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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir—One is reluctantly forced to the conclusion that the endeavour of the examiners in the recent examination has been not to test the arithmetical knowledge of the candidates, but to show them how clever the examiners must be who can catch them tripping, by wording their questions with such delightful ambiguity that two of them are each capable of two answers at least. The questions I take objection to are 6 and 7, worded nearly as follows:—Certain goods cost £21 10s. per ton in London. Supposing freight to be £2 5s. per ton and Customs duty 25 per cent. on cost price, at what price per lb. must the goods be sold to leave a profit of 12 per cent. on outlay? A carpet is sold at 4s. 9d. per yard in widths of 30 in.; the carpet border is 2 ft. wide, and 4s. 6d. a yard. What will be the cost of carpeting a room 24 ft. x 19 ft.? Is it a *sine qua non* in the education of children of thirteen to fifteen years that they must be taught whether the duty is paid on invoice cost or cost with freight added, or are they supposed to possess the technical knowledge in the trade that carpet borders are mitred at the corners; or are the examiners willing to spoil the carpet for the sake of saving 12s.?

I am, Sir, &c.,

NOT A CANDIDATE.

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UNIVERSITY DEGREES.—A very important subject is to come under the consideration of a special meeting of the University Senate to-day. The general question to be decided is whether a degree in laws at the University of Adelaide should require a course of general culture and study as well as one directed merely to the acquisition of knowledge on legal subjects, or whether as at present the LL.B. degree should be granted to those who after the entrance examination confine their attention to the study of the law. The issue is one which should be settled without delay, as it involves the status of the University of Adelaide, and indirectly of all degrees conferred by the institution. Already a firm stand has been taken by the University of Melbourne, which has gone the length of refusing to recognise the Adelaide degree of LL.B., on the ground that the course of study is altogether inadequate, and there can be no doubt that the discredit thus cast upon Adelaide degrees will in time reflect upon the estimation in which the institution is held outside. In other Universities a graduate in laws is required to pass through a course of general study before entering upon his strictly legal training, and thus such a graduate is either actually or virtually a graduate in arts as well. The amount of study demanded for the LL.B. degree in Melbourne is at the very least twice as much as that demanded in Adelaide, as every student must be a Bachelor of Arts before beginning his law course. If Melbourne University were to admit men to the legal degree merely because they possessed the Adelaide qualification there is no doubt that Adelaide would soon become a sort of backdoor by which the lazier and less competent of Melbourne students would seek to gain admission to practise as barristers in the neighbouring colonies. The position is a most anomalous one, inasmuch as the two Universities are at present on a footing of perfect equality excepting as regards this particular degree, and it is surprising that although the matter has been under consideration for over two years nothing definite has yet been done in the direction of reform. To-day, however, the Senate will have to consider the suggestions of a committee which recommends that candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Laws should be called upon to complete two years of the course for that of Bachelor of Arts before entering upon their peculiarly legal studies. This suggestion if agreed to will certainly go far towards removing the stigma under which the University at present rests of granting what are known as "shoddy" degrees. It will be a fatal mistake for the University to court popularity for its Law School by the device of granting degrees which are not fit to be recognised in other parts of Australia.

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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

The following is the result of the Preliminary Examination held in connection with the University in September, 1890. Of 298 who appeared for examination the lists show a total of 153 as having passed. The names are arranged under the schools irrespective of merit.

St. Peter's College.—Henry N. Barwell, John Carter, Harold Maund Evans, Benjamin H. Fisher, Hermann A. Gerny, William Hay Gosse, William E. Hodge, Frank H. Makin, Frank B. Moulden, Arthur G. Owen, William A. Pullin, Charles W. Rutt, Rupert B. Stuckey, Charles Ernest C. Wilson, Alfred B. Woods.

Prince Alfred College.—Leopold Buring, Lancelot Dawson, Hedley Drew, Norman H. Edwards, Alfred C. Finlayson, Arthur Thomas Sinclair Hall, Charlie Handyside, Tertius J. Hannam, William B. Haytread, Frank M. Hobbs, Victor Hugo, William Allen Hunter, James F. Jenkins, Frank E. Kingsborough, David M. Lyall, Frank W. Ashley Magarey, Alfred James Mellor, James G. Moseley, Arthur J. Pickering, William B. Ralph, Harold Rischbieth, Herbert Henry E. Russell, Frank Smith, Frank C. Stacy, Cyril H. Stubbs, John F. Sudholz, Ernest W. Waddy, Frank Stewart Wylie, Frederick W. Young.

