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It is still too early to speak. But the outlook of the ordinary undergraduate cannot fail to have been broadened by association with men from overseas, not brought up on the ordinary public schools tradition. Nor is it unlikely that friendships with colonial students will lead to a greater development of travel in the Empire, and perhaps even to a greater emigration of able and highly-educated men, of whom at present we send so small a proportion compared with the emigration of working men and farm laborers.

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THE STUDENTS' PROCESSION.

To the Editor.

"Hograth Tensel" is right in his idea that pain and surprise are expressed in "M.M.'s" letter. There are still some folks who feel pain at an animal's sufferings, and surprise that men of culture can derive any satisfaction from that which causes pain. I, too, wonder that such an unseemly exhibition was not stopped, and those poor wrecks of horses taken away. As for the buffoonery, what matter? It doubtless amused some, while as regards their difference with the Chancellor, the general public know little, and care less. There are also two types of creatures amongst those who torture animals—one who do it for gain, the other for sport.—I am, &c.,

M.H.

Sir—May I claim a little more of your valuable space for this painful subject. I fear that "V.P.'s" vision is sadly limited. To him the procession was but a "parade of pure clownishness and buffoonery." Ah! well, genius is always misunderstood. The greatest men of all the ages have had, at times, to make painful spectacles of themselves in attempting to teach lessons, and it will always be so. Your enlightened columns pointed out a few of the many valuable lessons to be learnt from this "parade of buffoonery." Want of space, I doubt not, prohibited a full recital. Many of the students, I know, are feeling much downcast at the unkind remarks that have been made about their performance; did but "V.P." know the warm, kindly hearts that beat behind those painted jackets, and how they yearn for the good of the citizens of Adelaide, he would be smitten with sudden and serious self-reproach at the damping effect of his remarks. Yes, the lessons to be learnt were legion, cunningly hidden many of them, as in all true art. That fine old professor in the rear of the cavalcade, with the vast future before him was shocked at the levity and want of insight of the multitudes of sightseers. He designed to show to the citizens of this fair city of ours the sad effects of excessive physical culture. Gloomily he tells me now that he fears his efforts were fruitless, that it will be absolutely his last appearance. Poor old man, will not someone take up the cudgels in his defence, and speak a word in season, that he be not weary in well-doing? I hope, sir, that "V.P." will herein feel improved, and maybe converted.—I am, &c.,
HOGRARTH TENSEL.

Sir—I venture to say that the gratitude of thousands of people in and around Adelaide is due to the students, who once a year wake up the Adelaideans and make them feel that youth and vigor still exist in their midst. What arrant rot to say the exhibition was disgusting from the standpoint that those who took part in it should, or would probably one day hold responsible positions in our midst! These young men can be serious enough when required to be so, and can also behave themselves. Surely your correspondents could not have been present at the entertainment given by the students on the very evening of the procession, or they would have been struck by the masterly manner in which the "ghost scene" from "Hamlet" was rendered. The students were most decorous, descending from uproarious hilarity to hushed silence. This should have satisfied any reasonable individual as to the student being a rational being. Are the students of Adelaide any worse than elsewhere; or is their tomfoolery likely to arouse indignation? I say emphatically no! They don't destroy property and burn it in the market square, or blind one's eyes with the scent squirt, as some Varsity boys do at home, when they indulge in their annual "spree" and pretty nigh hold the city up for the time being. Take our very best and most intelligent men of the present day, and you'll find they were not immaculate boys in their younger days. I fully expected some goody goodies in Adelaide to take offence at this now popular demonstration. They always do find fault with anything likely to shock "Mother Grundy," or cause a little fun.—I am, &c.,

ONE OF 'EM FROM THE OLD COUNTRY.
[This must end the correspondence.—Ed.]

RHODES SCHOLARS AT OXFORD.
An article in The Times (November 23) summarizes the achievements of the Rhodes scholars during the two years in which they have been in residence at Oxford. Commenting on this, The Outlook (November 24) says:—"It is remarkable that, while students from the colonies have achieved conspicuous success in university scholarship examinations and in all the various schools, the Americans have practically confined themselves to distinction in athletics. Foremost among the former are Mr. H. J. Rose, of Quebec, who has won the Ireland, and Mr. J. C. V. Behan, of Melbourne, who has carried all before him in law, and has won close on £1,000 in scholarships and prizes during the last year. We are particularly glad to notice that two Australian scholars have been appointed probationary students under the Indian Forestry Department. Nothing can do more to give depth and responsibility to Imperial sentiment in the colonies than a direct connection with any of our systems of administration among subject races. The wide knowledge and sympathy which such experience brings are, in fact, the only road to a solution of such problems as that of the status of British Indians in the Transvaal. . . . If the Rhodes scholarships were to have no other influence than that of bringing colonial sentiment into touch with obligations of empire, such as this, still unfamiliar to them, they would justify their creation by that result alone."

