

Three Australian Girl Graduates.

LADY "MASTERS" OF ARTS.

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The recent annual "commencement" of the University of Melbourne was marked by a divergence from the ordinary routine in the shape of a programme of music contributed by the students, when some very original "poems" were sung. The walls were decorated with a series of large pen and ink sketches illustrative of student life, and a portrait of the Acting-Governor in a very free and easy attitude. The attendance was very large; and the Chancellor, in his address, spoke of the large increase in the number of students as compared with previous years. The list of degrees, prizes, and exhibitions awarded was a very long one, and included the names of several ladies. Three ladies were admitted to the Master of Arts degree.

MISS HELEN FRANCES MARY WHITE, M.A., was born at the Melbourne Observatory, where her father, Mr. E. J. White, has been chief assistant for nearly thirty years. Her education as begun at home, and continued in Holstein House Ladies' College, South Yarra, Melbourne, under Mrs. Andrews (mother of the late Professor Andrews), and Mr. J. R. Carr, M.A., LL.B. She gained a matriculation exhibition in December, 1882, for English and History, and in March, 1884, an open scholarship in Trinity College, Melbourne, when she began her arts course in the Melbourne University. At the close of her

the Melbourne University. At the close of her second year she obtained an exhibition in French and German, and graduated as B.A. in April, 1887, with final honors in History and Political Economy. Since that time she has been engaged in teaching for two years in Ashford College, Potts's Point, Sydney; and at present she is on the teaching staff of the Methodist Ladies' College, Kew, Melbourne.

MISS **EMILY GERALDINE EDESON**, M.A., is the youngest daughter of Mr. **J. R. Edeson**, professor of music, and organist of the Scots' Church, Melbourne. She was educated in the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Melbourne, being Dux in Languages in 1881, and passing the matriculation examination the same year. In the following year she was bracketed third in the first-class honor list in mathematics; and in 1884, having gained a minor exhibition in Trinity College, she entered the Melbourne University, taking the course of mathematics and natural philosophy, usually considered the *bête noir* among the students. In 1887 she was one of the three successful lady students for the degree of B.A.; and in the following year she passed the Honor Examination, and thus became entitled to the degree of M.A., which was conferred at the last annual "commencement."

MISS **CONSTANCE ADELAIDE SUTHERLAND**, M.A., who was "capped" by the Chancellor of the Sydney University a few weeks ago, was born in Charlotte Town, Prince Edward Island, where her father, the Rev. George Sutherland (the present minister of St. George's Presbyterian Church, Castlereagh-street, Sydney) was pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and chaplain of the

of the Presbyterian Church, and chaplain of the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Sutherland received a call to the First Presbyterian Church, Otago, New Zealand, which he accepted; and for four years he and his family lived in Dunedin. Miss Sutherland obtained her education chiefly in public and private schools in Sydney, and from tutors. She passed her matriculation examination in March, 1884, and obtained the degree of B.A. in 1887 in classics and mathematics. This year she successfully passed the examination for M.A. in the school of logic, and moral, mental and political philosophy.

In the Goulburn Hospital there are nine cases of typhoid fever.

A new process has been patented in France for the "Pasteurisation" of beer. By this means it is affirmed that beer in cask can be shipped to hot climates without any danger of alteration or decomposition. The patent has been since taken out in Germany. Its special feature seems to be its power to prevent the alcoholic ferment continuing its work of transformation and decomposition under the influence of high temperatures.



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