

student in the University, and will, we hope, in due course be admitted, as the Chancellor said, "to the rank and privileges of a Bachelor of Science in the University of Adelaide." Of the thirty-six students eleven are studying for the Arts course, so that the numbers for each year will be only three or four. The contrast between the Arts School and that of Law is very striking. The former has been in existence some eight years, and can only muster three or four students in its first year. The latter has only just been inaugurated, and has twenty-four students commencing their course.

This result amply demonstrates what has frequently been pointed out in regard to the advancement of the University—that in this practical matter-of-fact colony a professional course is certain to be much more numerously taken advantage of than one which does not open out to the student any special career. A young man who graduates in laws has served his apprenticeship for admission to a profession which is both distinguished and lucrative. One who takes his degree in Arts has only acquired what is usually looked upon as barren knowledge, and has not taken any decided step towards getting "on in the world." It is only when, as is the case in New South Wales and Victoria, the advantages of a colonial collegiate education are to be seen in the success in life of those who have had one that the Arts course will be much sought after in the Adelaide University. Meanwhile we must take things as we find them, and it is very evident that the next step towards rendering the University increasingly popular will be to add another professional course, namely, one in Medicine. No doubt the question of ways and means cannot be so easily solved in this case as in that of the Law School. But it should be remembered in connection

with an undertaking of this kind that the fees of the students attending a successful course of lectures amount to something considerable. The Law School will be more than self-supporting next year, and it is by no means improbable that one in Medicine would be financially successful almost from the beginning.

It is likely that the University will soon be before the Legislature with a request for an amendment in its Act. The Senate, it will be noticed, has passed a resolution in favour of granting to members of the Senate the privilege of voting at elections without personal attendance. This reform will without doubt be beneficial, as tending to widen the basis of the University and to prevent its being

regarded as a metropolitan institution and nothing more. But the alteration if agreed to by the Council will involve an alteration in the University Act. This is not the only matter in respect of which University affairs will probably have to be discussed during the ensuing session of Parliament. The absorption of £15,000 of income for purposes of building and the misapplication of £8,800 of the Endowment Fund are matters which, as we said several weeks ago, will require the passing of a validating Act. If the University at the present moment does not possess a sufficient income to provide for the establishment of a Medical School, and for other very necessary reforms, that is not because of any want of liberality on the part of the Legislature or of the private benefactors of the institution. It is simply on account of the fact that the University authorities have illegally laid part of their income in pledge, spending on bricks and mortar money which was given to provide for the payment of an efficient teaching staff. If Parliament can reorganize the finances of the institution on such a basis that efficient schools in Medicine and other departments can be organized without drawing upon the public resources the University will gain immensely in vitality.

The commencement ceremony, which was held on Wednesday, is the last which will be conducted under that name and at this time of the year. In future the Oxford term "commemoration" will be used, and the event will take place in December. The one which is to be held towards the close of this year will no doubt pass off with much more *éclat* than has hitherto attended the University ceremonies. The numbers both of graduates and of undergraduates will have been considerably increased. Successful students will make their appearance fresh from the examinations which have won them distinction. The Chancellor will have something to tell with regard to the success of the new Law School; and last, but not least, His Excellency the Governor will deliver as Visitor the first commemoration address. When people begin to realize that they have in their midst a real University, whose degrees are as honourable and as difficult to attain as those of the great Universities of the United Kingdom, the commemoration-day will become as great an event in South Australia as it is in University cities elsewhere.

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