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After having been in the service of the Crown for about 65 years, Sir Charles Todd yesterday severed his connection with official life. At the end of November Sir Charles forwarded his resignation as Government Astronomer to the Chief Secretary, with a request that it should take effect from the end of the year, and the resignation was accepted. Sir Charles Todd entered the Greenwich Observatory on December 6, 1841, and came to South Australia in 1855 to take the position of Superintendent of Telegraphs and Government Astronomer. He held the latter office from that time until yesterday, but he resigned his association with the Post and Telegraph Department last year. He is 80 years of age, but is in comparatively good health. Sir Charles Todd is now living a retired life in Angas-street.

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THE UNIVERSITY.
Executive Council on Thursday morning approved certain statutes of the University dealing with "conduct, at examinations and "Angas Engineering Scholarships and the Angas Engineering Exhibition," and regulations affecting the degree of Bachelor of Laws and the final certificate in law, the degree of Doctor of Medicine, degree of Master of Surgery, degree of Bachelor of Arts, degree of Bachelor of Science, diploma of Associate in Music, the Senior Public Examination, the Junior Public Examination, and the Junior and Senior Commercial Examination.

DEATH OF MR. DAVID MURRAY.

CAPTAIN OF COMMERCE AND PHILANTHROPIST.

A SPLENDID CAREER.

The death, in the seventy-eighth year of his age, of Mr. David Murray, which (according to a cable message on Monday from our London correspondent, and another received by Mr. John Gordon, of D. and W. Murray & Co., Limited) occurred in London on Sunday morning after a short illness, has removed one who was formerly numbered among the most prominent citizens and business men of Adelaide. In the 47 years prior to his departure from South Australia for the United Kingdom in February, 1900, Mr. Murray raised from insignificant foundations the superstructure of one of the largest commercial houses in the Commonwealth, with branches in every State capital and many inland towns, as well as extensive London premises. In addition to this, he exercised an immense personal influence conducing to the benefit of the State in which he lived, and his interests were marked in the domains alike of religion, politics, scientific advancement, art, education, and philanthropic movements. Mrs. Murray, who survives him, was also distinguished for her liberality and kindness, and during her stay in South Australia she endeared herself to all classes. The couple were married on May 9, 1856, by the Rev. R. Haining, of St. Andrew's Church, Adelaide, and received many congratulatory messages on the jubilee occurring of that happy event.

—An Unexpected End.—

The death of Mr. Murray came as a shock to his friends. Only last week he was present at the annual dinner to the waifs of London, given by the Sunbeam Society of South Australia, in connection with The Register, The Observer, and The Evening Journal, and previous to that he had apparently enjoyed excellent health, although nearly an octogenarian. For many years one of the deceased gentleman's favourite pastimes had been the pursuit of angling. While living in his beautiful home on the Onkaparinga he had haunted that stream with rod and line, and occasionally entertained other prominent anglers and members of the Field Naturalists' Society. In England he remained an enthusiastic follower of the sport, and visited many famous fishing places in search of the various denizens of the rivers and lakes. He never neglected business for pastime, and almost to the end of his life he maintained an active part in connection with the London house of his firm. In the world's metropolis, as in Adelaide—though in this State, of course, in a more marked degree—Mr. Murray was recognised as a man of absolute business integrity, industry, and honour. He was an ardent lover of books, and his reading covered a wide range. The deceased merchant was a very fair judge of pictures and a collector of valuable literary works, and on several occasions, in conjunction with the Agent-General and others, acted on behalf of the Board of Governors of the Public Library (of which for a number of years he had been Chairman) in obtaining works for that body. Immediately the Chief Justice (Sir Samuel Way) received notice of Mr. Murray's death, he, as Chairman of the Board of the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery, instructed Mr. J. R. G. Adams, the principal librarian and secretary of the institution, to cable a message of condolence to the widow. It is not long ago that Mr. Murray presented to the Adelaide School of Mines £1,000 towards the establishment of a technological library—since called the David Murray Library—for the institution.

—A Rare Testimonial.—

When in 1899 it was rumoured that Mr. Murray was likely to permanently leave Adelaide the following testimonial was presented to him. It was signed by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Justice (Sir Samuel Way), His Honor Mr. Justice Boucaut, Messrs. F. Chapelle, B.A., B.Sc., C. H. Goode, W. Herbert Phillips, James Marshall, T. W. Fleming, W. Taylor, M. Goode, R. Kyffin Thomas, and many others.