Christian Brothers' College.—Charles L. H. Bircher, Albert N. Dreves, James M. Fox, Michael MacKeough, Eugene J. Moloney, Henry P. Puleine, Alexander W. Puttmann, Charles Supple, Edgar H. Taylor.

Adelaide Collegiate School.—Frank M. Angel, Ernest Thomas Field, Charles E. Higgins, Colin C. Murray.

Whinham College.—Simeon E. Amsberg, Gordon Andrew, Archibald B. Nairn, Archibald G. Nickels, William Silas Pearse, William E. Raymont, Joshua J. West.

Norwood Public School.—Thomas W. Blackie, Roy Lunt Bromley, Geoffrey L. Burgoyne, Emil Paul Ernest Buring, Oscar H. Evers, Ernest Oswald Gooden, Howie P. Harris, Carrie Margaret Lewis, Ethel Elizabeth Munt, Allen Douglas Robinson.

North Adelaide Grammar School.—William Baker.

North Adelaide High School.—Thomas B. Giles, Herbert G. Williams.

Glenelg Grammar School.—Henry C. Cudmore, Percy G. Edwards, Herbert James Summers, Charles C. Turner.

Mount Gambier High School.—Charles R. Boyd, Herbert J. Darwent, Franklin Walter P. Dew, William A. Trower.

Sturt-street School.—Arthur L. Braddock, Herbert W. Gepp.

Semaphore Collegiate School.—Percival W. V. Cocks.

Mr. Logie's Tuition.—William G. Crawford.

Pulteney-street School.—William Frank M. Davis.

Port Adelaide Public School.—J. E. Fitzgerald, Matthew H. Hodge.

Tavistock Grammar School, England.—Kenneth M. Green.

German-English Martin Luther School.—Carl Franz Heyne.

Hahndorf College.—Raymond Seaton.

Norwood Grammar School.—Sampson Stephens.

Clare Advanced School.—David W. Thomas, Frederick Cornelius Russ Wake, Frederick J. Wiltshire.

Advanced School.—Blanche St. B. Ayliffe, Mary E. Benham, Amy C. Burgess, Ethel Sarah Crase, Elizabeth Lily R. Drummond, Constance Ruby Field, Ada Hemingway, Frances Helen Hone, Annie Lane, Ada May Lawton, Florence Maude Love, Mary K. MacKenzie, Mabel Elsie Monk, Kate Harriet Moule, Edith V. Plummer, Annie Maud Porter, Kate Robertson, Dora Trüding, Effie Wylie.

Hardwicke College.—Mattie Dawson, Lilian Ethel Hobbs, Maud Caroline Howie, Florence Tuck, Florence Wainwright.

Misses McMinn's School.—Emily G. Austin, Lily Edith Mary Oldham.

Dominican Convent, Cabra.—Elizabeth Bruce, Ellen Forward.

Miss Martin's School.—Edith V. Birks, Caroline Clark, Mary Ellen C. Lyons, Emily Rosa Martin.

Miss Adamson's School.—Hilda Bath, Maud Stone.

Mrs. Kelsey's School.—Rosamond A. Benham, Edith Alice Young.

Unley Park School.—Ellen Amy Burgess, Rosie Houston Hewer, Hilda Constance Hornabrook.

Miss Thompson's Tuition.—Ellen Milne Bunday.

Adelaide High School.—Dorothea Corbin.

Miss Derrington's High School, Norwood.—Selina Hopkins, Winifred Lilywhite.

Ladies' Collegiate School, Semaphore.—Grace Mildred Kirby.

Miss Vivian's School.—Edith Alice Mann.

Miss Niven's School.—Isabella Niven Pearson.

Semaphore High School.—Lizzie May Pittard, Jeannie Ramsay.

Inglewood School, North Adelaide.—Kate Mary Poole.

Private Tuition.—Arthur M. Hopcraft.

Private Study.—Duncan M. Maclaren, Charles F. Main, Walter Henry Wickens.

Self-tuition.—Abia Neville.