as to those in Provincial Institutes, particularly to that at Port Adelaide. Mr. Holgate is evidently an acute observer, and he alludes with disapprobation to the fact that when he visited the University Library a large number of books which in the interests of the students ought not to have been allowed out of the main bookroom were found by him in the lecture-room of one of the

Professors. Mr. Holgate adds:—"A good many works on the shelves [of this library] I noticed had suffered from the salt having exuded from the new walls, the presses not being backed; further danger has, I hope, been averted ere this. The library has but few gifts of value, and in fact very few gifts at all." Perhaps some well-to-do colonist will take the hint. According to the statistics given by Mr. Holgate, the libraries to which he refers in South Australia comprise over 140,000 volumes. Thanks are due to him for making known in so thorough a manner to the British public interested in the matter the efforts made throughout Australia to cater for the wants of the intelligent portion of the community.

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MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

The results of the ordinary November M.B. examination for 1886 were announced on Friday, as follows:—

SECOND YEAR, M.B.

First Class.—Charles Henry Standish Elope.

Second Class (in alphabetical order).—Frederick Goldsmith, Alfred Fleming Joyce, Arthur Francis Augustin Lynch, Cromwell Magarey, and Vincent John Robin.

FIRST YEAR M.B.

First Class (in alphabetical order).—Tressillian George Anderson, Alexander Matheson Morgan, and William Alfred Verco. William Alfred Verco was also recommended for Sir Thomas Elder's prize for physiology in the medical section.

Second Class.—Franz Victor Beyer.

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MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

The following are the results of the matriculation examination for 1886. An asterisk denotes that the subject against which it is placed has been passed with credit:—

FIRST CLASS.

(In order of merit.)

H. W. Charlick (Prince Alfred College), Latin, *mathematics, chemistry, *natural philosophy.

Margaret L. Fowler (Miss Martin's tuition), *Latin, *French, *German, *animal physiology.

W. J. Young (Whinham College), Latin, mathematics, *English.

J. B. Allen (Prince Alfred), Latin, mathematics, chemistry, *natural philosophy.

J. G. McDougall (private study), *French, *German, animal physiology, botany.

R. Ingleby (St. Peter's College), Latin, Greek, French, *German.

J. B. Gunson (Christian Brothers' College), *Latin, mathematics, French.

Katie J. Cross (Advanced School), French, German, *English, animal physiology, botany.

B. H. Gillmann (St. Peter's), Latin, *mathematics, chemistry.

Martha H. Lloyd (Advanced School), French, German, *English, animal physiology, botany.

A. H. Clark (Prince Alfred), *mathematics, chemistry, natural philosophy.

D. L. Doolette (Whinham), *Latin, mathematics, English.

J. Drew (Prince Alfred), Latin, mathematics, chemistry, natural philosophy.

SECOND CLASS.

(In order of merit.)

Annie L. V. Trehy (Advanced School), *German, *English, animal physiology, botany.

A. E. Cook (Prince Alfred), Latin, mathematics, natural philosophy.

B. Basedow (Prince Alfred), mathematics, *German.

W. H. Paltridge (St. Peter's), mathematics, German, chemistry.

J. G. Swan (Rev. R. T. Matthews's tuition), mathematics, *English.

P. Cruickshank (Whinham), Latin, mathematics, English.