

practical character, is of extreme importance. In connection with a medical school there must be a Hospital which has eighty or more beds, and as the Adelaide Hospital is the only general Hospital of that magnitude in the colony students cannot be sent anywhere else. Unless there is a general hospital in which there are teachers of surgery and medicine recognised by and attached to the University of Adelaide it is impossible for a Medical School to be carried on which will have any standing in Great Britain or any of its dependencies. Until this year three of the surgeons and three of the physicians of the honorary staff were the clinical lecturers at the Hospital. Last year the lecturers on medicine were Drs. Verco, Lendon, and Hayward, and on surgery Drs. Stirling, Poulton, and Giles. The instruction these gentlemen gave to the students took up not a little of their time. They were at the Hospital three or four days a week during most of the mornings, besides which they were called in on special occasions. The rules controlling the admission of the medical students to the practice of the Adelaide Hospital say that every physician shall have from the students one or more clinical clerks and one or more dressers, who have to hold office for six months, and accompany in his visits to the wards the physician or surgeon to whom they are attached. The students have also to assist the Resident Medical Officers in their duties. Before a student can present himself for examination he must submit a series of certificates, signed by the lecturers, setting forth that he has carried out the duties prescribed by the rules. Under the new arrangement there will be only two lecturers instead of six as heretofore. It is, however, stated not to be unlikely that instruction gained at the Children's Hospital will be recognised by the University. There are at present in the Medical School twelve first-year, thirteen second-year, ten third-year, ten fourth year, and six fifth-year students, so that the school is a large institution.

PROFESSOR WATSON AND THE ADELAIDE HOSPITAL.—At the meeting of the Hospital Board held a fortnight ago a motion was unanimously agreed to asking Professor Watson to accept the position of "Hon. Consulting Surgeon" which had previously been held by Dr. Mayo, but had not been filled since the death of that gentleman. At the meeting on Friday a letter was received from Professor Watson stating that when it was suggested to him by Dr. Rogers that in the interests of the Medical School he should take a position on the acting Honorary Staff he said that he could not see his way clear to do so, but added that if the Board appreciated his past services in the interests of the institution a revival in his favour of the obsolete title of Hon. Consulting Surgeon would be a sufficient mark of approbation. The letter went on:—"Unfortunately it never for one second entered my head that the acceptance of such a distinction would meet with the most marked disapproval of my professional brethren, but such unfortunately being the case I can only decline an honour which, however unmerited, would under happier conditions have been gratefully accepted." Dr. Rogers mentioned that he had approached the Professor purely in a private capacity because he thought that his acceptance of the position would solve the difficulty existing between the University and the Board. Mr. Lyons was strong in his condemnation of the action of the South Australian branch of the British Medical Association. He first said the Professor had written asking that his name should be put forward in the way he had done, and at that time they expected that the Professor would take the position; but "human flesh was weak to discern the difficulties that would arise, and they did not anticipate the opposition that had been shown by the South Australian Branch of the British Medical Association. An edict had gone forth the power and terror of which had perhaps never been equalled since the days of Nehemiah. This good and unassuming man was commanded to attend before the tribunal of the British Medical Association to show cause or give reasons to satisfy them why he dared exercise his own franchise or liberty and offer to become a member of the staff if elected." He deplored this action, and was glad that the University had no part in endorsing it. Mr. Wadey also spoke strongly about the "vindictiveness" of the medical profession, and the letter was received with regret.

Mr. Griffiths lea... tenders would be called for mail com... with the Wandy Wandy goldfields. ... asked whether the Hospital authorities had any right to refuse a patient who had met with an accident. The Premier asked for notice. Mr. O'Maley—On Thursday, the 6th inst., I will ask the Premier if the lectures were suspended at the State subsidised University on Wednesday, July 29, in order to enable the students to attend the love feast at the Victoria Hall—(Subdued laughter)—and while there, by hideous groans and other aristocratic emotional demonstrations (—Laughter)—insulted the Premier, the responsible functional ruler of this province — (The Speaker called the hon. member to order) —together with his Ministers, and by implication the legislators of South Australia.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

A meeting of the Council was held on Friday, August 28. Present—The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, the Rev. Dr. Paton, Dr. Stirling, Mr. Boothby, Mr. G. J. R. Murray, Sir J. Downer, Dr. Lendon, Dr. Barlow, Mr. Henderson, Sir C. Todd, Professor Rennie, and Dr. Verco.

Dr. Pennefather wrote resigning his position as Professor of Laws in consequence of ill-health. The resignation was received with great regret, and the Council directed that an expression of their high appreciation of Professor Pennefather's services to the University be placed on record.

A letter from Dr. Paterson placing his resignation as Lecturer on Lunacy in the hands of the Council was considered. The Council resolved to ask Dr. Paterson to deliver his usual course of lectures during the third term of this year.

The report of the Faculty of Science recommending the appointment of the undermentioned additional Examiners for the ordinary B.Sc. examinations in November was adopted:—Physics, Mr. Sutherland, of Melbourne; mathematics, Mr. Michell, of Melbourne.

A report was read from Mr. L. Birks, B.Sc., Angas Engineering Scholar, confirming his appointment as Assistant Professor at the Heriot-Watt College, Edinburgh. Mr. Birks is to take charge of the engineering and mechanical laboratories under Professor Stanfield's supervision, and to give lecture courses to the second-year classes on mechanics, higher mathematics, the application of the calculus to engineering, and graphical calculation as applied to engineering. Mr. Birks recently obtained the following distinctions:—Gilchrist Engineering Scholarship for two years, senior, £80; electrical engineering, second prize; senior graphics, prize; mechanical engineering, second class, prize; senior machine-design and engineering-drawing, second class; geology, engineering course, second* (*obtained the number of marks qualifying for a prize). The Council expressed their satisfaction and high appreciation at the success attained by Mr. Birks.

The Finance Committee reported that they had appointed William Henry Young as Junior Clerk. Approved.

The Education Committee reported that 414 candidates had entered for the preliminary examination, and that arrangements had been made for holding an examination in Perth. Approved.

Mr. H. A. Gerny wrote resigning the Evening Scholarship awarded him in March last.

The reports of the Faculties of Medicine, Arts, and Science on details of subjects for examinations in 1897 were ordered to lie on the table.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Adelaide Hospital stating that the Hospital Board had agreed to meet the Council in conference concerning clinical teaching for the Medical School. As the time of meeting proposed was not suitable the Council authorized the Chancellor to arrange with the Chairman of the Board for a conference at an early date.

A warrant authorizing the payment of sums amounting to £257 4s. 7d. was approved.
