

show the contrary to be the case—and if the Senate accepts them as they stand, it will acquiesce in ignoring the University for the sake of the schools. It will tacitly approve of a departure from old and on the whole good rules of education for the sake of taking up new ones which come with but scanty recommendation. It will make of the University a body whose main function is the examination, classification, and advertisement of schools. Its occupation as a teacher will be gone, and its degrees, if any are granted at all—which is problematical, seeing that no provision is made for persons who desire to enter upon an undergraduate course—will not be worth a salted herring. We cannot believe it possible that the Council intends to ignore the higher functions of the University, and yet it cannot complain if its scheme is criticised on the assumption that such is its purpose.

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### PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

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The Senate of the University meet on Friday next to consider certain new regulations respecting public examinations conducted by the University of Adelaide. It is intended that junior and senior public examinations shall be held annually, male and female candidates being eligible for both. One or more Boards of Examiners are to be appointed by the Council yearly, and all papers proposed to be set are to be approved by them.

All candidates, before going up for either the junior or senior public examination, must pass a preliminary examination in—(1) reading, and writing from dictation; (2) English grammar, including the analysis of sentences; (3) English composition; and (4) the elements of arithmetic, including vulgar and decimal fractions. The examination will be held early in November, and notice of presentation must be given before the end of October. Candidates for the junior public examination who have passed the preliminary examination will be admitted without limit of age; but only such successful candidates as are under 16 years of age on the 1st day of November in the year in which the examination is held will be placed in the classified list. Every candidate is to be required to satisfy the examiners in three of the following subjects, but no candidate shall be examined in more than five:—1. English—(a) Outlines of the history of England; (b) some standard work in English literature; (c) outlines of geography, including the elements of physical geography. Candidates who satisfy the examiners in two of the above will pass in English; but to obtain a credit they must satisfy the examiners in all three. (2) Latin; (3) Greek; (4) French; (5)

German. Only such candidates as satisfy the examiners in grammar and in easy composition can obtain a credit in any of the above four languages. In French and German it will also be necessary to satisfy the examiners in the translation into English of easy passages from some books not specified. (6) Mathematics. The standard for a pass will be—the substance of Euclid, Books I. and II., with exercises, and algebra to simple equations. Questions will also be set in the substance of Euclid, Books III. and IV., with exercises, and algebra to quadratic equations (including surds). (7) Physical and Natural Science.—(a) Elementary physics; (b) elementary chemistry; (c) elementary botany and elementary physiology. Candidates must satisfy the examiners in one of these divisions, and no candidate shall be examined in more than two. It is intended that the examination shall begin at the end of November, and every candidate will have to pay a fee of £1 1s. on giving notice to attend, which notice must be given before the 31st of October. Lists of successful candidates are to be posted at the University. It is provided that “the general list of successful candidates will be arranged in three classes in alphabetical order. The list shall state the last place of education from which each candidate comes, and shall also indicate in which subjects he has passed. Candidates who satisfy the examiners in four subjects and obtain credit in not less than two of the four, or who satisfy the examiners in three subjects and obtain credit in all of them, shall be placed in the first class. Candidates who satisfy the examiners in four subjects and obtain credit in one of them, or who satisfy the examiners in three subjects and obtain credit in not less than two of them, shall be placed in the second class. All other candidates who are entitled to a position in the classified list shall be placed in the third class. Special lists will also be issued for each subject; in these lists the names will be arranged in two divisions, the first in order of merit and the

second in alphabetical order. Each successful candidate shall be entitled to a certificate showing in what subjects the candidate passed and in what class he was placed on the result of the whole examination and in the separate subjects.

For the senior public examination there is no limit of age, but candidates must have passed the preliminary examination. Every candidate shall be required to satisfy the examiners in at least three of the following subjects, of which one must be No. 1 of Division A, and of the remaining two one must be selected from the other subjects of Division A, and one from the subjects of Division B. Division A:—(1.) English history and literature—(a) History; a period will be prescribed to be studied in detail. (b) Some standard work or works in English literature, Latin, Greek, French, German, and Italian, including in each case brief outlines of history. No candidate shall receive credit in any of the subjects in Division A unless he shall have satisfied the examiners in composition, nor in French or German unless he is able to translate into English at sight any ordinary piece of prose or poetry. Division B.—(7) Pure mathematics—The standard for a pass will be: arithmetic, including the theory of the various processes; the elements of mensuration; algebra to quadratic equations, including surds; Euclid, the substance of Books I. to IV., with exercises. Questions will also be set in algebra to the binomial theorem, for a positive integral exponent; Euclid, the substance of Books I. to IV., VI., and propositions 1-21 of Book XI., with exercises; plane trigonometry to solution of triangles, including logarithms. Applied mathematics—Elementary statics, dynamics, and hydrostatics. Chemistry, with the cognate portions of experimental physics. Experimental physics. Botany and physiology. Physical geography and the principles of geology. Persons who have passed the preliminary examination may be examined for certificates in any one or more of the subjects of the senior public examination, without being required to take the examination as a whole. Schedules fixing the special subjects of examination and defining as far as may be necessary the range of questions to be set are to be published not less than fifteen calendar months before the date of the examination to which they are intended to apply. The examination is to begin at the end of November. A special examination will be held in March, at which only those candidates shall be allowed to present themselves who shall give satisfactory evidence of their intention to become students in law or medicine. The fee for this examination is to be £7 7s., and candidates must give two months' notice of their intention to present themselves. For the entire examination in November a fee of £2 2s. will be charged, or 15s. for each subject, and candidates must give notice before the 31st of October. As in the junior examinations, the names of candidates, with the schools from which they have come, will be posted. (a) Candidates who (1) satisfy the examiners in two subjects of Division A in addition to English history and literature, and also in pure mathematics and one other subject of Division B, and (2) obtain credit in at least two subjects

at least two subjects, exclusive of English history and literature, shall be placed in the first class. (b) Candidates who (1) satisfy the examiners in three subjects in addition to English history and literature, and (2) obtain credit in at least one of these three subjects, shall be placed in the second class. (c) All other candidates who pass the examination shall be placed in the third class. Special lists will also be issued for each subject; in these lists the names will be arranged in two divisions, the first in order of merit, and the second in alphabetical order. Each successful candidate is entitled to certificate.

It is provided that the junior and senior public examinations, as well as the preliminary examination, may be held in other places than the City of Adelaide. They must, however, be held only under the supervision of persons appointed by the Council. The first preliminary examination and the first junior and senior public examinations are to be held in 1887. The schedule of subjects is to be published within one month of the confirmation of the regulations by the Governor. The regulations concerning the junior and matriculation examinations allowed on January 4, 1882, and the regulations concerning local examinations allowed on January 15, 1884, are hereby repealed, except so far as relates to examinations to be held before or during March, 1887.

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