

The arts course is not so popular as it ought to be, and yet there are signs of an improvement in this department. Four students, as we have indicated, will have the Bachelor's degree conferred upon them this year, and, as if to preserve the symmetry of the class-lists, four students in the first and the same number in the second year have gained passes. It should be noted, however, that a much larger number of students are proceeding to their degrees through the course known by the rather misleading name of the Higher Public Examination than through the ordinary three years' curriculum. There are no less than eighteen individual students who have been successful in taking up separate subjects under this system, and whose passes will count to their credit whenever they desire to complete the number of subjects which may entitle them to take the degree. Similarly, in the course for Bachelor of Science, there are as many as twenty-five separate names in the pass-lists of subjects under the Higher Public Examination scheme, although, as has been said, only four students have graduated in science. For the first year of the ordinary course six have passed, but for the second year only one. The latter, however, is specializing in the recently added metallurgical branch, particularly intended for mining students, and has gained a credit in chemistry and assaying. The class in "Physics, Part I.," is one of the largest—if not actually the largest—at the University, and as many as fifteen students have secured passes in the subject, while one has satisfied the examiners in "Physics, Part II." Professor Bragg, with his very interesting lectures on the Röntgen rays and other electrical topics, has during the past year imparted a good deal of attractiveness, from an outside point of view, to his special branches of study, and judging from his class-lists it would appear also that his subjects have been equally popular inside the University. The recent addition of two vigorous and enthusiastic Professors to the able but somewhat attenuated teaching staff has greatly strengthened the institution in the domain of pure learning, and were it not for the danger which threatens the School of Medicine it might be said that the University was never in a better position for accomplishing useful work than it is to-day

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THE STUDENTS' FAREWELL.

TO THE EDITOR.

16/12/96

Sir—To Dr. Ramsay Smith, our acquaintance of a year, we bid farewell on the eve of our departure to other climes, where political puppets flourish not and honest worth its due receives. Oh, you of sinister pen, who in your reply to the Hospital Committee sent nothing but columns of base slander—the sole weapon of your defence — would that you were an eminent physician and followed the “traditions of the Edinburgh Medical School,” for then we would not be leaving this fair city, formerly a city of the happiest associations. To you, who neither during your course nor afterwards have had any opportunity whatever of gaining hospital experience, but have lectured on botany in a small College in Edinburgh, who through force of circumstances have been pitchforked into the position of senior physician to a hospital of 300 beds, and who now pose as a past lecturer of that classic school, Edinburgh (how proud of her child she must be!), farewell! To you whom life's activities deprive of the learned leisure to “contemplatively philosophize,” and to whom concentration on medicine allows neither time nor inclination to read newspapers, to the Surgeon - Captain of Militia (say rather *malicia*), the equestrian triumph, the glory of Her Majesty's forces, farewell! You have spared none in your cruel calumnies and evil machinations. Medicos, nurses, and students, all alike; surgeons whose apron strings you are unworthy to unloose, nurses whose calling and sex should have protected them, and ourselves, well—we say farewell, and farewell without regret. To his burly comrade, Leith Napier, the Chelsea hero, the amicable acquaintance of Treves (Freddy), who, unkind man, has forgotten him, the bosom friend of Pozzi and all the “distinguished” London surgeons—farewell! Would also that he were a surgeon of note or had at least a surgical qualification worth the name, would that he were as clever of hand as he is plausible of tongue, and then again we should not be leaving. To him who in answer to the Select Committee called all whom he mentioned liars or fools, or both, and begged the question generally; to him whose colleague Ramsay Smith cavils at the absence of etiquette, and at the size of brass plates in Adelaide, and yet who publishes grateful letters by the yard, and has a brass plate of vast proportions—farewell! To him of oily word and manner smooth, to which the lay mind has fallen an easy prey; to the persecutor of Nurse Wylie and Dr. Russell; to the lock, stock, and barrel of the Hospital Board; to the specialist on hydatids and kangaroo - bone we would remark that “great is truth,” and that we sincerely and honestly hope that “it shall prevail.”

We are, Sir, &c.,

J. A. R. SMITH, } Last of the  
G. M. HAINS, } Mohicans.

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ADELAIDE STUDENTS IN LONDON.

Dr. Arthur Cudmore, M.B., Ch.B., of Adelaide University, who recently arrived in England, has passed the M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. examinations of London. The examinations for these degrees are seldom passed at the same time, but Dr. Cudmore, in a letter to a medical friend in Adelaide, says:—“I have just passed the M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P., and my opinion of the standard of this qualification is lowered. It is not one quarter as hard as our final M.B.” Dr. Cudmore mentions the fact that Dr. Good, also of Adelaide, is house physician at the Royal Free Hospital, London, and that Dr. Cavenagh-Mainwaring, still another Adelaide graduate, who recently obtained the highest degree in surgery, the F.R.C.S., leaves for Adelaide early next year.